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Memo to: Dr. Paul Peluso
Chair, University Graduate Programs Committee

Memo From: Dr. Shirley Gordon
Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Re: Proposal for a Variable Credit Post- Master's certificate Option.

The University requires 12 credits for the PMC. Applicants with an MSN in a NP concentration seeking specialization in another NP concentration requiring less than 30 credit hours apply for a Post Master's Certificate (PMC). PMC applicants needing 30 hours are encouraged to apply for a 2nd MSN degree.

All PMC students undergo a gap analysis in which their previous MSN curriculum is compared against the PMC they are applying to enter. Congruent courses are identified. Remaining required courses along with required practicum hours must be taken as part of the PMC.

Many of the students opting for the PMC are FAU AGNP graduates that wish to obtain the additional FNP concentration. Based on a gap analysis, these students need only 10 credits.

Proposal: This proposal calls for a variable credit option of a **minimum** of 10-13 credits for the PMC (some applicants may need more credits depending on their gap analysis). FAU NP graduates would need 10 credits and students from other schools would need a minimum of 13 credits that include NGR 6110. Our graduates have taken this course so they would have only 10 credits.

AGNP to FNP PMC OPTION

NGR 6301 Care of Children	3 credits
NGR 6619	3 credits
NGR 6619L	4 credits (240 practicum hours/includes 100 hours in pediatrics)
NGR 6110*	3 credits
Total 10 -13 Credits	

FNP to AGNP PMC OPTION

NGR 6251 Perspective of Aging 3 credits
 NGR 6607 3 credits
 NGR 6607L 4 credits (240 practicum hours)
 NGR 6110* 3 credits

Total 10-13 Credits

*FAU graduates have taken this course

Rationales:

- a. We have openings for PMC students on a space available basis to account for attrition
- b. Meets AACN accreditation requirements and national certification exam requirements.
- c. Some of the students in the PMC serve as preceptors in the community for our students
- d. It will increase the expertise of our students and accommodate our graduates with a more reasonable option

<i>Approved by:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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