

# 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. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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**Department:** Nursing email address cynthia@udel.edu

**Date:** 9/1/14

**Action:** Add concentration to MSN program  
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

**Effective term** 15F  
(use format 04F, 05W)

**Current degree** MSN  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** MSN  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed name:** Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration  
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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(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, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.**

**Whereas,** there is increasing local and national demand for psychiatric/mental health services and a shortage of qualified mental health providers;

**Whereas,** the national accreditation standards for advanced practice psychiatric nurses have substantially changed such that existing specialization does not permit students to seek national certification or state licensure;

**Be it resolved,** a new concentration in Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner be added.

**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")

	MSN Program Outcomes*								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NURS668 Advanced Clinical Neuroscience (3 cr)	X		X	X				X	
NURS669 Advanced Psychopharmacology (3 cr)	X	X	X					X	
NURS670 Advanced Psychopathology (3 cr)	X	X	X	X				X	
NURS671 Psych/Mental Health Nursing I (3 cr)	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
NURS672 Psych/Mental Health Nursing II (3 cr)	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
NURS673 Psych/Mental Health Nursing III (3 cr)	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
NURS674 Psych NP Preceptorship I (3 cr)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NURS675 Psych NP Preceptorship II (3 cr)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**\*MSN Program Outcomes:**

1. Evaluate theories and concepts drawn from nursing, the arts and humanities, and the biological, social, and physical sciences as the basis for practice as clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, or nurse administrators.
2. Analyze the influence of value systems and ethnicity on healthcare practices, healthcare systems, and the roles of clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, or nurse administrators.
3. Demonstrate competence as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or nurse administrator.
4. Collaborate in interdisciplinary efforts to provide health care and improve healthcare delivery systems to local, state, and/or national levels.
5. Assume leadership in interpreting and promoting professional nursing to other members of the profession, other disciplines, consumers, and legislators.
6. Provide leadership in defining, developing, and implementing current and emerging nursing roles.
7. Develop proposals for studies or projects that can contribute to the expansion of nursing knowledge and practice.
8. Demonstrate ethical decision making and professional accountability as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or nurse administrator.
9. Advocate for health legislation at local, regional, and/or national levels.

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:** <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

N/A

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

Potential for increased enrollment (approximately 12 students per year) in EDUC 655 Statistics.

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

The demand for mental health providers, particularly those with the ability to prescribe, has never been greater. There is both a regional and national need for increased access to affordable mental health services. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are capable of filling the gaps in the mental health services continuum as they are dually prepared to provide medication management and therapy. Public and private partners across the state of Delaware have voiced their desire to expand the workforce using Psychiatric NPs. The University of Delaware School of Nursing is positioned to update their masters in nursing program with a psychiatric concentration.

Recent changes in national certification requirements necessitate program revisions. The national certifying body for nursing (American Nurse Credentialing Center) has recently published new credentialing standards. Due to a change in accreditation standards, changes need to be made at the level of the concentration, not the specialization. The current specialization in Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist no longer meets the requirements for certification or licensing as a Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The proposed addition of a concentration in Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner will ensure that graduates are eligible to sit for national certification exams and subsequently will be eligible for state licensure.

**NOTE:** This concentration (Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner) MUST be clearly reflected on student transcripts when applying for national certification and state licensure.

**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.)

The proposed curricular changes affect three related programs: the MSN program, the dual BSN-MSN program, and the post-masters certificate program. Changes need to be made across all three programs to ensure consistency.

Current	Proposed
<b>MSN, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, PSYCHIATRIC CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST SPECIALIZATION</b> 34 credits	<b>MSN, NURSE PRACTITIONER, FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION</b> 46 credits
Core Courses (23 credits [26 credits if thesis is chosen]): NURS 604, NURS 609, NURS 620, NURS 622, EDUC 665, NURS 687 or 868 or 869, NURS 686	Core Courses (22 credits [25 credits if thesis is chosen]): NURS 604, NURS 609, NURS 620, NURS 621, NURS 622, EDUC 665, NURS 687 or 868 or 869
NURS 667 Advanced Psychopathology across the lifespan OR 3 PSYC829 Advanced Psychopathology OR EDUC 813 Childhood Psychopathology	NURS668 Advanced Clinical Neuroscience 3 NURS669 Advanced Psychopharmacology 3 NURS670 Advanced Psychopathology 3 NURS671 Psych/Mental Health Nursing I 3 NURS672 Psych/Mental Health Nursing II 3 NURS673 Psych/Mental Health Nursing III 3 NURS674 Psych NP Preceptorship I 3 NURS675 Psych NP Preceptorship II 3
NURS671 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I 4	NURS672 Psych/Mental Health Nursing II 3 NURS673 Psych/Mental Health Nursing III 3 NURS674 Psych NP Preceptorship I 3 NURS675 Psych NP Preceptorship II 3
NURS 672 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing II 4	TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED 46 (49 if thesis is chosen)
TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED 34 (37 if thesis is chosen)	

**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:** (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Kathleen Schell Date 10/29/14  
Dean of College Susan J. Hall Date 11/6/14  
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee Dan ED Date 11/6/14  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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