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Program Status: Active

Academic Level: Graduate

Type of proposal: Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Are you adding a concentration? No

Are you adding or modifying a track? No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study? No

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2020

College/School Code

- College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code

- Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

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In Workflow

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2. GRAD Dean Initial
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4. Registrar Initial
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6. NURS Chair
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Approval Path

1. 12/03/19 8:46 am
   Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei):
   Approved for EDUC Dean Initial

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2. 12/03/19 8:54 am  
   Pat Koski (pkoski): Approved for GRAD Dean Initial

3. 12/04/19 2:10 pm  
   Alice Griffin (agriffin): Approved for Director of Program Assessment and Review

4. 12/04/19 4:01 pm  
   Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza): Approved for Registrar Initial

5. 12/04/19 4:04 pm  
   Gary Gunderman (ggunderm): Approved for Institutional Research

6. 12/04/19 4:25 pm  
   Susan Patton (skpatton): Approved for NURS Chair

7. 12/04/19 6:12 pm  
   Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei): Approved for EDUC Curriculum Committee

8. 12/04/19 6:37 pm  
   Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei): Approved for EDUC Faculty
51.3801 - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse.

Program Title
Nursing, Master of Science

Program Delivery
Method
On Campus
Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?
No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?
No

History
1. May 16, 2016 by cmcneill
2. Sep 13, 2016 by Charlie Alison (calison)
3. May 23, 2019 by Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei)
What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 39-41

### On-line/Web-based Information

**Reason for offering**

Web-based Program

The target population for this degree is working professional nurses with competing demands. This population typifies the non-traditional student and the focus of the educational progression of working professionals. To increase access to education, we want to offer it on-line to increase enrollment of working professionals.

**Maximum Class Size for Web-based Courses**

25

**Course delivery mode**

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**Class interaction mode**

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**Percent Online**

100%

**Provide a List of Services Supplied by Consortia Partners or Outsources Organization**

N/A

**Estimate Costs of the Program over the First 3 Years**

+$80,060

**List Courses Taught by Adjunct Faculty**

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Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Program offered by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing expands on the philosophy of the undergraduate nursing program and contributes to the mission of the College of Education and Health Professions and the University of Arkansas. Graduates of the M.S.N. are prepared to contribute to the nursing profession through the application of knowledge and skills in leadership, education, and clinical practice. Completion of the M.S.N. program provides the foundation for academic progression to a research or practice-focused doctoral program.

Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program

Admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School (Requires a $60 non-refundable application fee)
Admission to the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing MSN program (requires a $40 application fee)

Completion of a nationally accredited professional degree program in nursing
A 3.0 cumulative GPA on the last 60 credit hours of attempted coursework in previous nursing program
Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse
Submission of official GRE scores taken within five years and indicating capacity for master’s level work
Submission of curriculum vitae or professional resume
Completion of candidate interview
Two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member and one from an employer
Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space available basis
Applicants who do not meet the above requirements may be referred to the Graduate Admissions Committee for special consideration and may be required to fulfill additional prerequisites.

Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School, students must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours, including the following courses:

- **NURS 5043** Concepts of Health Promotion Within Diverse Populations 3
- **NURS 5053** Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation in Nursing 3
- **NURS 5063** Health Care Policy 3
- **NURS 5403** Scholarly Writing 3
- **NURS 5523** Healthcare Informatics 3
- **NURS 5143** Advanced Pathophysiology 3
Are Similar Programs available in the area?

Yes

List institutions in Arkansas offering similar programs
UAMS -- MSN Nursing Administration ASU -- MSN in Adult Health: Nurse Administrator Arkansas Tech -- MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management

List institutions in the surrounding region offering similar programs
N/A

Why is the Program needed if offered at other institutions?
Other nursing programs in the state offer MSN preparation in Administration. UAMS has a program in this concentration, yet it has not significantly impacted the numbers of master’s prepared nurse leaders in Northwest Arkansas. Arkansas Tech has a MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management and Arkansas State University offers a MSN in Adult Health: Nursing Administrator. These programs are different in scope and focus compared to the proposed Nurse Executive Leadership concentration

Estimated Student Demand for Program 24
Scheduled Program 2021-2022
Review Date 2018

Program Goals and Objectives

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program offered by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing expands on the philosophy of the undergraduate nursing program and contributes to the mission of the College of Education and Health Professions and the University of Arkansas. This program is built upon the Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing to provide students with a fuller understanding of the discipline so they may engage in higher level nursing practice and nursing leadership in a variety of settings. Graduates of the MSN are prepared to contribute to the nursing profession through the application of knowledge and skills in evidence-based leadership, education, and clinical practice. Completion of the MSN program provides the foundation for academic progression to a research or practice-focused doctoral program.

Learning Outcomes

Promote evidence-based practice through problem identification and critique of research findings.
Collaborate in policy development, resource management, and cost-effective care delivery.
Apply legal/ethical principles to promote a values-based professional practice.
### Learning Outcomes

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<td>Affect healthcare outcomes through advanced roles of clinician, teacher, leader, researcher, and consultant.</td>
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<td>Apply theories from nursing and other disciplines in decision making.</td>
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<td>Advocate for access to quality health care for diverse populations.</td>
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<td>Collaborate with other disciplines to design, deliver, and evaluate health care services for diverse populations.</td>
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<td>Provide leadership in a variety of clinical and academic settings.</td>
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### Description and justification of the request

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<td>We combined NURS Educator Concentration CIM block with the NURS MS CIM block. That’s why the course table is all green. We just copied and pasted the information from the concentration CIM block to this page. The only two changes that are being proposed include: (1) Adding NURS 5112 and (2) Clarifying that students are required to complete 3 hours Thesis or 3 hours independent study - for a total of 39 hours.</td>
<td>(1) NURS 5112 is the Clinical Practicum for Advanced Health Assessment and is taken with NURS 5101. It was previously left out by accident. This change corrects it. (2) Keeping thesis or independent study hours at 3 credits ensures that the total number of hours required for the program for all students will be at 39 credit hours.</td>
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### Upload attachments

### Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/04/19 2:04 pm):** Removed headings of different sections within the program requirements with permission from the submitter.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/04/19 2:08 pm):** Rearranged paragraph regarding an independent study or master's thesis as a footnote, rather than an additional paragraph. College/School is encouraged to review it this formatting.

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/04/19 2:09 pm):** Changed Scheduled Program Review date based on correspondence with School Director.