

DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE FORM C

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2012 ▼

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program

Graduate Degree Program ▼

CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program

* Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Catalog Page Number

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Degree ▼

Degree Type

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Revision ▼

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.

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

[Note: Replaces current "M.S.N. En Route to the Ph.D." section.] MSN En Route to the PhD Students admitted directly to the PhD program without a master's degree in nursing may earn the MSN degree en route to the PhD in Nursing. A student earning the MSN en route to the PhD will not have an MSN concentration, unless the student meets the specific MSN concentration requirements. For students with a non-nursing master's degree, PhD level courses will be allowed for all 12 credits of the MSN core on a case by case basis. Students with the BSN only are required to complete 9 credits of MSN core (501, 503, 505), and an additional 9 credits of graduate level coursework focused on substantive nursing content and teaching. The remainder of the 32 credits for the MSN en route to the PhD (without a concentration) will consist of graduate level courses approved by the student's PhD Committee on Studies. The student will complete either NUR 596 or NUR 597 (Part 1) for the Plan II exam (or PhD comprehensive examination, if approved by the Committee on Studies).

[MSN en route to PhD Sample Program of Studies.doc](#)

☐ **This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses**

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

Many of our PhD students either work as nurse educators or plan to work as nurse educators. State Boards of Nursing and accrediting agencies typically require a graduate degree in nursing at the time of hire as a nursing instructor, or within a few years of hire. Earning the MSN en route to the PhD will allow these nurses to meet criteria for continued employment in their nursing programs while completing work toward the PhD in Nursing. We anticipate that students admitted with the master's degree in another field will choose the MSN en route to the PhD, as well as students admitted with the BSN only. The proposed language specifies the curriculum plan to obtain the MSN en route to the PhD, and limits this non-concentration option to those enrolled in our PhD program.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning

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We are able to offer this option without creating any new courses. Students will enroll in the required master's level courses at their regularly scheduled time. We do not expect more than 2-3 additional students enrolling in the master's level courses each year.

**SAMPLE Plan of Studies for Students with Non-Nursing Master's Degree
MSN En Route to the PhD
(Concentration Not Specified for the MSN)**

MSN Courses, Plan II Nursing Education Concentration Used as Example	Program of Studies for MSN En Route to PhD (course are not necessarily related to MSN content)
501 – 3 cr	600 – 3 cr
503 – 3 cr	601 – 3 cr
504 – 3 cr	602 – 3 cr
505 – 3 cr	606 – 3 cr
558 – 3 cr	607 – 3 cr
559 – 3 cr	620 – 3 cr
509 – 3 cr	621 – 3 cr
510 – 3 cr	Substantive – 9 cr*
515 – 3 cr	Methods – 3 cr
595 – 4 cr	
596 or 597 – 1 cr	596 or 597 (Part One) for MSN exam (1 cr) OR can use PhD Comps for MSN exam
Total – 32 cr	Total - 32 - 34 cr *Note: 32 cr are required for the MSN so students could take a 1 credit independent study instead of one of the 3 credit 600-level courses if they do 596 or 597.