

Curriculum Change Form
(Present only one proposed curriculum change per form)
(Complete only the section(s) applicable.)

Part I

(Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III) <input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)	Department Name <u>Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing</u> College <u>Health Sciences</u> *Course Prefix & Number _____ *Course Title (30 characters) _____ *Program Title <u>Master's of Science in Nursing</u> (Major __, Option <u>X</u> ; Minor __; or Certificate __) *Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.
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Proposal Approved by: Departmental Committee <u>2/14/03</u> College Curriculum Committee <u>2/19/03</u> General Education Committee* <u>N/A</u> Teacher Education Committee* <u>N/A</u>	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Date</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Date</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>2/14/03</u></td> <td>Graduate Council*</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>3/12/03</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>2/19/03</u></td> <td>Council on Academic Affairs</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>03-28-03</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>N/A</u></td> <td>Approved <u>X</u> Disapproved ____</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>03-28-03</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>N/A</u></td> <td>Faculty Senate**</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Board of Regents**</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Council on Postsecondary Edu.***</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>NA</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>2/14/03</u>	Graduate Council*	<u>3/12/03</u>	<u>2/19/03</u>	Council on Academic Affairs	<u>03-28-03</u>	<u>N/A</u>	Approved <u>X</u> Disapproved ____	<u>03-28-03</u>	<u>N/A</u>	Faculty Senate**	_____		Board of Regents**	_____		Council on Postsecondary Edu.***	<u>NA</u>
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*If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.)
 **Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs
 ***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program

Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

A. 1. Specific action requested: (Example: To increase the number of credit hours for ABC 100 from 1 to 2.)
 To add a Rural Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (RPMHNP) option to the MSN program. Also, to modify the name of the Rural Community Health Care Nursing option and to change the name of "functional area" to "area of concentration" within the option. In addition, to clarify certification examination requirements for that option.

A. 2. Effective date: (Example: Fall 2001)
 Fall 2003

A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students: (if applicable)

B. The justification for this action:

Many requests have been received regarding the need for an alternative nurse practitioner specialty in psychiatric mental health. The demand for practitioners in this specialty has increased, and numerous letters of support are on file from potential students and employers. The name of the Rural Community Health Care Nursing option is being modified to reflect current trends in that specialty, and the clarification of the new certification examination requirements is needed to keep students informed. Areas of specialization within the option will be identified by more updated term consistent with federal grant guidelines.

C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:

Personnel Impact:

Students will take the same core courses as all MSN students, and nurse practitioner students in both options will take the same advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, and advanced health assessment courses. Current full-time faculty have the expertise and educational background to teach the new psychiatric specialty courses and supervise the clinical. A federal grant has been submitted to request additional personnel to support the start up of the RPMHNP option, and if funded, students must be admitted for fall 2003. If this grant is not funded, other outside funding will be sought.

No personnel impact will be experienced with the Community Health revisions.

Operating Expenses Impact:

Operating expenses will be covered somewhat with current course fees. The federal grant which was submitted also has requested additional operating support.

No additional operating expenses will be required with the Community Health revisions.

Equipment/Physical Facility Needs:

Current equipment will support the alternative specialty, but additional equipment has been requested through the federal grant which was submitted. The additional equipment includes computers, etc. for the start up personnel requested in the grant. ITV equipment has also been requested in the grant.

No additional equipment or facility needs will be required with the Community Health revisions.

Library Resources:

For the PMHNP specialty, some texts will be added, and some new journals requested. Money for learning resources was included in the federal grant which was submitted. Also, students will be encouraged to make use of internet resources as much as possible to obtain additional reference material.

No additional resources will be needed with the Community Health revisions.

Part II. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Dropped Course

(For a new required course, complete a separate request for the appropriate program revisions.)

1. For a new course, provide the catalog text.
2. For a revised course, provide (a) the current catalog text and (b) the proposed text, reflecting the exact changes being proposed.
3. For a dropped course, provide the current catalog text.

Current Catalog Text

New or Revised* Catalog Text

(*Use ~~strikeout~~ for deletions and underlines for additions. Also include Crs. Prefix, No., and description, limited to 35 words.)

Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program

1. For a new program, provide the catalog description as being proposed.
2. For a revised program, provide (a) the current program requirements and (b) the revised program, reflecting the exact changes being proposed.
3. For a suspended program, provide the current program requirements as shown in catalog. List any options and/or minors affected by the program's suspension.

Current Program Requirements as Shown in Catalog

Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing offers the Master of Science in Nursing degree. The program is designed to allow nurses with a baccalaureate degree to prepare for rural health advanced practice roles. Master's degree options available are in the Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner option or the Rural Community Health Care Nursing option which has a choice of a functional area in either administration or nursing education. Students in an option other than Rural Community Health Care Nursing who are interested may also request to take the nursing education courses as electives which are not part of the planned degree program.

Graduates of the M.S.N. program will have specific competencies related to rural health nursing practice either as a Family Nurse Practitioner or a Community Health Nursing Specialist. Advanced Nursing Practice Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate the synthesis of expert knowledge for advanced practice in rural communities.
2. Evaluate theory and research in nursing and related disciplines for their contribution to advanced nursing practice and professional role development.
3. Function as a leader in the analysis and advancement of rural health care.
4. Utilize research methodology and advanced nursing practice knowledge to identify client needs, propose interventions at the advanced practice level, and evaluate effectiveness of solutions and alternatives.
5. Work within complex organizational and political systems to influence rural health care delivery.
6. Communicate, collaborate, and consult with clients and colleagues in nursing and other disciplines to meet rural health care needs.
7. Interpret the purpose and role of advanced nursing practice to professional colleagues and consumers.
8. Integrate ethical and legal principles into advanced nursing practice.

Special Program Requirements

NURSING

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Admission – Minimum requirements for admission to the program include 1) a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program, 2) a free and unrestricted R.N. license in Kentucky, and 3) an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 (4.0 scale) cumulative or in last 60 hours. Admission is competitive and limited to available space. In addition to the above criteria, consideration is also given to the applicant's scores on the subtests of the Graduate Record Examination general test, the student's statement of Personal and Professional Objectives submitted with the Graduate School application, the three required professional references, and the rural nature of the site identified for matriculation or proposed for future practice. Application deadlines for the Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner option and for the Rural Community Health Care Nursing option with a functional area in administration are January 15 for summer admission (full-time) and March 15 for fall admission (part-time). Application deadline for the Rural Community Health Care Nursing option with a functional area in nursing education is March 15 for both full and part-time admission. Admission may be granted at other times during the year if spaces are available in an option.

Candidacy – Admission to candidacy must be approved no later than the third week of the semester in which the student is enrolled in any of the last 12 hours of the degree program. See the General Academic Information section of this catalog for complete information on candidacy.

Program – A minimum of 39 hours of graduate credit is required.

Core Courses.....15 hours
NSC 840, 842, 890, 892, HEA 855

Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner

Option24 hours
NSC 830, 832, 834.....9 hours
Practicum Courses (NSC 870, 872, 874, 876).....15 hours
In addition, must complete a minimum of 9 hours of NSC 800 to meet clinical clock hour requirement for Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination.

Total Hours.....39 hours
Plus 9 hours of NSC 800

Rural Community Health Care Nursing

Option (Administration functional area).....24hours
POL 875, HEA 816, NSC 836 or approved substitute.....9 hours
Practicum Courses (NSC 850,852,860,862).....15 hours

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Rural Community Health Care Nursing

Option (Nursing Education functional area).....24 hours
NSC 836 or approved substitute, NSC 844, NSC 846.....9 hours
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In addition, must complete a minimum of 9 hours of NSC

800 to meet clinical clock hour requirement for Family

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Total Hours.....39 hours

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Rural Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Option24 hours

NSC 830, 832, 834.....9 hours

Practicum Courses (NSC 880, 882,884, 886).....15 hours

In addition, must complete a minimum of 9 hours of NSC 800 to meet clinical clock hour requirement for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination.

Total Hours39 hours

Plus 9 hours of NSC 800

Rural-Community Health Care Advanced Practice Rural Public Health Nursing

Option (Area of Concentration in Administration functional-area).....24hours

POL 875, HEA 816, NSC 836 or approved substitute.....9 hours

Practicum Courses (NSC 850,852,860,862)..... 15 hours

Total Hours39 hours

In addition, students who wish to sit for the Community/Public Health Clinical Specialist Certification Examination must complete 2-3 hours of NSC 800 to meet the clinical clock hour requirement.

Rural-Community Health Care Advanced Practice Rural Public Health Nursing

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