

MEMO

Date: November 15, 2012

To: Dr. Matthew Liao-Troth
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Through: Dr. Sandra Gangstead
Dean, College of Health Sciences

From: Dr. Martha Colvin *MC*
Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences

Cc: Judith Malachowski, Director: School of Nursing
Kelly Massey, Chair: COHS Curriculum Committee

Re: Request for Post-MSN Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner

On November 9, the College of Health Sciences Curriculum Committee unanimously approved the request for a Post-MSN Certificate for the Family Nurse Practitioner track. This request comes as a result of new requirements from the two certification agencies: American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP).

Prior to summer 2012, the ANCC and the AANPC have granted national certification to Georgia College students who successfully passed the national certification examination and had the appropriate post MSN course work on their transcripts. During Summer 2012, three GC students who had completed the required course work and successfully passed the examinations, were denied initial certification because their transcripts did not have the required "post master certificate" designation. The School of Nursing has addressed this issue with the agencies for these 3 students, but must find a permanent solution for the future. Between May 2013 and May 2014, failure to have this designation on the transcript will impact 5 students currently pursuing the post MSN option for the Family Nurse Practitioner program.

The School of Nursing has offered the MSN with a family nurse practitioner (FNP) focus since 1996. The first appearance in the GC graduate catalog for a post MSN option for the FNP was 2000.

“A post-MSN option is available for those seeking specialization as a Family Nurse Practitioner. An option is available for those seeking specialization in Healthcare Informatics who hold a master's degree in a health-related field. An individualized program of study will be developed on the basis of previous coursework completed.”
(<http://www.gcsu.edu/catalogarchive/GradCatalog/default.html>)

This request requires no additional faculty, funds, etc. and the School of Nursing will assume responsibility for all reporting required by federal agencies in relation to certificates.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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To: Dr. Sandra K. Gangstead, Dean, College of Health Sciences

From: Dr. Kelly P. Massey, COHS Curriculum Committee Chair

CC: Dr. Martha Colvin, Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences

Date: November 15, 2012


Re: Post-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

The College of Health Sciences Curriculum Committee met on November 9th 2012 to review and discuss the proposal to offer a post-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner certificate through the School of Nursing. Through a subsequent vote, the committee approved the proposal as written.

The approved proposal will be forwarded to the appropriate legislative body for further review.

November 9, 2012

TO: Kelly Massey
Chair, CoHS Curriculum Committee

FROM: Judy Malachowski 
Director, School of Nursing

RE: Certificate offering – Family Nurse Practitioner

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The School of Nursing Faculty Organization unanimously approved the proposal from the School of Nursing Graduate Committee to offer a post-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner certificate.

Attached are the program of study, the memo of approval from the SON Graduate Committee, and the USG guidelines for a certificate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

MEMO: Post-masters Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner Track

September 14, 2012

TO: Dr. Judith Malachowski Director School of Nursing

FROM: Dr. Deborah MacMillan, SON Graduate Committee Chair

The Graduate Committee recommends that the School of Nursing pursue a formal certificate for post-master's Family Nurse Practitioner track. This recommendation comes as a result of new requirements from the accrediting agencies American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP) that require that the official transcript reflect that a certificate in the population focus (Family Nurse Practitioner) was earned.



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CERTIFICATE NOTIFICATION FORM

Institution: Georgia College & State University

College/Division: College of Health Science (CoHS)

Department: School of Nursing (SON)

Name of Certificate: Post-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner

CIP Code: 513805

Certificate Acronym: CERM

(Note: CERO -- undergraduate certificates of less than 30 hours; CER1 – undergraduate certificates greater than 30 hours; CERG – post-bachelor's [graduate] certificates; CERM – post-master's certificates, CERP – post-first professional certificates).

Number of Credit Hours of Core Curriculum Courses:

Supporting core courses = 9 semester hours/45 clinical hours

NRSG 5480 Advanced Nursing Assessment/ Lab (2-3-3)

NRSG 6300 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology (3-0-3)

NRSG 5800 Applied Pharmacology (3-0-3)

Clinical Course = 22 semester hours/ 585 clinical hours

NRSG 7000 Primary Care of Adults I/Lab (2-6-4)

NRSG 7010 Primary Care of Adults II/Lab (2-6-4)

NRSG 7030 Primary Care of Women/Lab (2-6-4)

NRSG 7050 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents/Lab (2-6-4)

NRSG 7410 Primary Care Practicum/Lab (1-15-6)

Total Credit Hours for Certificate Completion: 31 semester hours/630 clinical hours

Start Date: December 8, 2012

Approved by: _____

Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

POST MSN FNP Curriculum

Total Hours: Course (31) Lab (630)

**CURRICULUM PLAN Full Time
POST MSN - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**

YEAR 1

Semester 1 (Summer)

NRSG 5480 Advanced Nursing Assessment /Lab (2-3-3)

Semester 2 (Fall)

NRSG 6300 Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology (3-0-3)

Semester 3 (Spring)

NRSG 5800 Applied Pharmacology ((3-0-3)

NRSG 7000 Primary Care of Adults I/Lab (2-6-4)

YEAR 2

Semester 4 (Summer)

NRSG 7010 Primary care of Adults II/Lab (2-6-4)

Semester 5 (Fall)

NRSG 7030 Primary Care of Women/Lab (2-6-4)

NRSG 7050 Primary Care of Children & Adolescents (2-6-4)

Semester 6 (Spring)

NRSG 7410 Primary Care Practicum/Lab (1-15-6)



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Certificate Guidelines

University System of Georgia institutions offer a variety of certificate programs. Many of these certificates are not associated with degrees, but are a prescribed program of study at the postsecondary educational level. The following guidelines are provided to assist institutions with the development of certificate programs.

- Certificates proposed and offered by an institution should be consistent with the mission of the institution.
- Certificates shall be consistent with degree programs offered by the institution.
- The institution offering the certificate will maintain enrollment and completion data as part of the students' record.
- Certificates should be greater than 9 hours, but no more than 59 semester-credit hours.
- Certificates require that students meet the admission requirements of the institution and that the courses offered will not exceed the level of courses offered by the institution (e.g., a two-year institution may not award a graduate certificate).

The definitions listed below describe types of certificate programs in the USG. These definitions are the same as those used in reporting data to the federal government. In the definitions, pre-baccalaureate (undergraduate), post-baccalaureate (graduate), post-master's, and post-first professional, refer to the level of courses in the curriculum, not the qualifications or background of the student.

- **Pre-Baccalaureate (Undergraduate) Certificates**
 - Fewer than 30 semester credit hours (less than one year). The degree acronym is CER0.
 - From 30 to 59 semester credit hours (at least one year, but less than two). The degree acronym is CER1.
- **Post-Baccalaureate (Graduate) Certificates**
 - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate – a certificate beyond the bachelor's degree that does not meet the requirements for a master's degree. The degree acronym is CERG.
 - Post-Master's Certificate – a certificate beyond the master's degree that does not meet the requirements for a doctoral degree. The degree acronym is CERM.
 - Post-First Professional Certificate – a certificate beyond the first professional degree. The degree acronym is CERP.

For additional information please see [Section 2.3.8 in the Academic Affairs Handbook](#).