School of Nursing faculty are guided by the principles and processes of knowledge development, integration and application, as well as by professional nursing standards and guidelines in the conduct of academic programs. The AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice are a guiding framework for the DNP program and were utilized in the development of the following 10 student outcomes:

1. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from the biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences as the basis for advanced level nursing practice.
2. Develop and evaluate new practice approaches based on nursing theories and theories from other disciplines.
3. Employ consultative and leadership skills with intraprofessional and interprofessional teams to create change in complex health care delivery systems.
4. Lead the evaluation of evidence to determine and implement best practice.
5. Function as a practice specialist in collaborative knowledge-generating research.
6. Demonstrate leadership in the development of institutional, local, state, federal, and/or international health policy.
7. Use information systems technology to evaluate outcomes of care, care systems, and quality improvement.
8. Develop, implement, and evaluate interventions to improve health status and access patterns, and to address gaps in care of individuals, aggregates, or populations.
9. Demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in designing, delivering, and evaluating evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes.
10. Guide, mentor, and support other nurses to achieve excellence in clinical nursing practice.