THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

February 9, 2015

Dr. Belle Wheelan
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RE: Substantive Change Notification

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please consider this letter notification from the University of Tennessee of a substantive change per the guidelines as stated in the Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions of the Commission on Colleges - Policy Statement and Procedures document.

I. Closure of Graduate Certificate Programs in Global Disaster Nursing and Global Disaster Studies.

At the January 29, 2015 meeting of the Graduate Council, the proposal to close 1) the Graduate Certificate in Global Disaster Nursing; and 2) Graduate Certificate Global Disaster Studies was approved. This closure goes into effect with the Fall Semester, 2015. Faculty Senate approved the closure on February 2, 2015.

We will be closing the Global Disaster Nursing Graduate Certificate program following completion of course work by current cohort in spring semester 2015. Currently there are four students enrolled in the certificate program. All students were notified that the program was closing and all necessary courses required to complete the program are being offered for the last time in spring 2015 semester.

There are currently no students enrolled in the interdisciplinary Global Disaster Studies Graduate Certificate program.

Program closure is due to low enrollment (2-4 per year) in both graduate certificate programs, the faculty with expertise is retiring in January 2015, and Health Resources and Services Administration (US Department of Health and Human Services) grant funding ends in May 2015. We currently have 1.5 FTE faculty dedicated to teaching the remainder of the curriculum during spring semester 2015.

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The following courses will be dropped from the catalog inventory of classes:

- NURS 532 - Global Health and Security Threats
- NURS 533 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies I
- NURS 534 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies II
- NURS 535 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies III
- NURS 536 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies IV
- NURS 537 - Global Issues in Health Care Delivery During Disaster
- NURS 592 Nursing Administration: Macroanalysis (2)

These changes will go into effect with the 2015-2016 academic year (first day of classes is August 19, 2015)

Sincerely,

Original signed

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Associate Vice Provost for Accreditation and SACS COC Liaison

C: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor
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Attachments:
1. Text to be Removed from the 2015-2016 Graduate Catalog
2. Pages from the January 29, 2015 Agenda of the Graduate Council

Text to be Removed from the 2015-2016 Graduate Catalog

Global Disaster Nursing Graduate Certificate

The College of Nursing offers certificates for nurses who need additional training. A master's degree in nursing is required for admission.

The total hours will vary depending on the student's academic record, clinical experience, and objectives. Students must complete a minimum of 12 hours. Most students complete 16-20 hours of course credit with the exception of those pursuing certificates in global disaster nursing, nurse anesthesia, or women and children: neonatal, where additional hours are required. The nurse anesthesia certificate program requires students who have completed the master's degree in nursing within the preceding five years to complete 60-70 hours of course credit. Contact the MSN chair for more information.

Requirements

Course requirements are NURS 532, NURS 533, NURS 535, NURS 536, NURS 537, NURS 592, epidemiology, one related elective, plus additional hours as determined by the college.

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The interdisciplinary graduate certificate in global disaster studies is available to those who seek to gain specialized knowledge and skills related to the prevention and management of catastrophic incidents or large scale public health emergencies that result in mass casualties, whether the cause is naturally

occurring, accidental, or terrorism. Admission to the certificate program is selective and requires either admission to the University of Tennessee graduate degree seeking program or an earned master's degree in any relevant field, as well as relevant work experience. A degree in nursing is not required.

Requirements

The certificate program is composed of 24 hours: NURS 532 (3), NURS 533 (5), NURS 534 (5), NURS 537 (3), NURS 592 (2), graduate-level epidemiology (3 hours), and an approved elective (3 hours).

Courses to be Dropped from the 2015-2016 Graduate Catalog

NURS 532 - Global Health and Security Threats

3 Credit Hours

Foundation course providing an in-depth and multi-perspective survey of disasters and other threats to global security and public health. Exploration of the phenomena of mass casualties and global health and security threats in modern society.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 533 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies I

4 Credit Hours

Advanced planning and leadership in response to human–made and natural disasters, as well as mass casualties related to terrorism or breach of global health and security.

Contact Hour Distribution: 2 hours lecture and 2 hours clinical.

(RE) Corequisite(s): 532.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 534 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies II

4 Credit Hours

Continuation of Global Disaster Nursing/Studies I, providing emphasis on disaster incident management in global perspective, including ethical issues, and the impact of culture, vulnerability, and psychology on the human response to terrorism, disaster, mass casualty events, and large population emergencies.

Contact Hour Distribution: 2 hours lecture and 2 hours clinical.

(RE) Prerequisite(s): 533.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 535 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies III

5 Credit Hours

Application of advanced practice knowledge and skills to assess and respond to mass casualty and global health and security disasters of any type, including infectious diseases, toxic exposures, natural or human-made events; to mobilize available resources; support integration of local response into broader national and international response; and effectively use communication within emergency response systems.

Contact Hour Distribution: 2 hours lecture and 3 hours clinical.

(RE) Prerequisite(s): 534.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 536 - Global Disaster Nursing/Studies IV

8 Credit Hours

Advanced core concepts applied to those affected by specific types of global health and security disasters, including natural or human-made events, infectious diseases, toxic exposures, mass casualty events or large population emergencies, all in global context.

Contact Hour Distribution: 2 didactic and 6 practicum/field supervision.

(RE) Prerequisite(s): 535.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Master of Science in Nursing - nursing major. Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 537 - Global Issues in Health Care Delivery During Disaster

3 Credit Hours

Examination of topics relevant to health care delivery and international humanitarian assistance in disaster, mass casualty events, and large population emergencies. Topics include ethics; international human rights; interface of culture, politics, and religion; psychological impact on survivors, aid workers, and health professionals; vulnerable populations.

(RE) Prerequisite(s): 507 and 510 and 532 and 533.

Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.

Registration Restriction(s): Master of Science in Nursing - nursing major. Minimum student level – graduate.

NURS 592 - Nursing Administration: Macroanalysis

2 Credit Hours

Exploration, analysis, and application of selected organizational, management, and leadership theories and financial principles to delivery of global disaster nursing services. Structure, functions, organization, behaviors, and adaptive processes of health care organizations.

(RE) Prerequisite(s): 510.
(RE) Corequisite(s): 533.
Comment(s): This course is for students in the Global Disaster Nursing concentration only.
Credit Level Restriction: Graduate credit only.
Registration Restriction(s): Master of Science in Nursing - nursing major. Minimum student level – graduate.

Formerly: Application of advanced health/physical assessment and diagnostic reasoning in nursing management and primary care and of individuals and their families with actual and potential acute health problems; clinical experience in role of family nurse practitioner in variety of settings.

NURS 571 Family Nurse Practitioner II (3) Emphasizes increasingly advanced nursing competencies in the primary care of individuals and their families in all developmental stages.

Formerly: Continuation of 570. Emphasizes increasing advanced nursing competencies in the management and primary care of individuals and their families in all developmental life stages.

NURS 578 Technology in Health Professions Education (3) Exploration and analyses of instructional technology and health information systems that enhance learning.

Formerly: Exploration and analyses of instructional technology and health information systems that enhance learning as applied to instruction of collegiate nursing students, staff development, and patient education.

NURS 579 – Epidemiology for Clinical Practice (3) Introduction of basic principles of epidemiology with special emphasis given to clinical practice applications.

Formerly: The basic principles of epidemiology will be introduced in this course with special emphasis given to clinical practice applications. Topics include a general overview of epidemiology, historical perspectives, epidemiology measures, surveillance, study design, and clinical decision making. Course is designed to equip students with the essential tools of epidemiology to use in practice.

Rationale: In preparation for Commission of Colleges or Nursing Education accreditation review scheduled for March 2015 and Academic Program Review, the program curriculum was reviewed and revised to reflect current standards, specifically *Essentials of Master's Education for Advanced Practice Nursing*. To reflect how program curriculum builds on baccalaureate education. Program outcomes were revised as student learning outcomes which reflected CCNE language. Impact on other units: None. Financial Impact: None.

NURS 622 - Methods for Translational Research (3) Provide students with methods and tools for the evaluation of existing evidence and testing application of interventions.

Formerly: Provide students with methods and tools for evaluating the strength of existing evidence through meta-synthesis and meta-analysis and testing application of interventions.

Rationale: Meta-synthesis/analysis are not expected outcomes in this course. Supports DNP SLO #1, 4, 6. Impact on other units: None Financial Impact: None.

II.PROGRAM CHANGES

❖ **DROP CONCENTRATION – NURSING MAJOR, MSN**

Global Disaster Nursing

❖ **DROP TWO CERTIFICATES**

Global Disaster Nursing Graduate Certificate
Global Disaster Studies Graduate Certificate

REVISE REQUIREMENTS – NURSING MAJOR, MSN

In the 2014-15 Graduate Catalog under the heading "Concentration (choose one) make the following revisions:

Concentration (choose one)	Hours/Credit
NURS 574, NURS 575, NURS 576 Adult Health Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist	15
NURS 529, NURS 538, NURS 539 Adult Health: Gerontology	13
NURS 544, NURS 545, NURS 546, NURS 547, NURS 548, NURS 549 Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar I, II, III, IV, V, VI	40
NURS 550, NURS 551, NURS 527, NURS 528, NURS 562, NURS 563 Nursing of Women and Children: Child Health	20
NURS 550, NURS 551, Nursing of Women and Children: Neonatal Health	4
NURS 560, NURS 561, NURS 519 Mental Health Nursing I, II	16
NURS 570, NURS 571, NURS 572, NURS 573 Family Nurse Practitioner I, II, III	19
NURS 590, NURS 591 Nursing Administration: Macro/Micro Analysis	12

Formerly:
NURS 574, NURS 575, NURS 576 Adult Health Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist 15
NURS 529, NURS 538, NURS 539 Adult Health: Gerontology 13
NURS 544, NURS 545, NURS 546, NURS 547, NURS 548, NURS 549 Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum/Sem I, II, III, IV, V, VI 40
~~NURS 532, NURS 533, NURS 534, NURS 535, NURS 536, NURS 537 Global Disaster: Advanced Practice 27~~
~~NURS 532, NURS 533, NURS 534, NURS 537 Global Disaster: Management 14~~
~~NURS 550, NURS 551, NURS 553, NURS 554, NURS 555, NURS 556 Nursing of Women and Children: Women's Health 20~~
NURS 550, NURS 551, NURS 527, NURS 528, NURS 562, NURS 563 Nursing of Women and Children: Child Health 20
NURS 550, NURS 551, Nursing of Women and Children: Neonatal Health 4
NURS 560, NURS 561, NURS 519 Mental Health Nursing I, II 16
NURS 570, NURS 571, NURS 572, NURS 573 Family Nurse Practitioner I, II, III 19
NURS 590, NURS 591 Nursing Administration: Macro/Micro Analysis 12

Rationale: MSN concentration of Global Disaster Nursing as well as 2 certificate programs discontinued with the end of federal funding in May 2015 and the retirement of lead faculty. Decision further influenced by minimal number of enrollees. All students currently enrolled in certificate program will complete course work in spring 2015. Impact on other units: None. Financial impact: None.

In the 2014-15 Graduate Catalog under the heading "Program Requirements" make the following revisions:

Program Core Requirements 6
NURS 507 - Concepts for Advanced Practice Nursing: Health Promotion and Health Policy 3
NURS 510 - Theoretical Foundations of Nursing 3

Formerly:
Program Core Requirements 7
NURS 507 - Concepts for Advanced Practice Nursing: Health Promotion and Health Policy 4
NURS 510 - Theoretical Foundations of Nursing 3

Rationale: To reflect changes in credit hours for course.

- **ADD CONCENTRATION –NURSING MAJOR, DNP**

  Nursing Administration concentration

REVISE REQUIREMENTS – NURSING MAJOR, DNP

In the 2015-2016 *Graduate Catalog* revise to add the concentration name and requirements for BSN to DNP:

Requirements for Nursing Administration concentration
NURS 501 – Nursing Research 3
NURS 590 – Nursing Administration: Macroanalysis 6
NURS 591 – Nursing Administration: Microanalysis 6
Total hours 15

Supports DNP SLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Rationale: The College of Nursing offers the BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice program (DNP), designed for BSN graduates who are interested in earning a clinical doctoral degree in nursing. Impact on other units: None. Financial impact: None.