

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: New Master of Science in Nursing program

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to offer a new Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduate program, School of Nursing, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus

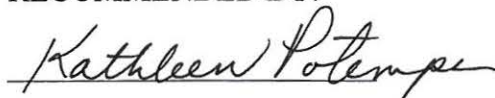
The School of Nursing proposes the establishment of a new graduate program, the "Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)."

The program has been designed in accordance with national standards and criteria established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The MSN will be a pathway to the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP). In professional and clinical settings, the DNP is now key preparation for national certification and licensure. The School of Nursing recently mapped and approved the curriculum necessary to accept post baccalaureate degree students into our DNP program. The MSN will be a step on that path as a fully aligned exit/entry point for the professional pathway.

The Master of Science in Nursing has been structured to award a professional degree. In keeping with University of Michigan policy, this will be a non-Rackham degree and will be run, managed, and awarded by the School of Nursing. The Master of Science in Nursing program is a practice-focused degree program designed as an exit degree on the path to the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP), approved by the Regents of the University of Michigan in June 2010. This degree will be a step on the path to preparing expert nurse clinicians and executive leaders for the highest level of practice to improve health and health care outcomes. The curriculum is 36-37 credit hours and is designed for nurses who already hold a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

The proposed graduate program and the curriculum have received approval by the governing faculty in the School of Nursing. We request that the Board of Regents approve the offering of the new Masters of Science in Nursing program. Pending approval, the target date for enrollment is Fall 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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