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PROPOSAL TO UPDATE BS-Ph.D Degree

The BS-Ph.D degree reflects the Knowledge Building Core of the MS-Ph.D. degree and specialty tracks within the MS Nurse Practitioner degree. Therefore, our proposal is to revise the BS-Ph.D. program to reflect the changes made in the MS-Ph.D. program and the Nurse Practitioner components approved previously by Faculty Council and the Graduate School. These revisions include:

1. Changing Pro Seminar from 3 to 1 credit and adding Dissertation Proposal Writing for 2 credits.
2. Changing Nurse Practitioner specialty courses to reflect the permanent numbers received from the State
3. Revising Family Nurse Practitioner specialty to reflect the change made with PC Children.
B.S. (Nursing) - Ph.D.
A minimum of 96 hours post-baccalaureate is required. The program is designed as a full-time four-year course of study.

Knowledge Building Core (Required) (48 credits)
- NGR 6080 Family and Population-Based Health Promotion (3)
- NGR 6121 Theoretical Basis of Advanced Practice (3)
- NGR 6737 Ethical/Legal/Policy Issues in Adv Nursing Practice* Nursing (3)
- NGR 6800 Nursing Research (3)
- NGR 6824 Data Analysis for Health Sciences (3)
- NGR 7123 Theory Development in Nursing (3)
- NGR 7124 Advances in Nursing Science (3)
- NGR 7815 Qualitative Methods in Nursing Research (3)
- NGR 7816 Research Designs and Methods in Nursing (3)
- NGR 7881 Ethics in Research and Practice (3)
- NGR 7892 Health Policy Issues in Nursing and Health Care (3)

*Not needed for Nursing Education track

Advanced Practice (Required) (12 credits)
- NGR 6140 Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nursing (4)
- NGR 6002C Health Assessment for Advanced Practice (4)
- NGR 6172 Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice (4)

Specialty Track (18-25 cr)
Choose one:
- Nursing Education
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Family Health
- Oncology Nurse Practitioner

Nursing Specialty (CHOICE) 18 Credits
- NGR 6710 Teaching Strategies in Nursing Education (3)
- NGR 6713 Foundations of Nursing Education (3)
- NGR 6718 Evaluation Strategies in Nursing Education (3)
- NGR 6947 Academic Nursing Practicum (3)
Choose 6 cognate credits from one of the following:
- NGR 6723 Leadership and Applied Management in Nursing Health Care (3)
- NGR XXXX Advanced Practice Specialty (with Permission of advisor) (3)
- Selected College of Education Courses (i.e., EDF, EDH, EME) (3)
- Selected Public Health Courses (3)
- Research Project (3)

Or

Oncology (18 cr)
- NGR 6221 Oncology Nursing Concepts (3)
- NGR 6220 Pathobiology of Neoplasia (3)
- NGR 6931 Adult Health for Nursing Specialties (3)
- NGR 6222L Practicum I: Oncology Nursing (3)
- NGR 6223L Practicum II: Oncology Nursing (3)
- NGR 6224L Practicum III: Oncology Nursing (3)

Or

Adult Nurse Practitioner (22 cr)
- NGR 6201 Primary Care of Adults I (3)
- NGR 6202C Primary Care of Adults II (6)
- NGR 6343 Primary Care of Women (5)
- NGR 6301 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents (3)
NGR 6700C Advanced Practice Nurse Transitions (5)
Or
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (19 cr)
NGR 6301 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents I (3)
NGR 6302C Primary Care of Children & Adolescents II (6)
NGR 6343 Primary Care of Women (5)
NGR 6700C Advanced Practice Nurse Transitions (5)
Or
Family Nurse Practitioner (25 cr)
NGR 6201 Primary Care of Adults I (3)
NGR 6202C Primary Care of Adults II (6)
NGR 6343 Primary Care of Women (5)
NGR 6301 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents I (3)
NGR 6305L Primary Care: Practicum Children (3)
NGR 6700C Advanced Practice Nurse Transitions (5)
Or
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (23 cr)
NGR 6500 Theoretical Foundations for Adv Psychiatric Nursing (3)
NGR 6500L Psychiatric ARNP Practicum: In-Patient (3)
NGR 6501 Psychopathology for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing (3)
NGR 6501L Psychiatric ARNP Practicum: Out-Patient (3)
NGR 6502 Treatment Modalities for Adv Psychiatric Nursing (3)
NGR 6538 Psychopharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
NGR 6700C APN Transitions (5)

Cognate 12-15 Credits
Students select a cognate area of study to further support the student’s area of expertise in nursing and the research problem that will be addressed by the dissertation research. Examples of appropriate areas of study for the minor might be, but are not limited to public health, aging studies, psychology, business, research tools.

Qualifying Examinations:
The qualifying examination is to be completed as soon as the majority of core and minor coursework is completed. The purpose of the qualifying examination is to assess the student’s level of scholarship and research skills and to determine if the student possesses the critical and analytical skills necessary to undertake the dissertation research. Components of the qualifying examination for the College of Nursing:
Written component: The written component of the qualifying examination consists of two parts:
a. Completion and submission of a manuscript to a refereed journal for publication.
b. Preparation and submission of a research grant application for funding to an appropriate agency.
Oral Examination Component: An oral examination component will be used to clarify and verify that the student has met the written components of the qualifying examination and will be used to formally admit the student to candidacy.

Dissertation 12-24 Credits
Students complete and successfully defend a dissertation.
NOTE: Students are to meet with curriculum advisor for individual program plan.