

Submitted by: Keith E. Whitfield, Provost

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN  
ADULT ACUTE CARE NURSING TO GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADULT-  
GERONTOLOGY NURSE**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve a change to the name of the Graduate Certificate in Adult Acute Care Nursing to Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care (AGNP-AC), effective Fall 2017.

**Rationale**

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 Graduate Certificate Program with a current specialty in Adult Acute Care Nursing and a future advanced certification title of Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care will no longer be allowed to sit for the national exam if the major title on the transcript does not match the exam title. In February 2015, the WSU Board of Governors approved the document changes for multiple other MSN majors and DNP majors, we now recommend extending the name change to this graduate certificate program.

**Approvals**

The proposal was approved by the Nursing faculty, the Nursing program director, Nursing specialty coordinator, College of Nursing curriculum committee, the Dean of the College of Nursing, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Provost.