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TO: CoHS Curriculum Committee
FROM: Deborah MacMillan, Interim Director School of Nursing
RE: Name change for current CIP code 51.3803: Adult Health Nurse/Nursing
An information item
C: Dr. Sandra Gangstead
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I concur with the proposed name change for the old Adult Health Nurse/Nursing in the MSN program. The major of Nursing Education under our MSN degree is more appropriate, and will enhance the visibility for our fine program.
Dr. Sandra K. Gangstead,
Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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The School of Nursing (SON) is requesting a name change for current CIP code 51.3803: Adult Health Nurse/Nursing, as listed on the Board of Regents web site.

The code name is at least seven years old and was designed to encompass both the nurse educator role and the clinical nurse specialist role. The last student graduated under the adult health/nurse educator role in December 2011; under the adult health/clinical nurse specialist role in May 2011.

This past year, the SON updated the nurse educator curriculum. The MSN with a major in nursing education now is designed to prepare nurses for educational roles in both clinical and academic settings. Clinical agencies are requesting graduate work for their nurse leaders and managers in the area of staff education. Because of the strong focus on evidence-based clinical practice, the program will serve as a path to doctoral study in nursing. Based on the input of our communities of interest and the professional guidelines for master's education in nursing, the MSN with a major in nursing education includes (a) a strong foundation in physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology; and (b) didactic and applied content in nursing and educational theory, technology in health care and education, and current trends and issues in nursing to include patient safety initiatives.

The revised curriculum no longer fits as a focus under "Adult Health," but rather as a major under the Master of Science in Nursing degree.

In line with our other MSN major (family nurse practitioner), the nursing education major is offered as an online program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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