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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 2021

College/School Code
      College of Education and Health Professions (EDUC)

Department Code
      Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (NURS)

Program Code   NURSMS

Degree   Master of Science

CIP Code

In Workflow

1. **EDUC Dean Initial**
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3. **Director of Program Assessment and Review**
4. **Registrar Initial**
5. **Institutional Research**
6. **NURS Chair**
7. **EDUC Curriculum Committee**
8. **EDUC Dean**
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10. **Provost Review**
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12. Graduate Committee
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3. May 23, 2019 by Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei)
4. May 14, 2020 by Ketevan Mamiseishvili (kmamisei)

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

What are the total hours needed to complete the program?   39

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   25
for Web-based
Courses

Course delivery

Method(s)
Online

mode

Class interaction

Method(s):
Electronic Bulletin Boards

mode

Percent Online
    100%

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization
    N/A

Estimate Costs of the   +$80,060
Program over the
First 3 Years

List Courses Taught
by Adjunct Faculty

Upload
Memorandum of
Understanding Forms
(if required)

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
NURS 5101	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	1
NURS 5112	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Clinical Practicum	2
NURS 5123	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 5073	Curriculum Design and Development in Nursing Education	3
NURS 5083	Methods of Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NURS 5093	Instructional Design and Delivery in Nursing Education	3
NURS 5343	Specialty Development I	3
NURS 579V	Independent Study 1	3

or NURS 600V   Master's Thesis

Total Hours   39

1**As an alternative to completing a thesis, students may elect the scholarly project option and are required to complete a 3-credit independent study. Students who intend to pursue doctoral preparation are strongly urged to select the thesis option. All candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) must successfully complete a comprehensive written exam.**

Progression Requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Degree

Students are responsible for meeting the standards of academic and professional performance specified by the graduate programs in nursing. In order to progress in the program, students must adhere to the following:

Grade requirements as outlined below

Policies of the University of Arkansas Graduate School are on the Objectives and Regulations page.

Clinical Practice Guidelines as outlined in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook in the Graduate Handbook.

Clinical Compliance Guidelines as outlined in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook also in the Graduate Handbook.

Maintenance of an unencumbered registered nurse license

Compliance with the nurse practice act(s) which regulate(s) the student's license(s)

Grade Requirements

A. A grade of "C" or lower may be earned in a nursing course only once.

B. A grade of "B" or better must be received upon repeat of the nursing course in order to progress in the program; courses may only be repeated once to achieve a grade of "B" or higher.

C. If a second "C" or lower is earned in a nursing course, the student will not be allowed to progress in the program, and will not be allowed to return to the program.

D. A student may only repeat a nursing course in which a "C" or lower has been received one time throughout the program. A student may only withdraw from a course one time.

E. Grades of "D" or "F" are not accepted for credit.

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   24
Demand for Program

Scheduled Program   2021-2022
Review Date

Program Goals and
Objectives

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

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

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Removal of the GRE requirement for admission.	All applicants to the program are registered nurses and have passed a standardized licensure test which indicates their ability to critically think and analyze solutions. The program has lost applicants because of the GRE stipulation due to many other programs not requiring it, making the program less competitive. Faculty do not feel that the GRE is a valid indicator of success in this program. Faculty are exploring other potential screening exams and will consider the addition of another screening exam if it is determined that it would add value to the admission process.

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Reviewer Comments

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