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Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT: NURSING

COLLEGE: CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

PROGRAM NAME: DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

ELIMINATE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENT FOR THE GRE OR MAT FOR THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM

RATIONALE

THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY REASONS FOR REQUESTING ELIMINATION OF THE GRE/MAT TEST SCORES FOR ADMISSION TO THE DNP PROGRAM:

1. **DROP IN APPLICATIONS: A RECENT DROP IN APPLICANTS TO THE DNP PROGRAM CORRESPONDS WITH NEW PROGRAMS OPENING AT PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, BARRY UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. THESE PROGRAMS DO NOT REQUIRE THE GRE/MAT FOR ADMISSION.**

2. **OTHER REQUIRED EXAMS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE INDICATORS OF PRACTICE EXPERTISE: THE DNP IS A PRACTICE FOCUSED DOCTORATE AND THEREFORE APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE PASSED EITHER THE NATIONAL NURSING EXAM (NCLEX) OR TO HOLD NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING. THESE EXAMS ARE RIGOROUS, SPECIFIC FOR NURSING, AND MORE APPROPRIATELY GEARED TOWARD THIS PRACTICE DEGREE THAN THE GRE/MAT. SIMILARLY, MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE GRE/MAT TESTS, AND INSTEAD THE MCAT IS REQUIRED.**

3. **THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE GRE/MAT IS A PREDICTOR OF SUCCESS FOR DNP STUDENT: EVIDENCE INDICATES THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN STUDENT SUCCESS IN GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS BASED UPON GRE SCORES. THE STUDENT'S GPA HAS BEEN SHOWN TO MORE CLOSELY CORRELATE WITH SUCCESS IN GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS.**

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

Approved by:

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College Curriculum Chair: _____

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Date:

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