### MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
#### College of Nursing
Graduate Level Certificate in Nursing Education
Sample Plan of Study

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### Summary
- Required Nursing Credits: 10
- Elective Nursing Credits**: 1-4

**Total Program Credits =** 10-14 semester credits
- Didactic Clock hours = 150
- Faculty-supervised Clinical Clock Hours = 45-180

- N503 and N504 are offered in alternate summer semesters: N504 is offered in odd years and N503 is offered in even years.

- ** N574 Teaching Practicum is a 1-4 variable credit elective clinical practicum that can be taken any semester. Prerequisites are N504 or Consent of Instructor.

**Note:** The Certificate in Nursing Education program will be implemented Fall 2007 pending final approval.

Preliminary application deadline is January 15th each year. Official application deadline is February 15th each year. Questions can be directed to Lynn Taylor, Graduate Program Administrative Assistant at 406.994.3500 or lynnt@montana.edu.
Certificate in Nursing Education
Course Descriptions

Required Courses:

N 501 Teaching Concepts for Nursing Educators
This course is designed for students interested in
nursing education (academic or practice
environment). The emphasis is teaching strategies
and delivery of nursing education for diverse
learners in a variety of settings. Educator roles and
responsibilities are explored. The history and
evolution of teaching and learning in nursing are
included.

N502 Effective Clinical Teaching
This course focuses on educator roles and
responsibilities in teaching clinical nursing
(academic or practice environments) and is designed
for students interested in developing clinical
teaching skills. Major themes are development of
learning activities, evaluation of student
performance, concepts of student supervision, and
agency coordination.

N503 Curriculum Development
Theories and models of curriculum development are
explored in this course designed for nurses teaching
in either academic or practice environments.
Variables associated with design and planning of
educational interventions are explored. Students
synthesize appropriate theoretical concepts to
develop a model curriculum.

N504 Assessment and Evaluation of Education
This course engages students in discussions related
to design, assessment, and evaluation of instruction
by nurses. Topics include writing instructional
objectives and constructing assessment activities to
assess proposed student learning outcomes. Students
complete a project to gain skills in evaluating
student learning related to a specific unit of study.

Elective Course:
N574 Teaching Practicum
Teaching/learning principles are integrated into
nursing education in academic or practice
environments. Students practice, observe, and
evaluate teaching/learning processes. The instructor
and student negotiate laboratory activities.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register?
As long as your application is coded for summer
admission, you will receive registration
information directly from the Division of
Graduate Education.

Where and how do I access the courses?
The Certificate in Nursing Education is completely
online via WebCT. See http://webct.montana.edu
for WebCT information.

What will it cost?
The graduate and post-baccalaureate fee schedule is
available at this URL:
http://www.montana.edu/wwwcat/expenses/FeeGrad.html

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)
Previously, the College of Nursing has been
fortunate to received federal grant funding from the
Health Resources and Services Administration
(HRSA) and the Division of Nursing for the Nurse
Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) to increase the
number of qualified nurse faculty. Full-time,
degree-seeking graduate students who complete the
four teaching courses along with their FNP, CNS,
or CNL coursework are eligible for and may cancel
up to 85% of the loan in exchange for serving four
years as full-time nurse faculty at a school of
nursing. Providing funding becomes available, the
College of Nursing will again submit a grant for this
wonderful opportunity.

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