Curriculum Change Form  
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Proposal Approved by:  
Departmental Committee 10/3/08  
Graduate Council* 12/1/08  
College Curriculum Committee 10/15/08  
General Education Committee* NA  
Teacher Education Committee* NA  
Council on Academic Affairs  
Faculty Senate** pending  
Board of Regents** pending  
Council on Postsecondary Edu.***  

*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  
****If “yes”, SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact EKU’s Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

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

A. 1. Specific action requested: To revise the Advanced Practice Rural Health Nursing option title and course requirements to reflect latest criteria from the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators and the American Nurses Credentialing Center as well as the latest information from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, which is the national accrediting body. Statements in General Information and Progression Policy will be amended to reflect the other changes.

A. 2. Effective date: Summer 2009

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

B. The justification for this action: To keep option current and up to date with national regulations and requirements as well as criteria from accrediting agency and specialty organizations.

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

Personnel Impact: None

Operating Expenses Impact: None

Equipment/Physical Facility Needs: None

Library Resources: No additional
New or Revised* Program Text
(*Use strikethrough for deletions and underlines for additions.)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Baccalaureate & 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 or advanced practice roles. Master's degree options available include Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner, Rural Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and the Advanced Practice Rural Public Health Nursing option with an area of concentration in either Administration or Nursing Education. Students in an option other than Advanced Practice Rural Public Health Nursing who are interested may also request to take the nursing education courses as electives, which are not a 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 Rural Health Family Nurse Practitioner, Rural Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, or an Advanced Rural Community/Public Health Nursing Specialist.

Advanced Nursing Practice Outcomes include:

1. Demonstrate the synthesis of expert knowledge for advanced nursing 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.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Nursing

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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 (or a recognized compact state) with no Kentucky Board of Nursing imposed restrictions on practice, voluntary or otherwise, 3) an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 (4.0 scale) cumulative or in last 60 hours, and 4) a three hour graduate or undergraduate course in statistics with a grade of “C” or higher. Admission is competitive and limited to available space. In addition to the above criteria, consideration is also given to the applicants’ scores on either the sub-tests of the Graduate Record Examination general test or the Miller Analogies Test, the student's statement of Personal and Professional Objectives submitted with the Graduate School application and also with the department application, the three required professional references, and the rural nature of the site identified for matriculation or proposed for future practice. Application deadline is February 15 for summer admission (full-time) and March 15 for fall admission (part-time). Admission may be granted at other times during the year if spaces are available in an option.

Progression Policy – To progress, MSN students must achieve a grade of “B” or higher in many of the prerequisite courses. Refer to the course descriptions in this Catalog for specifics. When a student is given permission to repeat a practicum course, the student must also enroll in the corequisite hours of NSC 800 or 802, whichever is applicable.
III. Program Requirements

**Advanced Practice Rural Public Health Nursing Option**

(Area of Concentration in Administration) ............................................. 24 hours
NSC 844, 854, *approved elective .................................................. 9 hours

**APRPHN Practicum Courses** ............................................................. 15 hours
NSC 836, 850, 852, 860, 862.

In addition, must complete a minimum of 45 hours of NSC 8002 to meet clinical clock hour requirement.

**Total Hours** ....................................................................................... 39 hours

Plus 45 hours of NSC 8002.

*Elective can be selected from HEA, POL, NSC or other approved course.

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**Total Hours** ....................................................................................... 39 hours

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**Certificate**

Post-Master of Science in Nursing

**III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Curriculum Requirements**

**Post-Master of Science in Nursing Certificate**

**Public Health Nursing:**
**Prerequisite:** HEA 855 Epidemiology & Risk Management ............................................. 3 hours
NSC 836 Advanced Health Promotion for APNs Rural Public Health Nursing I .................. 3 hours
NSC 850 Rural Health Nursing II ........................................................................ 3 hours
NSC 852 Rural Health Nursing III ....................................................................... 3 hours
NSC 854 Management of Health Care for APNs ......................................................... 3 hours
NSC 862 Rural Nursing Internship ...................................................................... 3 hours
NSC 8002 Concurrent enrollment with 836, 850, and 852 for a total of .................. 45 hours

**Total** .................................................................................................. 49 hours