Request to Add/Change A Graduate Certificate

Name of Certificate: ___Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education___ Date of Request: 9/14/09___

Dept. Making Request: __School of Nursing_________ Implementation Date:  Fall 2010________

Dept. Responsible for Certificate Coordination (if different than originating unit): __________

Designated Certificate Coordinator: __Anita C. All_______ E-Mail: __aca0001@auburn.edu____

Credit Hours in Certificate: ___15 credit hours___

Note: Graduate certificates consist of 9-21 semester hours. A minimum GPA of 3.0 must be maintained on all graded course work in the certificate program.

Courses required for certificate (Indicate course prefix, number, credit hours, title, and course prerequisites if applicable.) To change a certificate, indicate changes in italics and in red.

3 credits Nursing 7110- Theoretical Foundations of Teaching Learning (required)

3 credits Nursing 7320-Curriculum Development and Evaluation (required-N 7110 is a pre-requisite)

3 EDLD 8500: The Professoriate-Understanding Faculty Roles, Work, and Career Paths (Required)

Elective courses allowed to count toward the certificate (Indicate course prefix, number, credit hours, title, and course prerequisites if applicable.) To change certificate, indicate changes in italics and in red.

3 or more credits on the principles and techniques of college teaching or interdisciplinary education courses (suggested course EDLD 8510L Seminar in College Teaching or course from list of approved courses.

3 credits-one or more supervised teaching practica provided by a faculty member in the student's home discipline NURS 7810 - Practicum in Teaching

Certificate Curriculum Model (if appropriate, include model):

| Justification: The primary purpose of this post-master's nursing education certificate program is provide a mechanism for Master' prepared nurses to meet the eligibility criteria to take the NLN Nurse Educator examination and to gain greater preparation for employment as a nurse educator. Since nurses are primarily prepared as clinicians and often gravitate toward fast paced, hectic lifestyles of professional clinical practice or the more independent delivery of care in primary care, they have not been socialized into the academic role. These nurses are often recruited for clinical faculty positions or chose at some point in their career to teach either as staff educators or nursing educators. |
Additional resources or resource shifting required (if none, please explain):

None course are currently taught and enrollment numbers low enough to accommodate additional students.

Approvals

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References

The Auburn University/Auburn Montgomery Joint MSN Post Master’s
Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

Boyer’s Scholarship Reconsidered has established that training in college teaching is needed to produce trained and competent educators. The rationale for a post-master’s certificate is to provide working knowledge of the role of the nurse educator and knowledge of the academic culture. Graduates of master’s of nursing programs often early or later in their careers become nurse educators because of their clinical experience but have never received training for the task they will face: teaching students, understanding rank, tenure or non-tenure tracks, nor do they have a toolbox of teaching skills.

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Teaching is an important role of academic faculty and little preparation is given in clinical practice or generalized nursing master’s program. The Auburn University/Auburn Montgomery Joint MSN program proposes to increase the skills of master’s prepared nurses who are seeking increased competency in teaching both staff and nursing students.
This program would consist of 15 credit hours of course work from a selected list of required and elective courses. Two of the courses are nursing education graduation courses. This certificate program would be available to graduate students in nursing and related disciplines. The required nursing courses assignments would be adjusted for students in related disciplines to meet their specific needs. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 to in order to receive the certificate and receive a C or better in each course.

Students must apply formally in writing to the director of the joint MSN program. A complete application would consist of:
1. Evidence of a master’s degree in nursing or related discipline by providing the director with official transcripts that indicate the graduate degree.
2. If a student currently enrolled in a graduate program want to add the certificate they must have a signed letter of approval from their advisor and program chair.
3. A proposed plan of study listing the courses to be taken with a completion time of 1 year, exceptions must be approved by the MSN program director.

Certificate Coordinator
Dr. Anita C. All, director of the AU/AUM Joint MSN program will coordinate the certificate program. Applications must be sent to Dr. All at 101 Miller Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5505.