Actions requested:

1 – Change name of plan (major): from Advanced Population Health to Population Health

2 – Revise Plan requirements in – MN-Population Health


Involves: Reduced # of required credits; drop/remove unused courses; update course descriptions (in process)

Rationale:

The term “advanced” was ambiguous (advanced age/geriatrics versus advanced expertise in population health). The term “advanced health” is now widely used in the field.

The change affects three tracks (Master’s of nursing in pop health-educator; MN in pop health-Leadership; MN in pop health-individualized) and the DNP in Pop Health

Faculty unanimously voted for program name change in Aug 25, 2014.

Certificate Name changes also voted upon by faculty and supported by College of Nursing’s Graduate Curriculum and Progression Committee.

Curricular changes mainly involve deleting courses that are no longer relevant (e.g., b/c they are not part of the AACN/AONE requirements) and revisions to catalog/course description to reflect updated focus.

**NURS 556 (Practicum) or NURS 583 (Internship) – both are titled Advanced Population Practicum or Internship (why is “advanced” term still used here?) Resolution of this question is not necessary to approval of the request.

SUMMARY:

We find the name change to be reasonable and supported by the program faculty. The curricular changes also seem to be planned according to national guidelines and to enhance graduate education by streamlining the course catalog and updating course descriptions and requirements. We are satisfied with the rationales provided in the proposal and would move to approve the changes.