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DATE: October 20, 2005

TO: **E. Yanarella**
Senate Council
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Dear Dr. Ernest Yanarella,

At its meeting on October 20, 2005 the Graduate Council voted to approve the proposal for New Certificate in Public Health Nursing program. The Council submits this recommendation for the consideration of the Senate.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannine Blackwell".

Jeannine Blackwell, Dean
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Cc: Rebecca Scott



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May 18, 2005

Jeannine Blackwell, Dean
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' with a flourish.

The Academic Council for the Medical Center at its meeting on May 17, 2005 voted to approve the proposal for Graduate Certificate in Public Health Nursing Program. The Council submits this recommendation for the consideration of the Graduate Council.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2005
TO: Dr. Jeannine Blackwell
Dean, Graduate School and
Chair, Medical Center Academic Council
FROM: Dr. Carolyn A. Williams *Carolyn A. Williams*
Dean, College of Nursing
SUBJECT: Application for Two Graduate Certificates in Public Health Nursing

The faculty of the College of Nursing have approved and submit for your approval a proposal for two Graduate Certificates in Public Health Nursing:

- i) Graduate Certificate in Public Health Nursing -- this proposal is for Masters of Science in Nursing degree students who are enrolled in a specialty track other than public health nursing, nursing students involved in the College of Public Health graduate programs, or post baccalaureate students in nursing. It will be 12 credits in length.
- ii) Graduate Certificate in Nursing Studies for Non-nursing College of Public Health Graduate Students – this proposal is to provide the opportunity for non-nurse College of Public Health graduate students to earn a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Studies through a specialty track focused on public health nursing. It will be 12 credits in length and is a collaborative effort between the College of Nursing and the College of Public Health.

Effective Date: Fall, 2005

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The primary purposes for these requests are to increase the supply of nurses who are prepared to work in public health and to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among public health workers.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

*Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Nursing Studies for
Non-nursing College of Public Health Graduate Students*

Purpose: This proposal is to provide the opportunity for non-nurse College of Public Health graduate students to earn a Graduate Certificate in Nursing Studies through a specialty track focused on public health nursing. It will be 12 credits in length and is a collaborative effort between the College of Nursing and the College of Public Health.

Background:

Public health professionals increasingly need knowledge of public health nursing in order to improve multidisciplinary collaboration and have a better understanding of the issues and needs of vulnerable populations in communities. Healthy People 2010 (USDHHS, 2000) addresses the need for a public health infrastructure to assure a public health workforce that has up-to-date knowledge, skills and abilities to deliver services effectively and carry out the core functions of public health. The document "The Public Health Workforce: An Agenda for the 21st Century" (USDHHS, 1997) called for building the capacity of the nation's public health workforce by offering efficient and effective educational opportunities which will assist the workforce in developing competencies in evaluation, health promotion, leadership, program management, data analysis and community organization. By developing interdisciplinary course options and areas of concentration between the College of Public Health and the College of Nursing, graduates will have an increased understanding of the different roles of their colleagues in public health; thereby, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the public health system.

Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Nursing Studies:

The Director of the Program shall be the Director of Graduate Studies in the Masters of Science in Nursing degree program, Dr. Julie Sebastian. Program administration shall be managed collaboratively with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Public Health, Dr. Linda Jouridine. Course enrollments will be managed and agreed upon by the Directors of Graduate Studies. This will allow for effective enrollment management in the courses.

Admission Requirements:

1. Enrollment in the Master's of Public Health (MPH) degree program or Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health (note: a prior degree in nursing is not an admission requirement)
2. A 3.0 or greater graduate GPA, or consent of the Director of Graduate Studies if a newly admitted or post baccalaureate student;

Progression Requirements:

1. Maintenance of a 3.0 graduate GPA.

Required Courses:

Students selecting the Graduate Certificate Program in Nursing Studies shall complete a minimum of 12 credit hours. Non-nursing public Health students enrolled in the courses will be required to fulfill a 1 credit hour practicum for each of the 3 nursing courses. The practicum will focus on the student's area of expertise (specialty). Students are expected to consult with their graduate faculty advisors in the College of Public Health when selecting the certificate program.

	<u>Didactic</u>	<u>Practicum</u>
Introduction to Epidemiology	3 cr.	
NUR 732 Adv. Practice Public Health Nursing: Assessment	2 cr.	1 cr.
NUR 733 Adv. Practice Public Health Nursing: Policy Development	2 cr.	1 cr.
NUR 734 Adv. Practice Public Health Nursing: Assurance	<u>2 cr.</u>	<u>1 cr.</u>
	9 cr.	3 cr. = 12

Program Completion:

Students will be certified by the Director of the Program once they have completed the 12 credit hour curriculum and achieved a 3.0 GPA or better over the 12 credit hours.

USDHHS (2000). Healthy People 2010 objectives: Office of Disease Prevention/Health Promotion. Washington, D.C.

USDHHS, PHS (1997). The Public Health Workforce: An Agenda for the 21st Century, Washington, D.C.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Public Health Nursing

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Background:

According to the most recent national data available only 18% of all nurses currently work in community/public health and only 11% of those hold advanced degrees. In Kentucky, the total community/public health nurse population represents only 3% of the total nurse work force. There is a shortage of prepared nurses who can meet the demands of the public health system. Kentucky is increasing its community focused care with an emphasis on revitalizing the public health focus and offering services related to the core functions of public health (Spears, 2003). The nursing role of the future in Kentucky calls for registered nurses who can provide leadership in implementing the core public health functions, who can work as peers in interdisciplinary teams, who can integrate clinical knowledge with knowledge of community resources, and who can plan for the management of care of aggregates along a continuum of care. This option will provide expanded organized learning opportunities for nurses earning or who wish to earn a Master's of Science in Nursing degree who are specializing in a clinical area (such as a clinical nursing specialty or a nurse practitioner specialty) but want to enhance their understanding of the field of public health. It will also be available for post bacc students who may want to explore study in public health nursing.

Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Health Administration:

The Director of the Program shall be the Director of Graduate Studies for the Masters of Science in Nursing degree program, Dr. Julie Sebastian. Course enrollments will be managed and agreed upon by the Director of Graduate Studies and course faculty. This will allow for effective enrollment management in the courses.

Admission Requirements:

1. Enrollment in the Master's of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing or enrollment as a post-baccalaureate student; or
2. Enrollment in the College of Public Health
3. A 3.0 or greater graduate GPA or consent of the Director of Graduate Studies if a newly admitted or post-baccalaureate student;
4. If a post baccalaureate student or a College of Public Health nursing student:
 - a. Immunization information
 - b. Copy of RN license.

Progression Requirements:

1. Maintenance of a 3.0 graduate GPA.

Required Courses:

Students selecting the Graduate Certificate Program in Public Health Nursing shall complete a minimum of 12 credit hours. Epidemiology will be a pre or co-requisite for NUR 732. For students enrolled in other specialty areas in the MSN program Epidemiology may serve as the student's elective in the primary track if approved by their graduate faculty advisor. Students are expected to consult with their graduate faculty advisors in the College of Nursing when selecting the elective course.

	<u>Didactic</u>	<u>Clinical</u>
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NUR 732 Adv. Practice Public Health Nursing: Assessment	2 cr.	1 cr.
NUR 733 Adv. Practice Public Health Nursing: Policy Development	2 cr.	1 cr.
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	9	3 = 12

For each of the nursing courses there will be a one credit hour clinical component.

Program Completion:

Students will be certified by the Director of the Program as having completed the certificate once they have completed the 12 credit hour curriculum and achieved a 3.0 GPA or better over the 12 credit hours.

Spears, E. (2003). Personal Communication, Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services Training Branch, Frankfort, KY.