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**REVISION OF MULTIPLE TITLES OF MAJORS IN THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the titling revisions of the following majors and concentrations in the Master of Science in Nursing program in the College of Nursing:

CURRENT TITLE	PROPOSED MAJOR TITLE
Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children with a concentration in Certified Nurse Midwifery	Nurse Midwifery
Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children with the concentration in Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children the concentration in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Adult Acute Care Nursing with the concentration in Adult Critical Care Nursing	Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care
Adult Primary Care Nursing with the concentration in Gerontological Nurse Practitioner	Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
Community Health Nursing	Advanced Public Health Nursing
Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children with the concentration in Child Health	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children with the concentration in Child Health	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner- Acute Care

The revision of these majors would be effective Fall Semester 2015.

Background

Nationally, multiple nursing organizations (and their respective credentialing bodies) have changed their philosophical direction. The organizations, including the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, are moving toward a nationwide reciprocity of licensure for advanced practice nurses. This has always been true for our baccalaureate graduates (BSN) but the movement toward a universal licensure for advanced practice nurses is being advocated by all State Boards of Nursing, including Michigan's Nursing Board.

The certifying bodies have required that documents (e.g. transcripts and diplomas) from students applying to take a specialty clinical exam reflect the actual examination being taken. For example, a student who is in the MSN Program with a current major in Advanced Practice Nursing with Women Neonates and Children and a future advanced certification title of Neonatal Nurse Practitioner will no longer be allowed to sit for the national exam if the major title on the transcript does not match the exam title. These document changes were required over two years ago, but to date the certifying bodies have temporarily accepted a letter from the College of Nursing clarifying our transcript delineations; however, the College of Nursing can no longer continue to develop these extra letters for all of our graduates.

In addition, the lack of a clinical specialty designation has created confusion during the admission process. MSN applicants do not see the specific specialty major designation in the admissions process (e.g. Nurse Midwifery) and they have frequently applied for the graduate certificate instead of our MSN Program.

Therefore, we are requesting the titling revision of 8 majors for the MSN program to better clarify to non-certified applicants which clinical major they will receive upon graduation.

Admission Requirements

The admission requirements remain unchanged.

Curriculum Requirements

No changes are proposed. The curricula for concentrations in these areas will serve as the curricula for the newly established majors.

Graduation Requirements

Requirements remain the same. All coursework must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School and the College of Nursing. Students must enroll on a full time or part time basis and must complete the 45-48 requirements within six years of admission. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 throughout the program.

Program Administration

The revision of the major titles does not affect the administration of the program.

Budget and Resource Requirements

No additional resources are required or requested for creating the ten majors.

Accreditation

Accreditation for the Master of Science in Nursing Program offered by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education applies to this program; it remains unchanged.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the faculty, program director, college curriculum committee, interim dean of the College of Nursing, the Graduate Council, and the Graduate School Dean.