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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program
Name of New or Existing Program MSN Concentration: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Select Category Concentration Degree Type MSN
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Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The revised Program of Studies (POS) for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration supports existing, as well as new and emerging, competencies for FNPs, maintains 800 clinical hours (key in a state with independent practice and full prescriptive authority for FNPs), addresses changes in course delivery required for the expanded enrollment necessary to fulfill NM legislative mandates, and allows for a greater flexibility in clinical site placements needed based on doubling of enrollment in 2015. In practice, FNPs are being called upon to manage increasingly complex patients in the primary care setting, including those with multiple co-morbid conditions, common mental health issues and the complexities associated with an aging population. The proposed curriculum strengthens the content in these areas through a new primary care course (N525 Primary Care Concepts; form B1621), an additional course with a focus on complex adult illness (N537 Primary Care of Adults III; form B1623) and a geriatric primary care course (N534 Primary Care Geriatrics; form B1622). Two existing courses, N535 Adult Health I and N536 Adult Health II, continue to have a focus on adult health care but have been revised (forms A3255 and A3256) to include additional women's health content (due to the elimination of N548 Women's Health from this program of studies) and to redistribute some existing content within the 3 course Primary Care of Adults course sequence.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

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Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration

Summary of Curriculum Changes for Catalog Listing 12/16/14

Core courses for all M.S.N. students

The core requirements are unchanged but are included for reference:

		Credit Hours
NURS 501	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 503	Research in Nursing	3
NURS 505	Health Care Policy, Systems, and Financing for Advanced Practice Roles	3
	Total M.S.N. Core	9

Required clinical core courses for all students in advanced practice concentrations (ACNP, FNP, PNP, NM):

		Credit Hours	Comments
NURS 526	Pathophysiology in Advanced Practice Nursing	3	
NURS 539	Advanced Pediatric Health and Development Assessment (PNP)	4 3	Does not affect FNP (Change affects PNP only)
-or-			
NURS 540	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning (ACNP, FNP, NM)	3	
NURS 543	Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics	3	
	Total Clinical Core	9-10 9	Clinical core consistent for all advanced practice concentrations

In addition to the required core general and clinical courses, the FNP concentration has the following requirements:

		Credit Hours	Comments
NURS 525	Primary Care Concepts	3	New course (Form B1621)
NURS 534	Primary Care Geriatrics	2	New course (Form B1622)
NURS 535	Adult Health I	4	Unchanged
NURS 536	Adult Health II	5 3	Changes to 3 credits; content is redistributed (Form A 3256)
NURS 537	Primary Care of Adults III	4	New course (Form B1623)
NURS 541	Antepartum/Postpartum	1	Unchanged
NURS 542	Ambulatory Pediatrics I	4 3-4	FNPs will decrease to 3 credits; content is redistributed (Form A 3257)
NURS 546	Ambulatory Pediatrics II	4 4-5	FNPs continue to take for 4 credits (Change to variable credits affects PNP only)
NURS 548	Women's Health	3	Course previously offered twice with variable credit; the FNP content is redistributed (course will still be used by Nurse-Midwifery Concentration and is not being deleted from the catalog)
NURS 554	The Evidence Base for APRN Primary Care Practice	1	New course (Form B1624)
NURS 594	Advanced Practice Seminar	1	Unchanged
NURS 595	Advanced Nursing Fieldwork	7	Unchanged
NURS 596	Professional Paper		
-or-		1	Unchanged
NURS 597	Applied Examination		
	Total	30 34	
	Total for concentration (includes core courses)	52	Total for POS is unchanged

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Budget Analysis/Faculty Workload/Impact Long Range Planning

In 2014, the NM legislature allocated \$1.6 million (recurring funding) to expand the primary care concentrations of FNP, Nurse Midwifery (NM), and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP). This funding mandates the enrollment of an additional 24 students per year between the three concentrations, for a total admission of 40 advanced practice primary care students starting in 2015. The funding supports hiring of new faculty as well as support staff. As of 12/14, two FNP and one PNP faculty have been hired. Recruitment for four additional faculty is on-going. In terms of staff positions, two program managers have been hired; a senior program manager position has been filled; two additional student services employees have been hired; and a tech support position has been filled. The budget includes funding for equipment and supplies as well as student and preceptor recruitment.

The College of Nursing (CON) faculty are organized into three teams, Research, Education and Practice. The Practice team faculty are responsible for the Advanced Practice Clinical concentrations and as such do the majority of teaching in the primary care concentrations. Faculty from the Research and Education team are involved in teaching several of the core courses such as nursing theory, research and policy. Currently the Practice team has 10 FNP, 1 PNP, and 4 NM faculty assigned to teaching and or precepting the primary care students. A second PNP faculty will be starting in January 2015. There are faculty on the Education and Research team who are also nurse practitioners or midwives and when the need arises these faculty teach in advanced practice clinical courses. Family Nurse Practitioner faculty also have the knowledge and expertise to teach courses in the PNP and NM concentrations. The program of studies for these three concentrations is two years in length. In 2014 the concentrations admitted 20 students. The 2015 admission process was completed in December of 2014 and admission was offered to 40 students (20 FNP; 10 PNP; 10 NM)

Given that the legislative funding is recurring we expect to admit 40 primary care students annually; therefore faculty will be responsible for 80 students between the first and second year cohorts, 40 of which are FNPs. As previously discussed we are actively recruiting for 4 additional advanced practice faculty. The Research and Education teams have also recently hired additional faculty.

Associated forms:

- B1621, NURS 525: Primary Care Concepts, new course
- B1622, NURS 534: Primary Care Geriatrics, new course
- B1623, NURS 537: Primary Care of Adults III, new course
- B1624, NURS 554: The Evidence Base for APRN Primary Care Practice, new course
- A3255, NURS 535: Primary Care of Adults I, change to title, description, pre-requisites
- A3256, NURS 536: Primary Care of Adults II, change to title, description, co-requisites
- A3260, NURS 540: Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, change to co-requisites only
- A3257, NURS 542: Primary Care of Pediatrics I, change to title, description, credit value, pre-requisites
- A3261, NURS 543: Pharmacological Principles of Clinical Therapeutics, change to co-requisites only
- A3258, NURS 546: Primary Care of Pediatrics II, change to title, description, credit value, pre-requisites

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

Program of Studies (POS) – Current vs. Proposed Joanne Bartram MSN, FNP-BC – Interim Coordinator FNP Concentration

Term/Year	CURRENT POS	CURRENT Didactic/Clinical Credit Hours	PROPOSED POS	PROPOSED Didactic/Clinical Credit Hours	COMMENTS
Summer Term I – Y1	N501 Theory (3) N503 Research (3) N526 Pathophysiology (3)	(3/0) (3/0) (3/0) Total credits = 9	N501 Theory (3) N503 Research (3) N526 Pathophysiology (3)	(3/0) (3/0) (3/0) Total credits = 9	No change from current POS
Fall Term II –Y1	N504 Evidence-Based Practice (3) N505 Hlth Care Policy (3) N540 Adv Assessment (3)	(3/0) (3/0) (2/1) Total credits = 9	N540 Adv Assessment (3) N543 Adv Pharmacology (3) N525 Primary Care Concepts (3)	(2/1) (3/0) (3/0) Total credits = 9	Change in course sequence (N543/N505) New course (N525)
Spring Term III- Y1	N543 Adv Pharmacology (3) N548 Women’s Hlth (3) N541 Antepartum (1)	(3/0) (1.5/1.5) (1/0) Total credits = 7	N505 Hlth Care Policy (3) N535 Primary Care Adults I (4) N541Antepartum (1)	(3/0) (2/2) (1/0) Total credits = 8	Change in course sequence (N543 / N505, necessary to be consistent with other advanced practice concentrations) N535 includes former N548 content 100 hr clinical
Summer Term IV-Y2	N542 Pediatrics I (4) N535 Adult Health I (4) N538 Diagnostic Reasoning elective (1)	(2.5/1.5) (2/2) (1/0) Total credits = 8- 9	N542 Pediatrics I (4) N536 Primary Care Adults II (3) N534 Primary Care Geriatrics (2)	(2/1) (2/1) (1.5/0.5) Total credits = 8	New course (N534) Minor changes (N536, N542; N536 includes former N548 content) 125 hr clinical
Fall Term V-Y2	N546 Pediatrics II (4) N536 Adult Health II (5)	(2/2) (3/2) Total credits = 9	N546 Primary Care Pediatrics II (4) N537 Primary Care Adults III (4) N554 Evidence-Based Practice (1)	(2/2) (1.5/2.5) (1/0) Total credits = 9	New courses (N554, N537) Minor changes (N546) 225 hr clinical
Spring Term VI-Y3	N594 Advanced Practice Seminar (1) N596/7 Comps (1) N595 Fieldwork (7)	(1/0) (1/0) (0/7) Total credits = 9	N594 Advanced Practice Seminar (1) N596/7 Comps (1) N595 Fieldwork (7)	(1/0) (1/0) (0/7) Total credits = 9	No change from current POS 350 hr clinical
TOTALS	Credit Hours Clinical Lab	52-53 786 48 (1 credit clinical / lab = 48 hours) <i>(requirement is 52; 1 credit of optional elective)</i>	Credit Hours Clinical Lab	52 800 50 (1 credit of clinical / lab = 50 hours)	