

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

## Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. A checklist is available to assist in the preparation of a proposal. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Action: Course Name Changes and Subplan Name Changes

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 2012F  
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree Masters of Science in Nursing  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: no change in degree  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed sub-plan name: 1) Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program & 2) Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program  
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

### Proposed course name changes:

- a. Nursing 641 must be changed from PRIMARY CARE OF ADULTS I to **PRIMARY/EPISODIC CARE: ADULT-GERO**
- b. Nursing 642 must be changed from PRIMARY CARE OF ADULTS II to **PRIMARY/CHRONIC CARE: ADULT-GERO**
- c. Nursing 643 must be changed from PRIMARY CARE OF ADULTS III to **PRIMARY/COMPLEX CARE: ADULT-GERO**
- d. Nursing 636 must to be changed from ADULT HEALTH I to **ADULT-GERONTOLOGY I**
- e. Nursing 646 must to be changed from ADULT HEALTH II to **ADULT-GERONTOLOGY II**

### Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: N/A  
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: N/A  
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

**Graduate Program Policy statement change: attached**

(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

**Graduate Program of Study: 1) Adult Nurse Practitioner Program & 2) Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist Program**

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

**Graduate minor / concentration: Only affects Adult Nurse Practitioner concentration and the Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration**

**Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.**

**List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?**

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the **Course Challenge** list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

None; Revisions of course names and descriptions will be submitted during the fall 2013 Faculty Senate course approval process.

**Supply support letter from the Library, Dean, and/or Department Chair if needed**  
(all new majors/minors will need a support letter from the appropriate administrator.)

**Supply a resolution for all new majors/programs; name changes of colleges, departments, degrees; transfer of departments from one college to another; creation of new departments; requests for permanent status. See example of resolutions.**

### **Name Change for the Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist Sub Plans of the Masters of Science in Nursing Program**

WHEREAS, in fall 2011, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) announced mandated changes in the certification for all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) focusing on the care of adults (This organization provides the certification examinations mandated for our graduate students upon completion of the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) program).

WHEREAS, to meet these new certification requirements, and in order for our students to be eligible to take the exams, the graduate's official academic transcript must specify the role and population focus of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's educational program (This is found in the Sub-Plan on the transcript)

WHEREAS, Adult Nurse Practitioner and Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist are now mandated to stipulate Adult-Gerontology in their title

WHEREAS, the APRN programs at the University of Delaware affected by this mandate are the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program and the Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist Program,

WHEREAS, the Clinical Courses focusing on Adults must also identify that the focus is Adult-

Gerontology (affecting 3 NP courses and 2 CNS courses)

WHEREAS, NONE of the requested changes require a change in the content currently being taught in the program, nor any other component of the curriculum,

WHEREAS, these name changes have the support of the Graduate Education Committee; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves a name change for the sub plans of the Master of Science in Nursing from 1) Adult Nurse Practitioner to Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; and from 2) Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist to Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, effective September 1, 2012. In addition, be it also

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the revised titles of 5 clinical graduate courses.

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:** <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

Not applicable

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

None

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

In 2011, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) began implementing changes that become effective in 2013 in the certification process for all Advanced Practice Nurses. This is the organization that provides the certification examinations mandated for our graduate students upon completion of the master's program. However, to meet these new requirements, and in order for our students to be eligible to sit for the exam, certain components **MUST** be on their official transcripts.

The specific information, from their website, states the following:

***What should the academic transcript include?***

*"The transcript is official documentation from the academic institution and is a complete record of the individual's academic history at the institution. The transcript **must specify the role and population focus of the APRN** educational program as completed by the individual. The transcript should also **include sufficient detail to enable verification** that the individual completed core educational requirements. For example, in implementing the Consensus Model, the NCSBN APRN Model Act/Rules and Regulations specify that the transcript should include the 3 P courses. A transcript (or other similar official documentation) must be available for degree-granting and postgraduate certificate programs.*

<http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification/APRNCorner/APRN-FAQ.aspx#23>

The requests we are making **MUST** appear on the transcripts for those **starting clinical courses in Fall, 2012** so that students will be eligible when they complete the program in December, 2013. There will be NO change in our curriculum, number of credits, or name of the degree. All

changes will officially be submitted through the usual university protocol in Fall, 2012, but those students beginning clinical courses in August, 2012 must have these changes already reflected on their transcripts. The changes only impact the ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER and ADULT CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST concentrations.

**Program Requirements:**

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) See example of side by side.

**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:** (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Kathleen A Schell Date 2/21/12  
Dean of College James J Hall Date 2/21/12  
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Senate Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Date to be Effective \_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Program Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Traditional MSN Program**

The School of Nursing MSN programs require the completion of 34 to 46 course credits. These credits include core courses required of all master's nursing students, the research option (a thesis, a scholarly project, or a course in research utilization), and courses specific to each program. Each MSN program requires the student to complete a series of clinical practicum courses.

### **RN to MSN Program**

The RN to MSN major is an innovative program that is offered 100% online & clinical requirements are completed local to the student. Students complete 134-138 credits of prescribed coursework; clinical education is focused on adult health, nursing of children, and health services administration.

### **Full-Time and Part-Time Status**

Students enrolled in at least nine (9) graduate (500 level or above) credit hours or in sustaining credit are considered full-time students. Those enrolled for fewer than nine (9) graduate credit hours are considered part-time students, although students holding assistantships are considered full-time with six (6) credits. Generally, a maximum load is 12 graduate credit hours. Additional credit hours may be taken with the approval of the student's adviser and the Office of Graduate Studies. A maximum course load in either summer or winter session is seven (7) credit hours.

### **Financial Support**

Financial support in the form of traineeships, grants, or teaching assistantships is usually limited to full-time nursing students. Funding is available for part-time students in the last two semesters of study. Limited additional specialty-related funds are available through the Office of the Director of the School of Nursing. Requirements are subject to change.

### **Graduate Program Concentrations**

#### **MSN – Master of Science in Nursing**

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) - 34 credit hours (37 with thesis)

- Nursing of Children
- Adult Health

Nurse Practitioner

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) - 46 credit hours (49 with thesis)
- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) - 43 credit hours (46 with thesis)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) – 37 credit hours

Health Services Administration (HSAD) - 37 credit hours (40 with thesis)

#### **RN – MSN – Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing**

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) - 134 – 138 total credit hours

- Nursing of Children
- Adult Health

Health Services Administration (HSAD) - 134 – 138 total credit hours

#### **MS – Master of Science**

Health Services Administration (HSAD) - 37 credit hours (40 with thesis)

PhD – Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Science – 41 credit hours + dissertation (9 credit hours)  
(See Addendum)

## Course Requirements for each Concentration

### **Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Course Requirements**

NURS604 Advanced Practice Roles for Healthcare Providers  
NURS609 Nursing Science: Theory and Research (4 cr.)  
NURS622 Advanced Pharmacology  
NURS620 Advanced Health Assessment  
NURS621 Advanced Pathophysiology  
NURS670 Advanced Psychopathology (CNS Psychiatric Students Only )  
EDUC665 Elementary Statistics  
NURS687 Research Application (or) NURS868 Research/Scholarly Project (or) NURS869 Thesis  
Required clinical courses for each specialty

### Nursing of Children (NC)

NURS654 Nursing of Children I  
NURS655 Nursing of Children II  
NURS686 Clinical Nurse Specialist Role Integration

### Adult Health (AH)

NURS636 Adult Health I  
NURS646 Adult Health II  
NURS686 Clinical Nurse Specialist Role Integration

### **Health Service Administration (HSAD) Course Requirements (MSN)**

NURS604 Advanced Practice Roles for Healthcare Providers  
NURS609 Nursing Science: Theory and Research (4 cr.)  
NURS619 Financial Management  
NURS635 Health Administration Theories  
NURS637 Health Planning Strategies  
NURS638 Health Services Administration  
NURS664 Administration Practicum  
NURS687 Nursing Science: Research Application (or) NURS868 Scholarly Project  
EDUC665 Elementary Statistics  
COMM610 Organizational Comm (or) COMM642 Org Admin (or) COMM656 Comm in Organizations  
BAUD667 Human Resource Organization  
Plus a 3 credit elective

### **Health Service Administration (HSAD) Course Requirements (MS)**

NURS604 Advanced Practice Roles for Healthcare Providers  
NURS609 Nursing Science: Theory and Research (4 cr.)  
NURS619 Financial Management  
NURS635 Health Administration Theories  
NURS637 Health Planning Strategies  
NURS638 Health Services Administration  
NURS664 Administration Practicum  
NURS687 Nursing Science: Research Application (or) NURS868 Scholarly Project  
EDUC665 Elementary Statistics  
COMM610 Organizational Comm (or) COMM642 Org Admin (or) COMM656 Comm in Organizations  
BAUD 667 Human Resource Organization  
Plus a 3 credit elective

### **Nurse Practitioner (NP) Course Requirements (MSN)**

NURS604 Advanced Practice Roles for Healthcare Providers

NURS609 Nursing Science: Theory and Research (4 cr.)

NURS622 Advanced Pharmacology

NURS620 Advanced Health Assessment

NURS621 Advanced Pathophysiology

NURS670 Advanced Psychopathology (CNS Psychiatric Students Only )

EDUC665 Elementary Statistics

NURS687 Research Application (or) NURS868 Research/Scholarly Project (or) NURS869 Thesis

Required clinical courses for each specialty

#### **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**

NURS616 Primary care in Community Health

NURS623 Management of Women's Health Care

NURS624 Children's Health Care

NURS641 Primary Care of Adult I

NURS642 Primary Care of Adult II

NURS643 Primary Care of Adult III

NURS644 NP Preceptorship I

NURS645 NP Preceptorship II

#### **Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP)**

NURS616 Primary Care in Community Health

NURS623 Management of Women's Health Care

NURS641 Primary Care of Adult I

NURS642 Primary Care of Adult II

NURS643 Primary Care of Adult III

NURS644 NP Preceptorship I

NURS645 NP Preceptorship II

### **RN to MSN Course Requirements**

Non-Nursing Requirements: (60 credits)

English Composition (6 credits to include ENGL 110)

Psychology (3 credits)

Sociology (3 credits)

Lifespan Development (3 credits)

Restricted Elective (3 credits chosen from the following):

ART, ARTH, HIST, PHIL, MUSC, THEA, CMLT, BAMS, ECON, POSC, WOMS, FLLT, LING, ENGL

Sciences (24 total credits to include a minimum of one course in each of the following categories):

Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, Nutrition, Free electives (18 credits)

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credits required for the degree (134 credits; 137 with thesis option).

Multicultural Course Requirement- Within his/her course of study, each student must satisfy the multicultural requirement through an approved course stressing multicultural, ethnic, or gender related content. This may be fulfilled through a required or elective course. Students should consult with their advisors to be sure this requirement is met.

See above requirements for each concentration required to complete the MSN course requirements