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PROPOSAL: Delete the Graduate Certificate Program – Nurse Educator

Background

The Graduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the deletion of the Graduate Certificate Program – Nurse Educator offered by the Bronson School of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services.

The proposed deletion of this certificate is based on sustained low enrollment and inefficient program utilization. In response to early enrollment declines of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, the three core education courses within the MSN Nurse Educator track were opened as a stand-alone Graduate Certificate Program - Nurse Educator in an effort to increase accessibility and attract post-baccalaureate or graduate students seeking focused preparation in teaching. However, this strategy did not result in additional enrollment growth, and no students have enrolled directly in the Graduate Certificate Program - Nurse Educator program.

Recommended Action

Delete the Graduate Certificate Program – Nurse Educator.