

TO: IPFW Senate  
FROM: Maneesh Sharma, University Graduate Subcommittee  
DATE: April 23, 2015  
SUBJECT: Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Graduate Subcommittee supports the proposal for concentration in FNP, and finds that the proposal requires no Senate review.

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**Request for a Concentration**

Heads of graduate programs may request that one or more concentration(s) be established within their majors, to allow a specialized area of graduate study to be reflected on a student's final transcript.

Graduate Program (Major) Nursing Major Code NURS

Title of Concentration Family Nurse Practitioner

Effective Session:  Fall  Spring  Summer Academic year: 2015 - 2016

Degrees to which this concentration applies:

Master of Science  
 Master of Arts  
 Doctor of Philosophy  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Campus(s) at which this concentration applies:

Calumet  
 Fort Wayne  
 Indianapolis  
 North Central  
 West Lafayette

**I. Mission of the proposed Concentration:**

The proposed concentration is designed to prepare students in family health nursing to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing as Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs).

**Need for the concentration:**

Because of the compelling data regarding health disparities and poor health outcomes for children and families, there is a great need for family nurse practitioners (FNP) in Indiana. Nurse practitioners are well qualified to address the health care needs of families. Current data from a recent needs assessment of undergraduate nursing students in the Northeast Indiana area shows that, of students considering advanced practice nursing, an overwhelming majority desire to become family nurse practitioners.

**Target Audience(s) and relationship to M.S. with a Major in Nursing:**

Baccalaureate Nursing Graduates who wish to become certified as family nurse practitioners will be enrolled in the M.S. foundational courses along with the pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) students and the adult/gerontology nurse practitioner (AGNP) students. The FNP concentration builds on the existing M.S. in Nursing program at the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and Purdue West Lafayette campuses. All of the M.S. in Nursing students will complete the same courses for the first three semesters (Fall, Spring, and Summer session I). Beginning with the Summer session II semester, the students will be enrolled in courses unique to their respective concentrations (PNP, AGNP or FNP).

**II. Focus of the Professional Program**

The focus of the proposed concentration is to prepare registered nurses to deliver primary healthcare to persons of all ages, from infancy through old age. Persons successfully completing the FNP concentration of the M.S. in Nursing program at IPFW will be eligible for state licensure as family nurse practitioners. FNP concentration graduates will be prepared to sit

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for the family nurse practitioner national certification exam. This certification is required for reimbursement from 3<sup>rd</sup> party payers and therefore is required by most organizations that employ family nurse practitioners.

**III. Participating Purdue Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Faculty in the Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration are as follows:**

Participating Faculty Name	Rank	Departmental Affiliation
Deb Poling Ph.D. RN, FNP-BC, CNE	Assistant Professor and Graduate Director	Nursing
Linda Finke, Ph.D., RN	Professor	Nursing
Heather Krull, DNP, RN	Clinical Assistant Professor	Nursing
Deb Baresic, WHNP, RN	Clinical Assistant Professor	Nursing
Connie Cole, DNP, RN, NP-C	Clinical Assistant Professor	Nursing
Carol Crosby, DNP, RN	Clinical Assistant Professor	Nursing
Lee-Ellen C Kirkhorn, Ph.D., RN	Professor and Chair	Nursing

**IV. Expected Number of Students: 10- 20**

**V. Core Courses**

**Graduate Nursing Core (12 Credits)**

NUR 52100	Theoretical Constructs in Nursing	3 Credits
NUR 55500	Health Disparities: Care of Vulnerable Populations	3 Credits
NUR 52300	Research and Evidence-based Nursing Practice	3 Credits
NUR 52500	Nursing Informatics	3 Credits

**Advanced Practice Nursing Core (19 credits)**

NUR 50200	Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Practice Nursing	3 Credits
NUR 50300	Advanced Health Assessment	3 Credits
NUR 50700	Physiological Concepts for Advanced Practice Nursing	4 Credits
NUR 51100	Health Promotion for Advanced Practice in Nursing	3 Credits
NUR 51300	Health Promotion for Special Populations	3 Credits
NUR 56800	The Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in Practice Management	3 Credits

**Master's Specialty Courses**

**Adult Gerontology Primary Nurse Practitioner Specialty  
(15 credits)**

NUR 53200	Acute Illness: Adult Health Practice	3 Credits
NUR 53300	Acute Illness: Adult Health Preceptorship	3 Credits



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NUR 54200	Chronic Illness and Commonly Recurring Conditions: Adult Health Practice	3 Credits
NUR 54300	Chronic Illness and Commonly Recurring Conditions: Adult Health Preceptorship	3 Credits
NUR 68200	Synthesis and Application	3 Credits

**Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty  
(15 credits)**

NUR 51600	Clinical Applications in Pharmacotherapeutics ( <b>new course</b> )	1 Credit
NUR 61100	Primary Care of the Young Family (course already offered at Purdue Calumet)	3 Credits
NUR 61500	Primary Care of the Young Family Preceptorship* ( <b>new course</b> )	3 Credits
NUR 62200	Primary Care of the Aging Family (course already offered at Purdue Calumet)	3 Credits
NUR 62700	Primary Care of the Aging Family Preceptorship ( <b>new course</b> )	3 Credits
NUR 63100	FNP Preceptorship Clinical Synthesis ( <b>new course</b> )	2 Credits

\* Note of explanation on the FNP preceptorship courses: Purdue Calumet has a "Primary Care of the Young Family" clinical course and a "Primary Care of the Aging Family" clinical course. However, the courses at Purdue Calumet are not consistent with the curricula of the current West Lafayette and IPFW Nurse Practitioner concentrations. Therefore, new courses were developed for the FNP concentration to be offered at these locations. The rationales for the need to develop new courses for the clinical component of the concentration are as follows:

1) The course descriptions of the FNP Practicum offered at Calumet are very different from the course descriptions of our Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) clinical courses. In order to maintain consistency in our Nurse Practitioner programs, a course description was developed that aligned with the course descriptions of our other Nurse Practitioner clinical courses.

2) The clinical hours required in the new course "Primary Care of the Young Family Preceptorship" are different than those required for the "Primary Care of the Young Family Practicum at Purdue Calumet. The number of pediatric hours is the same (90 hours). The number of required women's health hours has been decreased (from 90 to 60) because the courses in the advanced practice nursing core (NUR 50300) and in the foundational masters specialty courses (NUR 51100 and NUR 51300) at the West Lafayette and IPFW locations already contain content on women's health. Each of these courses has a clinical component. The purpose of the women's health hours in the new course is to allow for clinical experience caring for pregnant women (not part of the AGNP or PNP content).

3) The clinical hours for the new "Primary Care of the Aging Family Preceptorship" are 210 which is an increase over the 180 hours required at Purdue Calumet. The 210 clinical hours align with the "Chronic Illness" practicums in the other IPFW and West Lafayette nurse practitioner programs. The faculty at the IPFW and West Lafayette campus believe that our students will benefit from this increase in clinical hours.

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4) Since the "Primary Care of the Young Family" and "Primary Care of the Aging Family" didactic courses were unlike any of our current NP programs at either West Lafayette or IPFW, it was decided to use Calumet's current courses and keep as much continuity as possible between the different Purdue Campuses. These courses are already approved to be taught at the West Lafayette and IPFW locations and the head of the Calumet School of Nursing program has stated in the e-mail that she will not oppose the use of these classes at IPFW.

**VI Learning Outcomes (need to insert learning outcomes)**

Upon successful completion of the MS, the graduate will be able to:

1. Lead in the vision, development, implementation, and evaluation of care delivery approaches that ensure ethical stewardship, accountability, quality, and patient safety.
2. Apply advanced clinical judgment and accountability in the evaluation of evidence based care for individuals, families and populations.
3. Integrate, evaluate, and apply new knowledge and technology within the nursing domain and area of specialization.
4. Serve as a leader in the development, implementation, and evaluation of health care policy to advance the nursing profession and to advocate for social justice, equity and ethical policies in all aspects of healthcare.
5. Provide leadership in collaborative efforts among health professionals and with clients and community partners.
6. Demonstrate mastery of professional competencies leading to certification within a practice specialty.

Recommended by:

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of the Graduate Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate School Dean (West Lafayette)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Dean

Concentration Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be assigned by the Office of the Registrar if this request is for a new concentration)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Authorizing Signature (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact person (& e-mail address) for questions regarding form

Please submit this form to the Graduate School, PWL. An approved copy will be returned to the department and academic college/school at the campus recommending the request.





COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TO: Steve Sarratore  
Associate Vice Chancellor – Academic Programs

FROM: Ann Obergfell  
Dean – College of Health and Human Services

RE: Proposal for concentration and new courses in Graduate Nursing

DATE: December 11, 2014

The Nursing Department in conjunction with Purdue West Lafayette are proposing the addition of a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration in the graduate nursing program.

The College curriculum Committee met on December 5, 2014 and supported the concentration and new courses with a few corrections to the submission materials. Those changes were submitted and I concur with the curriculum committee and fully support the addition of this concentration in the graduate nursing program.

**IPFW**  
**College of Health and Human Services**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**12/05/14 10:30pm Neff130**

Members Present: Pat Eber, Cheri Duncan, Linda Lolkus, Deb Poling

Guest in Attendance: Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn

Members Absent: Brenda Valliere

- Meeting called to order at 10:30am
- **Graduate Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration**
  - The committee voted to support the proposal for the addition of the FNP concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing Program at IPFW
  - The committee offered some recommendations to help with clarification of information presented in the proposal
- **Graduate Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration - Proposed new courses**
  - The committee voted to support the addition of the following Nursing Graduate courses with the recommendation that the forms be revised as outlined during the review, and that the information submitted on all documents (Form 40s, Supporting Document for a New Graduate Course forms, & Syllabi) be reviewed and modified for consistency and clarity:
    - **NUR 51600** – Clinical Applications in Pharmacology Family Nurse Practitioner
    - **NUR 61500** - Primary Care of the Young Family Preceptorship
    - **NUR 62700** – Primary Care of the Aging Family Preceptorship
    - **NUR 63100** – FNP Preceptorship Clinical Synthesis
- The committee determined that any documents requiring review in January would be discussed and voting would take place via e-mail if possible; Spring meetings have tentatively been scheduled to take place on the first Monday of each month at noon beginning in February.
- Meeting adjourned 11:30am

Next Meeting – Tentative Date: February 2 at 12:00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheri Duncan

Memo

To: Dean Obergfell

From: Dr Deb Poling

Date: Dec 8, 2014

RE: FNP Concentration

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Please see attached documents: form 40's, syllabi, and Graduate School Form 25.