SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

GRADUATE COUNCIL

concerning

REVISION TO THE CLINICAL NURSE LEADER
CONCENTRATION
IN THE MS IN NURSING PROGRAM
(#4619)

Presented at the
776th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate
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The Graduate Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Concentration Title

Clinical Nurse Leader Concentration in the MS in Nursing Program

Proposed Starting Date

September 2018

Proposal Development
Briefly describe the Proposal

To Change the curriculum in the Masters CNL concentration to go from a total of 37 credits to 32 credits to help streamline degree to meet national standards. This proposal request the elimination of N603 Theoretical Components of Nursing Science and N698A Practicum for Advanced Health Assessment as well as a reduction in the first Capstone course practicum from 3 credits to 2 credits (a course change proposal has also been submitted for that course).

Provide a brief overview of the process for developing the proposal.

UMASS CON has offered the 37 credit Master of Science Clinical Nurse Track for the past 15 years as an online program with over 500 clinical hours required. A review of other programs shows the average clinical hours required to be 400 and numerous other programs do not require the practicum hours in Health Assessment that we do or a separate stand alone Nursing Theory course. These changes will help to focus concentration on the mission of Clinical Nurse Leader focusing on Quality and Safety culminating in the final immersion in second Capstone course. The Graduate Academic Committee for DNP and CNL tracks reviewed other programs and discussed this in faculty Assembly with an affirmative vote for proposed changes on October 18, 2017.

Purpose and Goals

Describe the proposal's purpose and the particular knowledge and skills to be acquired.

Enrollments have decreased over time and with the advent of other lower credit Master’s programs within the CON and elsewhere it was felt necessary to re-examine the curriculum for needed content and hours to achieve the competencies necessary for the Clinical Nurse Leader Role.

Resources

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.

No additional resources needed.

Curriculum

Provide a curriculum outline showing degree program requirements, requirements of any existing concentrations, requirements of proposed concentration, and how they relate. You may include this outline and any additional documents as attachments below.

Year 1 Summer

N615 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)

EPI 630 Principles of Epidemiology (3)
Year I Fall

N735 Informatics for Nursing Practice (3)
N619 Advanced Pharmacology (3)

Year 1 Spring

N630 Research Methodology in Nursing (3)
N614 Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning (3)

Year 2 Summer

N725 Leadership in Public Health Systems (3)
N701 Health Care Quality (3)

Year 2 Fall

N698N Clinical Practicum: CNL (2)
N798N Clinical Practicum: 6 Credits

*Attach any curriculum outline or additional materials here.*
### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**
**GRADUATE PROGRAM**

**MS Clinical Nurse Leader Program**
**FULL TIME Plan of Study (Two Year Plan)**

*This plan is not compatible with full time employment*

32 Credits

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**Notes:**
Course semester offerings may vary, based on faculty availability.

*N615 & N619 is a prerequisite course for N614

*N630 is a prerequisite course for N701

Advisor: ___________ Student: _____________________ Date: ___________

**MOTION:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision to the Clinical Nurse Leader Concentration in the MS in Nursing Program, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 18-041.