

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 30, 2003

SUBJECT: Implementation Authorization for a Ph.D. in Nursing at the University of Central Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve implementation authorization for a Ph.D. in Nursing (CIP 51.1601) at the University of Central Florida.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7 (d), Constitution of the State of Florida

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Although similar programs exist elsewhere at public and private universities in Florida, none are in the UCF service area. The proposal provides convincing evidence of both need and demand for doctorates in Nursing at the national, regional, state and local levels. Because the current shortage of university nursing faculty has a direct bearing on the production of new nurses, there is a solid argument for increasing access to doctoral programs in nursing throughout Florida. The UCF program is designed to serve place-bound nurses seeking to further their education, and will have a significant number of part-time students. Most of the didactic courses will be offered using distance and distributed learning technologies.

Dr. Mary E. Wierenga, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee School of Nursing, reviewed the proposal. She provided a favorable report, finding that the proposed program has been strongly developed and will adhere to the quality indicators recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Dr. Wierenga noted further that the three foci of the program (vulnerable populations, innovative technologies, healthcare systems and policies) provide for unique foundational areas that will attract students and prepare graduates to address the demands of the healthcare industry and academia.

The UCF Board of Trustees approved the proposal for the Ph.D. in Nursing at its September 26, 2002 meeting. If approved, the University plans to implement the program in August 2003.

Supporting Documentation Included:
Facilitators / Presenters:

Summary Information
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Estimated Costs:

	Total	% & \$ Current	% & \$ New	% & \$ C&G	Cost per FTE
Year 1	\$146,475	59% \$87,106	41% \$59,370	0	\$26,156.25
Year 5	\$369,381	43% \$158,646	37% \$135,735	20% \$75,000	\$14,018.14

Projected Student FTE and Headcount:

	Projected Headcount	Student FTE
First Year	12	5.6
Second Year	24	12.2
Third Year	36	18.7
Fourth Year	48	21.7
Fifth Year	45	21.0