MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Program Committee

FROM: Susan K. Chase

RE: Graduate Program Course Changes

DATE: March 20, 2009

The Nurse Practitioner Programs are making several changes in course sequence and revising one of its tracks.

First, we are reformatting the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program by canceling most of the separate concentration courses for the track and bringing the Gerontology Students into the common NP framework. For example, we will no longer offer Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment with Older Adults, but will have all NP students including the Gerontology Students take Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment. The specialty Gerontology content will be presented in a two new culminating courses presented for new course approval.

Second, we are changing the course sequence so that common courses for all NP programs are taken first, and specialty courses are last. This changes Pre-requisites to be listed in the catalog and changes course credits to reflect that 240 practice hours will be required for the final specialty course and 180 hours will be required for the common courses that precede them. Course change forms are attached along with syllabi for courses that have changes in credit hours.

The proposed new catalog grids are listed below:

**Adult Nurse Practitioner (43 credits)**

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| **Graduate Core Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring | NGR 6110 | 3 |
| Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing | NGR 6811 | 3 |
| Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice | NGR 6812 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Practice: Roles, Policy and Finance  | NGR 6891 | 3 |
| **Cognate Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment | NGR 6002 | 2 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Health Assessment+  | NGR 6002L | 1 |
| Advanced Pathophysiology | NGR 6141  | 3 |
| Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics | NGR 6172 | 3 |
| Perspectives of Aging  | NGR 6251 | 3 |
| **Concentration Courses (19 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Foundations of Primary Care | NGR 6200 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Foundations of Primary Care\* | NGR 6200L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Comprehensive Primary Care | NGR 6605 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Comprehensive Primary Care\* | NGR 6605L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of Adults with Complex, Specialized Health Needs  | NGR 6233  | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Care of Adults with Complex, Specialized Health Needs\*\*  | NGR 6233L  | 4 |

+ Requires 60 hours of clinical experience in skills lab and in community.
\* Requires 180 hours of clinical practical experience.
\*\* Requires 240 hours of clinical practical experience.
**Note:** Complete background check required.

**Family Nurse Practitioner (43 credits)**

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| **Graduate Core Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring | NGR 6110 | 3 |
| Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing | NGR 6811 | 3 |
| Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice | NGR 6812 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Practice: Roles, Policy and Finance  | NGR 6891 | 3 |
| **Cognate Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment | NGR 6002 | 2 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Health Assessment+  | NGR 6002L | 1 |
| Advanced Pathophysiology  | NGR 6141 | 3 |
| Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics | NGR 6172 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of the Family Across the Lifespan | NGR 6611 | 3 |
| **Concentration Courses (19 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Foundations of Primary Care | NGR 6200  | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Foundations of Primary Care\* | NGR 6200L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Comprehensive Primary Care | NGR 6605 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Comprehensive Primary Care\* | NGR 6605L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of the Childbearing/ Childrearing Family | NGR 6634 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Care of the Childbearing/Childrearing Family\*\* | NGR 6634L | 4 |

+ Requires 60 hours of clinical experience in skills lab and in community.
\* Requires 180 hours of clinical practical experience.
\*\* Requires 240 hours of clinical practical experience.

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**Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (43 credits)**

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| **Graduate Core Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring | NGR 6110 | 3 |
| Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing | NGR 6811 | 3 |
| Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice | NGR 6812 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Practice: Roles, Policy and Finance  | NGR 6891 | 3 |
| **Cognate Courses (12 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Health Assessment | NGR 6002 | 2 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Health Assessment+  | NGR 6002L | 1 |
| Advanced Pathophysiology | NGR 6141  | 3 |
| Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics | NGR 6172 | 3 |
| Perspectives of Aging  | NGR 6251 | 3 |
| **Concentration Courses (19 credits)** |   |   |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Foundations of Primary Care | NGR 6200 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Foundations of Primary Care\* | NGR 6200L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Comprehensive Primary Care | NGR 6605 | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Comprehensive Primary Care\* | NGR 6605L | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations: Care of Older Adults with Complex, Specialized Health Needs  | NGR XXXX | 3 |
| Advanced Nursing Situations in Practice: Care of Older Adults with Complex, Specialized Health Needs \*\* | NGR XXXL  | 4 |

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