

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C**

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**Division**

**Program**

**Branch**

**Proposed effective term:**

Semester

Spring ▼

Year

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

Select Category

Degree ▼

Degree Type

Select Action

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)

[please insert text from attached document before existing "M.S.N. En Route to the Ph.D." section]

[BSN to PhD - April 11, 2011 Motion for Faculty Meeting Apri.doc](#)

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

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

Our current PhD admission criteria allow us to admit students with the BSN on an exception basis only. We would like to formalize this so that we can openly recruit these applicants to our program. In 2009, the PhD Committee examined this option at 25 schools (which included most of our [UNM] peer institutions), and found a wide range of requirements for bridge courses. In Fall 2010 the AACN reported that 73 PhD in Nursing programs have a BSN to PhD option, with 13 more under development. The AACN Pathways to Excellence (for research focused doctorates) document calls for admission of students who will likely have long careers as research scientists.

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

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We expect our total number of admitted applicants to our PhD program to remain the same, with 2-3 of these being BSN entry. These BSN entry students will take master's level courses during the term before the MSN entry students begin taking PhD classes. This will enable the BSN entry students to begin taking PhD courses with their admitted cohort. No new courses are required for the BSN entry students. They will enroll in the MSN courses during their regularly scheduled term.

## BSN Entry to the PhD Program

To be considered for the BSN entry to the PhD program, the applicant must have earned the BSN degree prior to the start of classes for the PhD program, and be licensed as a registered nurse within the first term of admission to the PhD program. Students admitted to the PhD program will complete 9 credits of MSN core (501, 503, 505), and an additional 9 credits of graduate coursework focused on substantive nursing content and teaching. These 18 credits of bridge coursework are distinct from the credits required for the PhD, making 69 total coursework credits under the BSN to PhD option. The dissertation requirement remains the same at 18 credits (per UNM requirements).

### Sample Curriculum Plan for BSN to PhD (Part time: 6 cr/term)

YEAR 1		Credits
Spring 2012	501 Nursing Theory	3
	503 Nursing Research	3
Summer 2012	N 505 Policy	3
	620 Adv Stats I	3
Fall 2012	509 Teaching in Nursing	3
	621 Adv Stats II	3
YEAR 2		
Spring 2013	559 Physiological Concepts	3
	510 Educ Program (Curriculum)	3
Summer 2013	690 Residency	3
	Elective	3
Fall 2013	601 Theory I	3
	6xx Substantive Area	3
YEAR 3		
Spring 2014	606 Quantitative Methods	3
	600 Philosophy of Nursing	3
Summer 2014	Residency (no credit)	
	607 Qualitative Methods	3
	602 Theory II	3
Fall 2014	6xx Substantive Area	3
	6xx Research Methods	3
YEAR 4		
Spring 2015	6xx Substantive Area	3
	6xx Research Methods	3
Summer 2015	Residency (no credit)	
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Fall 2015	Elective	3
YEAR 5		
Spring 2016	PhD Comps/699 Dissertation	6
Summer 2016	699 Dissertation	6
Fall 2016	699 Dissertation	6
YEAR 6		

Spring 2017	699 Dissertation (if needed)	6
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Bridge courses: 18 credits  
+PhD program: 51 credits  
 Total coursework: 69 credits  
+Dissertation: 18 credits  
 Total: 87 credits