



SACRAMENTO STATE

NRS 09-10#2B

# Program Proposal Form B

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<b>Academic Group (College):</b> Health and Human Services	<b>Date of Submission to College Dean:</b> September 29, 2009
<b>Academic Organization (Department):</b> Nursing	<b>Requested Effective:</b> Fall <u>X</u> , Spring __, 2010.
<b>Department Chair:</b> Ann Stoltz	<b>Contact if not Department Chair:</b>
<b>Title of the Program (Please be specific; indicate minor, undergraduate or graduate degree, etc.):</b> Master of Science in Nursing	

**Type of Program Proposal:**

**Modification in Existing Program:**

- Substantive Change
- Non-Substantive Change
- Deletion of Existing Program

**New Programs**

- Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
- New Degree Programs
  - Regular Process
  - Fast Track Process
  - Pilot Process
- New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
- New Certificate Program

**PLEASE NOTE:** Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at <http://www.csus.edu/manual/acad.htm>

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

**The Division of Nursing is requesting the elimination of the statistics requirement for graduation/acceptance to the graduate program in nursing. The curriculum was revised last academic year to meet the Essentials for Graduate Education in Nursing as adopted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the accrediting body, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. These revisions included a shift to evidence-based practice rather than research. The default culminating experience was moved to a comprehensive examination in lieu of a thesis. These changes support the removal of statistics as graduation/acceptance criteria to the program.**

**Approvals:**

Department Chair: Ann D. Stoltz Date: 10-26-09

College Dean: [Signature] Date: 10/27/09

University Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Vice President and Dean  
for Academic Affairs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Current Program

#### *Admission Requirements*

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing, applicants must:

- have a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a National League for Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited institution or its equivalent, OR a baccalaureate degree in a discipline related to nursing. Students with a BA or BS degree in non-nursing areas must meet baccalaureate competencies in research, leadership and management, and community health before progressing in the graduate program. Competency may be verified through course work, testing or experience; be eligible for Public Health Certification in California;
- have a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 units of undergraduate nursing course work;
- have an overall GPA of 3.0 (If one or both of the above GPA requirements are unmet, the student may apply for conditional classification and demonstrate academic ability by enrolling in, and successfully passing with a "B" or better, NURS 211 and NURS 212);
- complete the Graduate Record Examination before the application deadline;
- possess a current RN license in California;
- satisfactorily complete an Introduction to Nursing Research course or equivalent. Students may enroll in the undergraduate research course, NURS 150, through concurrent enrollment to meet the admission requirements; and
- submit a statement of purpose that outlines the goals and objectives for the pursuit of graduate study.

**Statistics is required for graduation from the program. An introductory course (e.g., STAT 1 or SWRK 110) within the past seven years may be taken before admission or after admission but before NURS 210B.**

### Proposed Program

#### *Admission Requirements*

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing, applicants must:

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