

## PROPOSAL

### REQUEST TO REDUCE NUMBER OF CREDITS IN THE ADVANCED HOLISTIC NURSING TRACK FROM 42 CREDITS TO 33-36 CREDITS.

**Note: Credits affected will be the holistic concentration courses: Core and Cognate courses remain the same.**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES:**

- a) Eliminate one elective (3 credits) and NGR 6298L (3 credits) final practicum.
- b) Permit a waiver of one course, NGR 6295L with appropriate documentation of experience/education in complementary and alternative modalities.
- c) This is a reduction of 6 – 9 credits of the original total of 42 credits, bringing the revised total to 33-36 credits.

#### **CONCENTRATION COURSES IN THE AHN TRACK AS PROPOSED:**

NGR 6168 Foundations of Holistic Nursing 1 (Didactic)	3 credits
NGR 6169 Foundations of Holistic Nursing 2 (Didactic)	3
NGR 6295L Experiential Survey of Holistic Modalities*	3
NGR 6296L Developing Expertise in Holistic Healing Modalities**	3
NGR 6297L Integrating Expertise in Holistic Practice**	3
* NGR 6295L may be waived with appropriate documentation of experience/education in complementary and alternative modalities.	12-15 Credits
** Require 180 hours of clinical practice experience	

#### **RATIONALE:**

Students found that the number of credits for the AHN track (42) were very similar to the Nurse Practitioner track, and experienced difficulty in making a choice.

1. Fewer credits will help attract new students while allowing students already proficient in CAM modalities to have appropriate experience and education recognized. This will result in a cost savings to students and likely increase enrollment. There are no other Masters in Advanced Holistic Nursing programs in Florida.

Reducing the overall credit hours also facilitates the following changes:

2. A Holistic Post Masters Certificate for Nurse Practitioners of 12-15 credits is more consistent with our other PMC programs and will be very attractive to students who are nurse practitioners, and who would like to become certified in holistic nursing. Holistic concentration courses from the Advanced Holistic Nursing track will be integrated in the Post Masters Certificate and help increase FTEs.
3. The BS-PhD Individualized track is now offered with a Holistic Concentration that integrates 4 core/cognate courses (NGR 6811, NGR 6172, NGR 6142,

NGR 6002/L) and 3 holistic concentration courses (NGR 6168, NGR 6169, NGR 6296L) from the Advanced Holistic Nursing track to provide the holistic focus. This option has proved to be popular with students.

These changes will facilitate integration of holistic concentration courses throughout the graduate nursing curriculum and provide optimum choices for students.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Routing for Approval:**

1.	Masters Programs Committee	9-18-2010	approved
2.	Committee on Programs	10-4-2010	approved
3.	Faculty Assembly	10-25-2010	approved
4.	UGPC	11-3-2010	
5.	Steering Committee	11-23-2010	
6.	University Faculty Senate	12-3-2010	