

Agenda
Curriculum Committee
Zoom meeting
October 15, 2020, 9:00 am

The following proposals can be reviewed on the Curriculum Forms site:
<https://www.registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms>

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 4 proposals
- Policy discussion item

REVISE PROGRAM

1. FCS

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=192>

Family and Consumer Sciences Sequence

Current *Graduate Catalog* copy for program

This sequence has a thesis and non-thesis option.

Option I—Thesis: Students selecting this 32-hour option will complete the follow degree requirements:

- 9 hour core: FCS 401, 445, and 497
- 4 hours: FCS 499
- 19-20 hours of electives with at least 16 hours in Family and Consumer Sciences

Option II—Non-Thesis: Students selecting this 39-hour option will complete the follow degree requirements:

- 9 hour core: FCS 401, 445, and 497
- 30 hours of electives, at least 20 hours in Family and Consumer Sciences

Proposed revised *Graduate Catalog* copy

This sequence has a thesis and non-thesis option.

Option I—Thesis: Students selecting this 30-hour option will complete the follow degree requirements:

- 9 hour core: FCS 401, 445, and 497
- 4 hours: FCS 499
- 17 hours of electives with at least 10 hours in Family and Consumer Sciences

Option II—Non-Thesis: Students selecting this 30-hour option will complete the follow degree requirements:

- 9 hour core: FCS 401, 445, and 497

- 3 hours of FCS 400 or 498

- 18 hours of electives, at least 10 hours in Family and Consumer Sciences

Description and list of proposed program revisions

The primary objective of this revision is to decrease the number of hours required for the degree. The core courses remain the same but there is a decrease in the total number of electives and the number of elective hours required from FCS.

- Decrease degree hours for thesis option from 32 to 30.

- Decrease elective hours for thesis option from 19-20 to 17 with 10 from FCS.

- Decrease degree hours for non-thesis option from 39 to 30.

- Decrease elective hours for thesis option from 30 to 21 with 10 from FCS.

Rationale for proposed program revisions

To make the FCS graduate degree options more in line with other master's degree programs across campus.

NEW PROGRAMS

Sequences:

2. FCS

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=141>

Graduate Catalog copy for program

Human Development and Family Science Sequence

The Human Development and Family Science sequence provides advanced study in human development across the life span and family systems.

This 30-hour sequence requires

- 9 hours of core coursework: FCS 401, 445 and 497
- 6 hours of electives
- Plus Option 1 or 2

Option 1- Thesis:

- 9 hours of coursework from the following: FCS 400, 405, 407, 408, 410, 414, 433, 435, 436, 463, 464, 491, 492, 490, 494, 495, 496
- 6 hours: FCS 499

Option 2- Non-thesis

- 12 hours of coursework from the following: FCS 400, 405, 407, 408, 410, 414, 433, 435, 436, 463, 464, 491, 492, 490, 494, 495, 496
- 3 hours of internship: FCS 498

Description for proposed program

The Human Development and Family Science sequence provides advanced study in human development across the life span and family systems. The sequence has a thesis and non-thesis option. Both options require the completion of 30 credit hours. Students completing the non-thesis option will complete a 3-hour internship. Students will work with faculty to identify an internship site that fits their professional goals.

3. FCS

Child Life Graduate Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=143>

Graduate Catalog copy for new program

The Family and Consumer Sciences graduate program is registered with the Association for Child Life Professionals. The program prepares students to enter the child life profession by providing ample opportunities to increase their capacity for inquiry, logical thinking, critical analysis, and synthesis.

This 30-hour sequence requires

- 6 hours of core coursework: FCS 445 and 497
- 18 hours of Child Life content coursework: FCS 492, 436, 463, 403, 404, 406
- Plus, Option 1 or 2

Option 1 – Thesis:

- 6 hours: FCS 499

Option 2 – Non-Thesis:

- 3 hours of electives
- 3 hours: FCS 400 Independent Study: Capstone Project in Child Life

Description for the proposed program

The child life sequence prepares students to enter the child life profession. The sequence has a thesis and non-thesis option. Both options require the completion of 30 credit hours. Students completing the non-thesis option will complete a 3-hour capstone project.

Certificate:

4. NUR

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=107>

Psychiatric Mental Health NP Post-Master's Certificate

Graduate Catalog copy for new program

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) post-master's certificate program consists of 24 credit hours of specialty coursework and 540 clinical hours. Specialty PMHNP courses are fully online. Program applicants must 1) hold an unencumbered advanced practice registered nurse license in the state in which they will perform clinical, and 2) be nationally certified as a family nurse practitioner.

Coursework for the PMHNP post-master's certificate is determined for each student following an assessment of the applicant's previously completed graduate nursing courses. Candidates for the PMHNP post-master's certificate are required to complete all 24 credits of the PMHNP specialty courses at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. Applicants should refer to the Mennonite College of Nursing website for detailed information related to program plan of study and admission requirements.

Mennonite College of Nursing requires that any student receiving a grade of C or below in graduate coursework must repeat the course. Students may repeat a maximum of 3 semester hours. A 3.0 GPA or above is required to graduate with this certificate. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the certification exam for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

The PMHNP post-master's certificate includes the following requirements:

- 24 hours of specialty courses: NUR 420, 421, 422, 423, 424
- A minimum of 540 clinical hours upon completion

Description for the proposed program

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) post-master's certificate program is intended for currently licensed advanced practice registered nurses who are nationally certified as family nurse practitioners. This program includes both didactic and practicum coursework with content covering the treatment of pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients with psychiatric concerns. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the national certification exam for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Once certified, graduates will be prepared to provide comprehensive psychiatric care to clients across the lifespan, including screening, assessment, diagnosis, medication prescribing, and psychotherapy interventions.

Rationale for proposed program

Lack of access to comprehensive, quality healthcare is a significant barrier for millions of people in the United States. Contributing to the problem of access to care is a lack of mental health and substance use disorder training for healthcare providers, including nurse practitioners (NPs). Dramatic shortages of mental health providers are evident at both the state and national level. In 2016, Illinois had a deficit of 470 psychiatrists and 120 psychiatric NPs. For the US in 2015, 65% of non-metropolitan areas did not have a psychiatrist, 47% did not have a psychologist, and 81%

did not have a psychiatric NP. Ninety-six percent of all counties in the US have an unmet need for providers who can prescribe psychiatric medications, like PMHNPs. PMHNPs provide a comprehensive range of specialized services, including patient and family education; psychotherapy; preventive care; prescribing medications; diagnosing, treating, and managing chronic illnesses; making referrals; ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic tests; and conducting physical examinations. Graduates of the PMHNP post-master's certificate program will be prepared to directly impact the problem of access to care by providing comprehensive, collaborative primary and behavioral health care in a variety of settings, especially for rural and underserved individuals in the surrounding communities.

5. Master's degree without thesis - policy discussion item – Noelle

Master's degree exit option policy:

- Master's Degree with Thesis: No more than 6 and no less than 4 semester hours for thesis research and writing may be counted toward satisfying the 30-semester hour minimum of graduate work for a master's degree with thesis. Fifty percent of all non-thesis hours must be at the 400 level or above.
- Master's Degree without Thesis: **Consists of at least 30 semester hours of graduate work and includes** a Comprehensive Examination and/or a culminating requirement demonstrating a mature application of skills and knowledge (e.g., professional practice, project, colloquia, and recital). Fifty percent of all hours must be at the 400 level or above.