

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist
Concentration in MS, post BS-DNP, and MS-DNP

Date: Feb 1, 2018

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: na

College: Nursing

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for
granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: September 2018

First degree date: December 2019

4. Intended location of the program

NA

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

The College of Nursing would like to change the existing concentration, Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist by eliminating the Clinical Nurse Specialist role content for the MS, BS-DNP and MS-DNP programs. Additionally, we wish to change the name of the concentration to align with the national certification exam that our graduates take upon completion. This would require a *name change* and result in a *3-credit reduction* in concentration requirements.

While this concentration has served us well, health care delivery has changed and so must nursing education. In 2010, URI added a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Both DNP and Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) education focus on educating students with knowledge and skills to work across system levels to transform health care. As numbers of DNPs increase and they enter the market, there is less need and decreased funding for employment of CNSs resulting in fewer preceptors in CNS roles and fewer employment opportunities for graduates.

In response to these changes, the faculty of the College of Nursing propose a change in the existing concentration to eliminate the CNS role. All other components of the Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner concentration will be retained. This will result in a

3-credit reduction in the overall curriculum plan by reducing the number of credits of Nur 590, *Directed Study/Practice in Advanced Clinical Nursing*, from 6 credits to 3 credits. This 3 credits of NUR 590 is currently used as a directed clinical experience in the Clinical Nurse Specialist role so will no longer be needed. The total concentration credits will now be equal to the Family Nurse Practitioner concentration.

Additionally, the name change from Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist to Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner is to align the name of the concentration with a change in the name of the national certification exam that graduates must take and the license they will earn to practice in this role. This name better reflects the role of this Nurse Practitioner in primary care.

We will continue to teach those Adult/Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist students still in the program with the existing curriculum until graduation.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.

In College of Nursing Graduate programs:

Specializations

For the M.S. and post master's certificate: education, and advanced practice nursing (including family and adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner concentrations and adult – gerontology ~~clinical nurse specialist~~ primary care nurse practitioner).

For the Post B.S. – D.N.P.: family and adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner , adult – gerontology ~~clinical nurse specialist~~ primary care nurse practitioner

Master of Science Program requirements

Program requirements include 42 credits for education, and 43 to ~~44~~ 46 credits for the nurse practitioner concentrations; Required core courses for all students (14 credits) are NUR 520, 651, 652, 660 and HDF 527; ~~28-30~~ 28 to 32 credits in the area of specialization. Required courses for education concentration (28 credits) are NUR 503, 535, 538, 539, 541, 542, 582 and 3 elective credits; Required courses for the family nurse practitioner concentration (29 credits) are NUR 503, 504, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 582, and 590; Required courses for the adult gerontology ~~clinical nurse specialist~~ primary care nurse practitioner ~~concentration (29 credits)~~ concentration (29 credits) are NUR 503, 508, 535, 561, 562, 563, 564, 582, and 590 ~~(6 credits)~~; Required courses for the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner concentration (30 credits) are NUR 503, 509, 535, 565, 566, 567, 568, 582, and 590. Additional requirements include a written comprehensive examination.

Post Master's Certificate Program Requirements

Program requirements

Program requirements include 12 credits for education; 18 to 21 credits for the nurse practitioner concentrations. Required courses for education include: NUR 538, 541, 590 and 3 credits of elective (at 400 level or above). Required courses for family nurse practitioner concentration include NUR 531, 532, 533, 534 and 590. Required courses for the adult/gerontology ~~clinical nurse specialist~~ primary care nurse practitioner are NUR 561, 562, 563, 564, 590 ~~(6 credits)~~. Required courses for the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner concentration are NUR 565, 566, 567, 568 and 590.

7. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley