University of Florida PhD in Nursing Science Cooperative Degree with Florida A&M University (FAMU), Florida State University (FSU), University of North Florida (UNF), and University of West Florida (UWF)

We concur with the attached plan to offer the University of Florida PhD in Nursing Science Cooperative Degree with Florida A&M, Florida State University, the University of North Florida and the University of West Florida program as outlined in the attached overview dated June, 28, 2002.

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Overview

University of Florida PhD in Nursing Science Cooperative Degree with Florida A&M University (FAMU), Florida State University (FSU), University of North Florida (UNF), and University of West Florida (UWF)

The University of Florida (UF) College of Nursing has received approval from the UF Graduate School to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science Degree (PhD) as a cooperative degree with Florida A&M University (FAMU), Florida State University (FSU), the University of North Florida (UNF), and the University of West Florida (UWF). All aspects of this program (e.g., student credits, student fees, faculty activity report, dissertation committees) will be in accordance with the UF College of Nursing’s current doctoral degree offerings and UF Graduate School policies and procedures. All aspects of the program have been negotiated and agreed upon with the nursing deans/directors at the participating universities. At this time, the University of West Florida will not be active in the cooperative degree, but wishes to be involved for the purpose of future planning.

Summary of Main Points:

- All consortium universities are regionally accredited and offer doctoral programs (PhD, EdD, or both).

- The UF College of Nursing has an established and nationally recognized PhD program (initiated in 1985) that will become available to qualified students in Tallahassee, Jacksonville and potentially later, Pensacola.

- Facilities, distance delivery, personnel, selected coursework and faculty member support will come from FAMU, FSU, UNF and potentially UWF.

- It will be cost-effective and beneficial for students in the Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Pensacola areas to be able to access doctoral education in nursing through a cooperative degree program. There is a severe and worsening shortage of qualified nursing faculty members in Florida and the nation. The proposed cooperative degree program addresses the need for more doctorally prepared nurses prepared to fill faculty positions.
• Students in the cooperative degree program will meet all criteria for UF Graduate School and UF College of Nursing admission and progression.

• Students in the cooperative degree will meet all UF Graduate School and UF College of Nursing graduation requirements including 90 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0, a comprehensive qualifying examination, dissertation and final examination.

• The transfer of 30 credits from a master’s degree in nursing will continue as per current UF Graduate School criteria.

• A maximum of 18 of the required 62 credits from one of the consortium universities can transfer to UF. Transfer credits are restricted to the student’s area of specialization outside of the nursing discipline and to elective courses; all transfer courses will require approval of the student’s UF Supervisory Committee.

• The transfer of 18 credits of course work completed at any one of the consortium universities will be permitted as an exception to transfer of courses under the rules of the Traveling Scholars Program.

• Nursing and other faculty members from the relevant areas of specialization in the consortium universities will request UF affiliate/courtesy faculty appointments in the UF College of Nursing in order to serve on dissertation committees and participate in teaching courses; it is anticipated that many will also seek and receive UF Graduate Faculty Status.

• The cooperative degree proposal has the approval of the dean/director of each of the participating nursing colleges/schools/programs. All deans/directors have communicated plans regarding the cooperative degree to their respective provosts/vice presidents.

• All students will complete a 9-credit residency of intensive research study with a UF faculty research mentor. The research residency can occur in any semester after the completion of 18 hours of nursing credits.

• Students will meet the 30 UF residency requirement through the 21 credits of required nursing courses and the 9 credits of research residency completed under the direction of the supervisory committee chair.

• All specifications of the UF Registrar’s Office regarding admission, progression and transfer of credits will be followed. The Office of the UF Registrar in conjunction with the UF Graduate School and the UF College of Nursing will maintain student records, including petitions for transfer of credit.
• UF will distance-deliver nursing doctoral courses to Jacksonville (for UNF participants) using the existing connections to the UF Health Science Center Campus at Shands-Jacksonville. UF will distance deliver nursing doctoral courses to Tallahassee using lines to FAMU and/or FSU participants. FAMU and FSU nursing programs will cover line charges for this delivery.

• The Full-time Doctoral Study Curriculum Plan for the Cooperative Degree is as attached. Part-time study will also be possible.
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Total Hours: 62

* For students in quantitative research track
** For students in qualitative research track

Legend: UF=University of Florida
*CU=North Florida Consortium - 2 electives
4 minor/specialization

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Doctor of Philosophy
In
Nursing Science

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

College of Nursing
• Gainesville campus
• Jacksonville campus

and

Cooperative degree option with
Consortium Universities

Florida A&M University
• Tallahassee campus

Florida State University
• Tallahassee campus

University of North Florida
• Jacksonville campus

University of West Florida (pending)
• Pensacola campus

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The University of Florida is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and is ranked among the nation's top public research universities. With more than 46,000 students, UF is the seventh largest university in the nation, with a broad arts and sciences campus, an institute of agricultural sciences, and an academic health science center.

The University of Florida has established programs in research and service stemming from the University's 21 colleges and from its more than 100 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

The UF Health Science Center (UFHSC) is distinguished by a broad scope of educational programs with more than 4,600 students. Its research enterprise attracts close to $175 million per year in external funding, and an innovative health care delivery system serves residents throughout Florida and the southeast. Areas of nationally recognized scientific and clinical excellence include brain and spine disorders, diabetes, drug design, genetics, and organ transplantation. In addition, there are strong programs in aging, cancer, children's health, and women's health.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

The College of Nursing (HSC) is one of six professional colleges within the University of Florida. Since the establishment of the doctoral program in 1985, the College of Nursing has graduated more than 80 students with PhDs. The College of Nursing also offers the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and the graduate degrees of Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with numerous specialty tracks. College enrollment includes approximately 300 undergraduate students and 250 graduate students, with approximately 30 doctoral students. The comprehensive resources of the College's Office for Research Support are available to assist doctoral students. This Office provides space and equipment for data collection, technical support for data analysis and assistance with grants, publications and presentations.
In 2002, nursing programs at the universities of Florida A&M, Florida State, and North Florida joined with the University of Florida in a cooperative PhD Degree in Nursing Science. Through this cooperative degree offering students may now access the UF program through sites in Tallahassee and Jacksonville. An expansion to the University of West Florida in Pensacola is also being considered. The UF College of Nursing doctoral courses are transmitted to Tallahassee and Jacksonville via an interactive audio-visual system. Students attend classes simultaneously on three campuses. Doctoral classes are offered one day per week. Students may transfer a maximum of 12 credits in a minor or area of specialization and an additional 6 credits of elective courses, from the participating consortium universities to the University of Florida in order to meet the required 62 credits for the degree.

**Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science**

The College offers a comprehensive and intensive research preparation congruent with the student’s research focus and the expertise of the faculty members. The goal of the PhD Program is to prepare scientists, scholars, and leaders in the field of nursing. Students have access to a rich array of expert faculty members at the University of Florida, Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and the University of North Florida for nursing and related interdisciplinary study and research. Each student completes a core curriculum and works closely with a faculty advisor to develop a research focus.

**Program Design**

- All students complete a 33-credit core curriculum that includes:
  - Knowledge Development
  - Nursing Theory
  - Ethics
  - Advanced Research including a quantitative or qualitative track

- A support area study (12 credits) in a discipline other than nursing (minor or area of specializations).

- The core curriculum and minor/specialization area of study may be completed in four sequential semesters of full-time enrollment.

- Dissertation research (15 credits) comprises the remaining one to two years of study for a total of 62 credits.

- Informational sessions and interviews with faculty members are scheduled for prospective students during the spring semester.
  - Full-time and part-time curriculum plans are available.

- An accelerated BSN/PhD option is available for BSN graduates with a GPA of 3.5 in the nursing major, GRE scores of 600 or better in each of the three test sections, and a commitment to four years of full-time study.
EXPENSES

Information on UF resident and non-resident graduate tuition is available at http://www.reg.ufl.edu/annual-costs.html. In addition to generous scholarships and fellowships, assistantships in teaching and research are available for nursing doctoral students each year. Students are assisted in applying for additional funding to support their education and research.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit UF applications, transcripts, and GRE scores to the University of Florida Admissions Office by March 1st of the year in which one seeks admission. Earlier application is encouraged. See the University graduate home page http://gradschool.reg.ufl.edu for general graduate admission requirements.

Applications can only be considered for admission to the doctoral degree program when all of the following have been submitted:

- Transcripts of a master's degree in nursing program with a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Three professional references attesting to potential for doctoral study.
- Graduate Record Examination results indicating a minimum score of 500 in each of the verbal, quantitative, and analytical sections.
- Statement of research goals.
- Current professional resume.

All applications are to be sent to: University of Florida College of Nursing
Office of Admissions/Registration
PO Box 100197
Gainesville, FL 32610-0197

Students may request late admission consideration through the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs in the College of Nursing. Student may also petition for special review by the College Admissions Committee if they believe they are strong candidates for doctoral study, but do not meet all published admissions criteria.
The University of Florida application is available on the World Wide Web at www.ncn.ufl.edu and all information regarding the doctoral program is available on the College of Nursing Web site at http://con.ufl.edu.

Applicants are advised to review faculty research programs described in the Office of Research Support (ORS) website http://con.ufl.edu/ors/research/focus.htm to identify potential mentors for doctoral dissertation research.

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