Minor Change to a Graduate Program

Program Name: Master of Science in Nursing

Complete only if applicable
Program named above is:
[ ] Option within (degree program name)
[ ] Certificate

Department Contact(s) w/phone #(s):
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Brief rationale for change:
Adjustment to units to comply with EO 1071 requirement that unit allocation for options within a major be less than 50% of total program units.

Does the proposed change enhance or support the Diversity Action Plan (see definition & Task 3.1)? No
If yes, please explain.

Required Signatures

The Department of Nursing has reviewed and approved this program change

[Signature]
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee
Date

[Signature]
Department Chair
Date

The College of Natural Sciences has reviewed and approved this program change

[Signature]
Chair, College Curriculum Committee
Date

[Signature]
College Dean
Date
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The Graduate School has reviewed and approved this program change

[Signature]
Dean of Graduate School

1/11/18
Date

Send signature page with proposal attached to Curriculum Services at Undergraduate Education, zip 128
Curriculum Technical Review Completed

[Signature]
Date
The Master of Science in Nursing

The online Master of Science in Nursing provides two options. The first provides a comprehensive foundation in nursing education with a clinical focus in adult health. The second provides a comprehensive foundation in nursing leadership and management with a clinical focus in leadership. The courses are offered in a part-time, two-and-a-half-year cycle. The student must begin at the beginning of the cycle.

Course Requirements for the Master's Degree: 30 units

Continuous enrollment is required. At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through Regional and Continuing Education.

Graduate Time Limit:

All requirements for the degree are to be completed within five years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied toward the degree. See Master's Degree Requirements in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements.

Prerequisites for Admission to Conditionally Classified Status:

The School of Nursing does not admit students to conditionally classified status.

Prerequisites for Admission to Classified Status:

In addition to any requirements listed above:

In addition to the requirements for admission to the Office of Graduate Studies, individuals seeking admission with Classified Status to the Master of Science Program in the School must have:

1. An acceptable baccalaureate in Nursing, including public health nursing, from an institution accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), or an equivalent approved by the School of Nursing.

2. A current California license to practice as a registered nurse.

3. At least one year of clinical practice as a Registered Nurse within the last five years prior to enrolling in any practicum.
4. A 3-unit course in **basic statistics** that includes **inferential statistics** with a grade of C– B or higher. The course must have been completed within the **seven five** years prior to admission to the graduate program.

5. Completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) within the last five years with a Writing Score of **3-5 4.0 or higher**. You may schedule at [http://www.csuchico.edu/test/](http://www.csuchico.edu/test/)

6. A cumulative GPA in the last 60 units of coursework of **3.0**

7. A completed application on file at the CSU, Chico Office of Graduate Studies.

8. A letter of intent/purpose submitted with the application to the Graduate Coordinator in the School of Nursing to document why the applicant is seeking admission to this MSN program and what the applicant’s future goals are for this degree.

**Advancement to Candidacy:**

In addition to any requirements listed above:

1. Classified graduate standing and completion of 12 semester units of nursing program.

2. Development of an approved program in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator.

3. Successful completion and presentation of thesis, professional paper, or project proposal, with approval by the Graduate Committee of the School of Nursing.

**Requirements for the MS in Nursing:**

Completion of all requirements as established by the School graduate committee, the student's thesis committee, and the Office of Graduate Studies, to include:

1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 30 units of 400/500/600-level course work as follows:

   (a) 30 units in the discipline of Nursing.

   (b) At the discretion of the academic program, a maximum of 30 percent of the units counted toward the degree requirements may be special session credit earned in non-matriculated status combined with all transfer coursework. This applies to special session credit earned through Open University, or in courses offered for academic credit through the Center for Regional and Continuing Education. (Correspondence courses and UC Extension coursework are not acceptable for transfer).
(c) Not more than 4 units of Nursing Professional Paper (NURS 697P) Independent Study (NURS 697); not more than 3 units of Master's Thesis (NURS 699T) or 3 units of Master's Project (NURS 699P).

2. Demonstrated writing competence (see "Literacy Requirement" below).

3. Completion of an approved culminating activity of adequate scope and depth.

4. Satisfactory defense of the thesis, or presentation of the completed project, or completion of the professional paper.

5. Approval by the student's thesis, project, or professional paper committee and the Graduate Coordinator, and the Graduate Coordinators Committee on behalf of the faculty of the University.
Master of Science in Nursing  
Program with Corrections

Core Courses: 12 units  
Note: All courses must be taken in the sequence outlined.

Semester I (Fall):
2 courses required:
NURS 610 Information and Technology in Advanced Nursing Practice 2.0 FA
NURS 620 Advanced Nursing Research and Theory 4.0 FA

Prerequisites: College-level statistics, undergraduate research course.

Semester II (Spring):
3 courses required:
NURS 630 Dynamics of the Advanced Nursing Role 2.0 SP
NURS 645 Issues and Ethics in the Delivery of Health Care 3.0 2.0 SP
NURS 660 Research Proposal Seminar 2.0 SP

Major Option Course Requirements: 16 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required dependent upon the option chosen.  Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements. Use the links below to jump to your chosen option.

• Nurse Educator Option

• Nursing Leadership Option

The Option in Nurse Educator: 16 units
Note: All courses must be taken in the sequence outlined.

Semester III (Fall) II (Spring):
2 courses required:
NURS 640 Advanced Concepts of Adult Nursing Care 4.0 FA SP
NURS 647 Advanced Practicum in Adult Nursing Care 2.0 FA SP

Semester IV (Spring) I (Fall):
2 courses required:
NURS 650 Instructional Process in Nursing Education 4.0 SP FA
NURS 651 Curriculum Process in Nursing Education 2.0 SP FA

Semester V (Fall):
1 course required:
NURS 685 Practicum for the Instructional Process in Nursing Education 4.0 2.0 FA

The Option in Nursing Leadership: 16 14 units

Note: All courses must be taken in the sequence outlined.

Semester III I (Fall):
2 courses required:
NURS 670A Advanced Nursing Leadership I 4.0 FA
NURS 680A Financial Management I 2.0 FA

Semester IV II (Spring):
2 courses required:
NURS 670B Advanced Nursing Leadership II 4.0 SP
NURS 680B Financial Management II 2.0 SP

Semester V (Fall):
1 course required:
NURS 683 Practicum in Nursing Leadership 4.0 2.0 FA

Culminating Activity: 2 4 units

All core and option courses must be completed before enrolling in the culminating activity.

2 4 units selected from:
NURS 697P Nursing Professional Paper 1.0 -6.0 FS

Prerequisites: Completion of all semester IV requirements.
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

NURS 699P Master's Project 1.0 -6.0 FS

Prerequisites: Completion of all semester IV requirements.
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

NURS 699T Master's Thesis 1.0 -6.0 FS

Prerequisite: Completion of all semester IV requirements.
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

Students must take 2 4 units of NURS 697P, NURS 699P or NURS 699T.
MSN Class Schedule

The required courses for the **Nurse Educator Option** are:

**Semester 1** (6 Units Option Courses)
- NURS 650 Instructional Process in Nursing Education (4 units)
- NURS 651 Curriculum Process in Nursing Education (2 units)

**Semester 2** (6 units Option Courses)
- NURS 640 Advanced Concepts for Adult Nursing Care (4 units)
- NURS 647 Advanced Practicum in Nursing Care of Adults (2 units)

**Semester 3** (6 units Core Courses)
- NURS 610 Health Care Informatics (2 units)
- NURS 620 Advanced Nursing Research and Theory (4 units)

**Semester 4** (6 units Core Courses)
- NURS 630 Dynamics of the Advanced Nursing Role (2 units)
- NURS 645 Issues and Ethics in the Delivery of Health Care (2 units)
- NURS 660 Research Thesis/Project Proposal Seminar (4 units)

**Semester 5** (2 units Option, 4 units Core)
- NURS 685 Practicum for Instructional Process in Nursing Education (4 units)
- NURS 699P/ NURS699T/ NURS 697P Culminating Activity (4 units)

The required courses for the **Nursing Leadership Option** are:

**Semester 1** (6 Units Option Courses)
- NURS 670A Advanced Nursing Leadership I (4 units)
- NURS 680A Financial Management I (2 units)

**Semester 2** (6 units Option Courses)
- NURS 670B Advanced Nursing Leadership II (4 units)
- NURS 680B Financial Management II (2 units)

**Semester 3** (6 units Core Courses)
- NURS 610 Health Care Informatics (2 units)
- NURS 620 Advanced Nursing Research and Theory (4 units)

**Semester 4** (6 units Core Courses)
- NURS 630 Dynamics of the Advanced Nursing Role (2 units)
- NURS 645 Issues and Ethics in the Delivery of Health Care (2 units)
- NURS 660 Research Thesis/Project Proposal Seminar (4 units)

**Semester 5** (2 units Option, 4 units Core)
- NURS 683 Practicum in Nursing Leadership (4 units)
- NURS 699P/ NURS699T/ NURS 697P Culminating Activity (4 units)

**Summary**

Previously: 12 units Core, 16 units Option, 2 units Culminating Activity (Core) = 30 units Total

Proposed: 12 units Core, 14 units Option, 4 units Culminating Activity (Core) = 30 units Total
Hello all,

I went old school and gave NURS a call. Turns out that their Program with Corrections form had multiple errors. I've attached an unofficial form with my notes which are summarized below.

- In general, units are shifting out of the Options Courses to the Culminating Activity in order to comply with EO 1071 stating that options be less than 50% of total program units. Thus, in the Educator Option, 2 units from NURS 685 are shifting to the Culminating Activity, and same for NURS 683 in the Leadership Option.

- NURS 683 and 685 are consequently reducing by two units and according to Irene Morgan, the NURS graduate director: "No content will be cut; instead the time given to students to prepare will be cut which was too much. We will just focus on exactly what students are doing, and classes were over-united previously."

- Irene justified the unit shift from NURS 645 to 660 (both core courses, not options): “Research is heavy for instructor and student, one unit was not equal to amount of work; issues and ethics course had opposite problem - too many units for the course.”

- Finally, the order of courses was (completely) incorrect. The courses have always been taught as designated in the corrected attachment, even though number sequencing is out of order, thus, these aren't really changes to the current curriculum.

See you all tomorrow at 9am!

Carolynn

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Master of Science in Nursing Program with Corrections

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2 courses required:
NURS 650 Instructional Process in Nursing Education 4.0 SP
**NURS 651**  Curriculum Process in Nursing Education  

**Semester V (Fall):**

1 course required:

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Practicum for the Instructional Process in Nursing Education

**The Option in Nursing Leadership: 16 14 units**

Note: All courses must be taken in the sequence outlined.

**Semester III I (Fall):**

2 courses required:

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Advanced Nursing Leadership I  
Financial Management I

**Semester IV II (Spring):**

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Advanced Nursing Leadership II  
Financial Management II

**Semester V (Fall):**

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Practicum in Nursing Leadership

**Culminating Activity: 2 4 units**

All core and option courses must be completed before enrolling in the culminating activity.

2 4 units selected from:

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Nursing Professional Paper  
Prerequisites: Completion of all semester IV requirements.  
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

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Master's Project  
Prerequisites: Completion of all semester IV requirements.  
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

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Master's Thesis  
Prerequisite: Completion of all semester IV requirements.  
Corequisite: NURS 683 for Nursing Leadership students or NURS 685 for Nurse Educator students.

Students must take 2 units of NURS 697P, NURS 699P or NURS 699T.
Hi Rose,

Nursing agrees with your suggestion regarding the 697 statement (see below). Thanks for your help!

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Yes, I agree.

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Hi Karin,

After a closer look at this statement, should it read “Nursing Professional Paper (NURS 697P)” rather than “Independent Study (NURS 697)”?
Not more than 4 units of Independent Study (NURS 697), not more than 3 units of Master’s Thesis (NURS 699T), or 3 units of Master’s Project (NURS 699P).

Thanks,

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From: Nicol Gray
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Karin L Lightfoot <klightfoot@csuchico.edu>
Subject: FW: Question re. MS in Nursing Minor Change form

Hi Karin,

Grad Studies is reviewing your program changes and noticed something about the culminating activity units. The text probably needs to be updated to account for the unit change on the courses. Can you take a look at what she is pointing out below and let me know if you agree?

Thank you,

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From: Rosemary White
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Nicol Gray <NSGray@csuchico.edu>
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Subject: Question re. MS in Nursing Minor Change form

Hi Nicol,

As we discussed, I have reviewed the Minor Change form submitted for the Master of Nursing Program and will pass it along to Sharon Barrios when she returns next Monday.

The proposed changes seem to work for bringing the program into 1071 compliance. However, there is one additional catalog section that I think may need to be updated to fit with the proposed changes. Since the units required for the
culminating activity has been increased from 2 units to 4 units, the following changes would allow for students choosing a thesis or project to take the newly required 4 units:

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Core Courses: 12 units....

Thank you for your time!

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