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## **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER PRIMARY CARE (AGPC)**

### **Recommendation**

The College of Nursing recommends that the Board of Governors discontinue the Master of Science in Nursing degree with a major in Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Primary Care (AGNP-PC), effective Winter 2021.

### **Background**

The major has been on moratorium in the MSN Program for at least four years. No students have been enrolled in the MSN Program with AGPC Major since Spring/Summer 2016, and no students are currently enrolled in this MSN AGPC major. In 2012, the professional organizations responsible for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) education and certification had varying opinions about the urgency to move all APRN specialty education from the MSN to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) as the terminal degree. The adult-gerontology specialties were of the opinion that the transition should happen quickly. This specialty, unlike others (e.g. pediatric), chose to close admissions to the MSN program and move all admissions to the DNP degree. Therefore, this specialty major is currently offered in the DNP only following the decision to transition early to entry level APRN education at the doctoral level.

### **Program Description**

The Master of Science in Nursing degree with a major in Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Primary Care (AGNP-PC) prepares the nurse for advanced practice in a primary care setting. The focus of the clinical sequence is on the adult and adolescent client and his/her response to actual or potential health care needs. Primary care includes the assumption of accessible, accountable, comprehensive, coordinated first-contact care, as well as longitudinal management. Opportunity is provided to study the theoretical foundation of nursing practice with the development of practice models of primary care. Advanced assessment and diagnostic reasoning are taught as the basis for nursing management. The study and practice of gerontological nursing are integrated in the clinical sequence. Emphasis is placed on the development of clinical judgment in health promotion as well as in the nursing management of acute and chronic health problems. Clinical practicum is implemented in a variety of settings, including an autonomous primary care nursing center. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner exam through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

### **Approvals**

The recommendation to discontinue the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Primary Care major in the MSN Program was approved by the Faculty of the College of Nursing, the Associate Dean of Academic and Clinical Affairs, the Dean of the College of Nursing, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Interim Provost.