

Code Health Equity and Preparedness

Under Review | Fall 2023

Proposal Information

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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College

College of Nursing

Department

Nursing

Campus

Health Sciences Center
(Albuquerque)

Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023

Justification

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The focus on health equity and preparedness is driven by faculty experience of working with underserved populations that are most impacted by disasters. Research must be focused on disaster preparedness, as well as, equitable services and outcomes for those who are living in poverty, experiencing homelessness, and underserved minorities. Issues of equity are compounded in a disaster, so it is critical to empower nurse scientists to tackle these problems and improve these systems. Graduates who complete this concentration will be able to make an impact in understanding ways to make our health care system more resilient and accessible to more community members.

The UNM, College of Nursing's, Center for Health Equity and Preparedness (<https://hsc.unm.edu/nursing/research/center/>) was established in February 2021. The Center's goals include creating "...an infrastructure to contribute to social justice in nursing and public health preparedness through education, practice, research and policy, and helping develop the next generation of experts." The first of the four focus areas addresses the need to, "Develop a PhD concentration in public health emergency preparedness and create opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, e.g. special topics and programs of research and other types of engagement." The concentration in Health Equity and Preparedness will help achieve this goal.

This concentration fits within the current workload of PhD faculty members and their areas of expertise. The concentration and courses within it are all designed to be interdisciplinary and ultimately the goal is to have them cross listed with other programs and potentially share the teaching load across programs. No impact on budget. The concentration is designed to be interdisciplinary and ultimately the goal is to allow students within other disciplines to take courses in this concentration as electives to support budgetary needs. It is also predicted to increase PhD enrollment.

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

NURS 655 - Contemporary Threats of Terrorism and War (3) PhD Nurs

NURS 656 - Disaster Health Education and Communication (3)

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NURS 659 - Complex Humanitarian Disasters (3)

NURS 651 - Issues in Disaster Health Care (1)

NURS 653 - Environmental Health Science (3)

NURS 654 - Disaster Theory and Research Methods (3) |

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NURS 650 - Disaster Science and Health Equity (3)

NURS 652 - Impacts of Climate Change on Disaster Risk and Health (3)

NURS 657 - Population Focused Health and Human Services Impact from Disasters (3)

NURS 658 - Refugee Health (3) | Under Review

Select any associated program forms that exist

Program Information

Degree Name

PhD Nurs - Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Degree Type

Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

69-70

Program Type

Doctoral

Minimum Major Hours

Degree Requirements

Required Core Courses

24

Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - NURS600 - Philosophical Foundations of Nursing Science (3)
 - NURS601 - Theoretical Foundations of Research (3)
 - NURS606 - Quantitative Methods in Health Research (3)
 - NURS607 - Qualitative Methods in Health Research (3)
 - NURS620 - Health Care Statistics I (3)
 - NURS621 - Health Care Statistics II (3)
 - NURS640 - Health Policy, Politics, and Research (3)
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - NURS690 - Ph.D. Seminar (1 - 3)
 - All student must take the Progression Exam before starting NURS 640 and 690.

Methods Courses

6

Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - NURS606 - Quantitative Methods in Health Research (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - NURS613 - Mixed Methods Research (3)
 - NURS615 - Critical Ethnography and CBPR in Health Care Research (3)

Concentration or Individualized Study

21 - 22

Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following
 - Health Policy**
 - Earn at least 22 credits from the following types of courses:
Health Policy Concentration (see concentration requirements above)
 - Individualized Study**
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earn at least 21 credits from the following:
 - NURS602 - Theory II: Synthesis of Knowledge for Nursing Inquiry (3)
 - NURS605 - Symptom Management Science (3)
 - NURS608 - Environments of Human Health and Nursing (3)
 - NURS611 - Rural and Cultural Health (3)
 - NURS693 - Topics (1 - 6)
 - NURS715 - Genetics and Genomics for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
 - NURS727 - Health Care Innovations and Informatics (3)
 - NURS615 - Critical Ethnography and CBPR in Health Care Research (3)
 - Other elective courses may be approved by the student's advisor or dissertation Chair and Committee.

Concentration Description

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1. Develop a PhD concentration in public health emergency preparedness and create opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, e.g. special topics and programs of research and other types of engagement.
2. Build opportunities for internships, practicums and other practice experiences.
3. Organize and establish opportunities for infrastructure and collaboration on research projects that focus on social justice in nursing and public health preparedness.
4. Design opportunities for policy engagement at local, state, regional, national and global levels.

Students in the concentration will build an understanding of how health equity impacts public health emergency preparedness including disasters that is related to climate-change, environmental hazards, terrorism, and war. Graduates who complete this concentration will be able to make an impact in understanding ways to make our health care system more resilient and accessible to more community members.