**The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Practice Nursing**

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**Essential I**: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice

**Essential II**: Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking

**Essential III**: Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice

**Essential IV**: Information Systems Technology and Patient Care Technology for the Improvement and Transformation of Health Care

**Essential V**: Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care

**Essential VI**: Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes

**Essential VII**: Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving the Nation’s Health

**Essential VIII:** Advanced Practice Nursing