UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. Detailed instructions for the proposal should be followed. A checklist is available to assist in the preparation of a proposal. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: Barbara Habermann phone number 831-8369

Department: Nursing email address: habermab@udel.edu

Date: 10/30/15

Action: Revision to PhD in Nursing

Effective term 16F

(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree PhD

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: PhD

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: NA

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration:

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor:

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change:

(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: PhD Nursing Science

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration:

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, either describing the new program or highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.
List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations? 
(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)
NURS 839 Nurse Scientist Seminar
NURS 849 Nursing Education: Philosophy, Theory & Curriculum
NURS 870 Writing for Dissemination
NURS 843 Policy & Finance for Healthcare Delivery

These courses support the program outcomes and align the curricular content to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Guidelines for Research Focused Doctoral Programs.

Supply support letter from the Library, Dean, and/or Department Chair if needed
(all new majors/minors will need a support letter from the appropriate administrator.)

Supply a resolution for all new majors/programs; name changes of colleges, departments, degrees; transfer of departments from one college to another; creation of new departments; requests for permanent status. See example of resolutions.

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 5 goals of undergraduate education: http://www2.udel.edu/cened/

Not applicable, not an undergraduate program

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:
(This would include other departments/units whose courses are a required part of the proposed curriculum.
Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”) 

None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Revisions are consistent with the AACN guidelines which were published after the creation of the current PhD in Nursing Science Program. Course evaluation data along with exit interview data also supports the revisions. Revisions also allow students to enter the PhD program without a master’s degree, as post BSN students. Facilitates students progressing to terminal degree in an efficient manner.

Program Requirements:
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) See example of side by side.
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

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<td>• A GRE score of 1050 on math and verbal sections combined; GRE scores must be earned within the last 5 years.</td>
<td>• A written statement of goals and objectives (the personal statement) that clearly identifies the applicant’s research and curriculum interests and describes how admission to the program will facilitate his/her professional objectives. The statement should indicate how the applicant’s research interest is consistent with the research expertise of a SON faculty member.</td>
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- Demonstrated competence in oral and written communication. A critical writing sample is required. This sample should demonstrate the student's ability to critique and synthesize the literature on a specific topic related to his/her dissertation area of interest.

- Knowledge of statistics; completion of a statistics course in the past 5 years is strongly recommended
- An interview with the PhD program coordinator

Those applicants who meet the stated minimum academic requirements for admission are not guaranteed admission, nor are those applicants who fail to meet those minimum requirements necessarily precluded from admission if they offer other appropriate strengths.

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<td>The PhD in Nursing Science program requires 41 credit hours of coursework plus 9 credit hours of dissertation for students entering with a master's degree. Students entering with a baccalaureate degree are required to have 53 credits of course work plus 9 credit hours of dissertation. Students are required to work with their advisor to develop a plan of study. The plan must first be approved by the academic advisor and then the PhD in Nursing Science Program Committee by the end of the first semester of study in the program. In addition to coursework, degree completion requires successful completion of one written and oral comprehensive examination, successful defense of the dissertation proposal and successful defense of the dissertation. Please refer to the program policy statement for more specific details regarding these processes and selection of examination and dissertation committees. Students are expected to complete the program in five years.</td>
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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:  (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson ____________________________ Date 11/22/2015

Dean of College ____________________________ Date 11/30/15

(By signing above, the Dean confirms that their college policies and bylaws have been followed correctly during consideration of the request described in this form.

The approval actions that were taken at the college level were (check all that apply):

College faculty vote: __ college curriculum approval: ___ college senate approval: __

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee ____________________________ Date 11/30/15

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies ____________________________ Date

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. ____________________________ Date

Secretary, Faculty Senate ____________________________ Date

Date of Senate Resolution ____________________________ Date to be Effective ____________________________

Registrar ____________________________ Program Code ____________________________ Date

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs ____________________________ Date

Board of Trustee Notification ____________________________ Date

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