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Department Name PhD in Nursing Program

**1. CHECK PROPOSED CHANGES.**

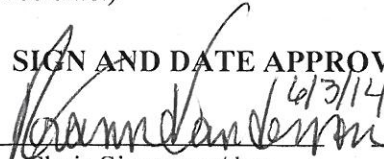

- \* ☐ Change department/program name from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- \* ☐ New degree or program in \_\_\_\_\_
- \* ☐ Change name of degree from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- \* ☐ Drop degree or program in \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ New Major in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Change name of Major from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Revise Major requirements in \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ New Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Revise requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Drop Option in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ New Minor in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Revise Minor requirements in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Drop Minor in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ New Undergraduate Certificate in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Revise Undergraduate Certificate requirements in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Drop Undergraduate Certificate in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other decrease core from 56 credits to 34 credits. Proposed PhD curriculum and rationale for change is attached.

Effective term/year \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. GIVE REASONS FOR EACH REQUEST MARKED ABOVE.** (Attach additional paper if necessary; see reverse side.)

**4. SIGN AND DATE APPROVALS.**

 6/3/14       6/5/2014  
Chair Signature/date      Dean Signature/date      General Education Com/date

Catalog Subcom/date      Academic Affairs Com/date      Graduate Studies Com/date      Senate/Date

**PhD curriculum review and change process:**

The PhD in nursing curriculum, which currently consists of 46 required course credits, was examined thoroughly this past year to (a) determine necessary foundational requirements based upon discipline specific recommendations, and (b) offer flexibility in curricular engagement. Past WSU Graduate School recommendations (2012) included reducing the number of required courses and reducing the number of 2-credit courses. Following the curricular examination, content from all courses was redistributed to emphasize key outcomes in each of the 4 areas of the curriculum (Nursing Science, Research, Education, and Analytics) and substantiate components recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for research-focused doctorates (2010). Several courses (NURS534, NURS535, NURS536) were expanded to strengthen foundational elements and 2 courses always taught together (NURS585, NURS586) were combined into 1 course (NURS585) for ease of delivery. A new course (NURS596) was added. Courses previously taught as core and not included in the proposed core will be offered as electives, adding to the choices available to students who wish to focus their interests in particular areas, such as policy, education, or other concentrations. The proposed core of 34 credits contains content considered essential and common for students obtaining the PhD in nursing at our college. The final proposed curriculum was presented to and voted affirmatively by the PhD advisory council 3/24/14 and presented to and voted affirmatively by the Graduate Curriculum and Progression Committee 4/10/14. The full Graduate faculty approved the curriculum 5/5/14.

We anticipate instituting the proposed curriculum for the incoming Summer 2015 PhD cohort and hope it meets with WSU Graduate School approval.

**Steps in curricular review:**

- 1) Map current courses to PhD program outcomes
- 2) Review the course content and suggestions from faculty teaching the PhD courses
  - Faculty workgroups (4 groups for each curricular section met twice)
- 3) Incorporate feedback from course evaluations, informal breakfast meetings, and other sources
- 4) Develop a shared model for curriculum revision incorporating the doctoral students' perspective. Student workgroup reviewed:
  - a) American Association of Colleges of Nursing - The Research Focused Doctoral Program in Nursing
  - b) National League for Nursing Vision for Doctoral Preparation for Nurse Educators
  - c) WSU Graduate Student Handbook
  - d) Extant literature for articles related to Evaluation and Revision of Doctoral Programs
- 5) Present final proposed curriculum to PhD advisory council

**Current PhD curriculum through 2014****Nursing Science**

NURS535 Philosophy of Nursing Science (2 credits)

NURS536 Nursing Theory: Foundation for Knowledge Development (2)

NURS 572 Nursing Science: Research & Theory of Chronic Conditions (2)

NURS 574 Nursing Science: Research & Theory of Acute Conditions (2)  
NURS 584 Theory & Policy Development in Systems of Health Care Delivery (2)

***Research***

NURS 534 Seminar: Grant Development & Critique (1)  
NURS 587 Inquiry: Qualitative Methods (3)  
NURS 588 Research Inquiry: Quantitative Methods (3 credits)  
NURS 591 Mixed Methods for Outcome Evaluation (2)  
NURS 593 Preliminary Examination Seminar (1)  
NURS 799 Dissertation Seminar (1)

***Education***

NURS 521 Learning, Teaching & Evaluation in Nursing (3 credits)  
NURS 523 Educational Issues and Curriculum Analysis (3)  
NURS 585/586 Faculty Role Seminar/Practicum (3)

***Analytic***

NURS 524 Foundations of Methodological Applications for Health Sciences (2 credits)  
NURS 526 Analytical Foundations for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 527 Association, Group Difference, & Regression for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 528 Multivariate Statistical Techniques for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 529 Analytical Seminar for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 589 Psychometrics in Health Care Research (2)

***Electives*** 6 credits

***Proposed PhD curriculum beginning summer 2015***

***Nursing Science***

NURS535 Philosophy of Nursing Science (3 credits)  
NURS536 Theory and Science of Nursing I (3)  
NURS596 Theory and Science of Nursing II (3)

***Research***

NURS 524 Foundations of Methodological Applications for Health Sciences (2 credits)  
NURS 534 Seminar: Grant Development & Critique (3)  
NURS 587 Inquiry: Qualitative Methods (3)  
NURS 588 Research Inquiry: Quantitative Methods (3 credits)

***Education***

NURS 585 Faculty Role Seminar/Practicum (3)

***Analytic***

NURS 526 Analytical Foundations for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 527 Association, Group Difference, & Regression for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 528 Multivariate Statistical Techniques for Health Sciences (3)  
NURS 589 Psychometrics in Health Care Research (2)

***Electives*** 18 credits

Electives include all courses offered in the current PhD curriculum, any WSU graduate courses offered across disciplines, including nursing, NEXus consortium courses, and independent study courses with graduate faculty members.

**Current to proposed:**

46 required	34 required
6 electives	18 elective
20 dissertation credits	20 dissertation credits

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72 total credits

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MEMO

Re: PhD in Nursing curriculum change

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The attached documents represent a change in the PhD curriculum that has been a work in process this past year. We have been communicating with the Graduate School about these changes and have worked closely with faculty committees to revise the current courses for institution during the **Summer of 2015** with our next incoming cohort of PhD students. We recognize that it takes time to move through University committees and that our timeline is vigorous. We believe the materials are clear and hope they are adequate for meeting our timeline. Thank you for your support in our efforts.