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**Program Description**

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**Mission**

The School of Nursing (SON) Mission is to prepare caring, exemplary nurse leaders who integrate education, service, and scholarship, through practice and research, to enhance the quality of life for rural and diverse populations.

**Vision**

The SON Vision is to be a distinguished School of Nursing committed to being as humanistic and compassionate as we are scientific and innovative.

**Graduate Programs**

Graduate Degree programs offered by the School of Nursing include:

**Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)**

The Ph.D. in Nursing will prepare the graduate to conduct scientific research and participate actively in lifelong scholarship, leadership, and education.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)**

D.N.P. program options include: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). The School of Nursing also offers a Post-Master's DNP degree for students holding certification as an FNP or PMHNP. The primary goal of the DNP degree program options is to prepare experts in advanced nursing practice in specialized areas with an emphasis on innovation and evidence-based applications to improve healthcare outcomes. The graduate will demonstrate competence in evaluating clinical outcomes, identify and manage health care needs of individuals, families, and populations, use technology and information to transform health care systems, and participate in interprofessional collaboration to develop effective models of health care delivery.

**FNP to PMHNP Certificate**

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Certificate program prepares the licensed Family Nurse Practitioner to integrate and assume psychiatric and mental health evidence-based care into existing FNP practice for individuals, families, and communities to improve outcomes.

**Master of Science in Nursing Education (M.S.)**

The Master of Science in Nursing Education option will prepare the graduate with advanced knowledge in nursing education and leadership to facilitate knowledge development, integration, and evaluation to improve health outcomes. The primary goal of the Master of Science in Nursing Education program is to prepare experts in nursing education principles and practices with an emphasis on leadership, innovation, and evidence-based applications.

**Graduate Nursing Education Certificate (GNE)**

The GNE Certificate program prepares the nurse to provide education in a variety of settings. At the completion of the GNE Certificate program, the student will demonstrate competence in the aspects of nursing education based upon educational theories and the most current clinical evidence. This includes assessing learning needs, implementing and evaluating education offerings and developer evaluate curricula in clinical and academic settings.

**Accreditation**

The Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs and graduate Certificate programs in the School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001.

**School of Nursing Fees**

The School of Nursing charges a student professional fee each semester of enrollment including summer session in any degree granting nursing program. Other fees may apply. Please see ISU School of Nursing website at [http://www.isu.edu/nursing/](http://www.isu.edu/nursing/) for further information.