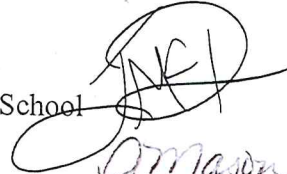
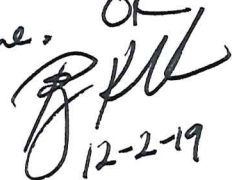


DATE: November 20, 2019  
TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: Judi McDonald, Associate Dean, Graduate School  
RE: MN


  
Amazon, College of Nursing

The purpose of this memo is to clarify that the request is to close the Master of Nursing plans (options) in Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The Master of Nursing plan in Population Health will remain open, hence this request is not a degree closure.

*This makes sense  
to me. OK*  
  
12-2-19

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Bryan Slinker, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President 

SUBJECT: Discontinue the Masters of Nursing Degree

DATE: October 4, 2019

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The attached proposal for discontinuing the Masters of Nursing degree has been reviewed by the Provost's Office. We have no concerns about the proposal. The program has established a plan to ensure that all currently-enrolled students will be able to complete their degrees on schedule. Faculty involved in the program are all fully engaged with Doctor of Nursing Practitioner program, and there is unanimous support within the college to do this.

We judge it ready for the Senate review process. Please note that though the college completed a "request to suspend degree" form, program director Dr. Anne Mason confirms that the college wishes to eliminate the degree entirely. Rather than have the college complete a new form, we ask that you treat this document as a request to eliminate the degree.

## PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE A DEGREE PROGRAM

**DEANS:** Send this completed proposal electronically in Word to the Office of the Provost:  
[provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu](mailto:provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu)

Degree Title:	Master in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Academic Program:	Nursing
Academic Plan:	
Number of Credits:	51-53 FNP, 50 PMHNP
Department(s) or Program(s):	College of Nursing
College(s):	College of Nursing
Campus(es):	Spokane, Vancouver, Tri-Cities

Contact Name:	Tami Kelley	Email Address:	Tamara.kelley@wsu.edu
Contact Phone:	509-324-7334	*Proposed start date:	August 2018

<b>Rationale for discontinuing the degree:</b>
1) The MN degree for nurse practitioners is no longer relevant for initiation into the profession. The new degree requirement endorsed nationally is the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The MN degree option was retained while our DNP degree launched. 2) The College is not able to support the MN degree for nurse practitioner training while supporting a robust DNP Program. 3) The MN program has undergone major curricular revision that focuses on population-based health. The degree requirements for this plus the NP training would greatly inflate the number of credits required for an MN in a nurse practitioner track, students would be better served completing as a DNP.
<b>Implications for currently enrolled students (how many)? Attach teach out plan.</b>
There are currently only 2 students in the College of Nursing with approved programs of study for the MN in a nurse practitioner track. We will support these 2 students completing their degree requirements as the MN curricular changes do not affect their program of study.

**Attach teach out plan** None required at this time due to the natural phase out of interest.

<b>Impact on or responses of current faculty and staff:</b>
The Graduate faculty of the College of Nursing have fully endorsed discontinuing the degree option for MN in a nurse practitioner track.
<b>Impact on or responses of other degree programs, departments, colleges or campuses:</b>
The MN degree option in the College of Nursing is focused now on population health. The faculty of this track are population and public health experts and are not able to supervise nurse practitioner students. Additionally, the MN program completed a curriculum revision in 2018 to begin to implement in 2019. This curricular change does not support NP students completing the MN curriculum and their NP requirements within a reasonable number of MN credits.
<b>Impact on or responses of other stake holders (e.g., advisory or alumni groups):</b>

None known, the DNP as the degree of nurse practitioners is widely accepted in health care.

**SIGNATURES: The names typed below certify that the relevant academic and campus officials have reviewed and approved this proposal:**

Chair Signature:	Anne M. Mason	Date:	07/31/2019
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Dean Signature:	<i>Mel Haberman</i>	Date:	August 1, 2019
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## Merrill, Angela Lori

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**From:** Parks, Craig  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** Merrill, Angela Lori  
**Subject:** FW: process for placing a program on moratorium  
**Attachments:** Proposal to Discontinue MN Program.pdf

**From:** Mason, Anne Michele <anne.mason@wsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** Parks, Craig <parkscd@wsu.edu>  
**Subject:** process for placing a program on moratorium

Hi Craig: I met with Judi McDonald today to discuss the request nursing submitted to discontinue the MN in passing for the nurse practitioner tracks (attached, submitted to the Provosts office in early August). I agree placing these programs in moratorium is what we want to do at this time while the discontinuance paperwork is moving through. Can you provide me with the process for moratorium? Thank you, Anne

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## MORATORIUM OR SUSPENSION OF A DEGREE PROGRAM

**DEANS:** Use this form to request or remove a moratorium or suspension of a degree program or a certificate of 30 or more credits. Send this completed form in Word version electronically to the Office of the Provost: [provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu](mailto:provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu)

<b>Degree Title:</b>	Master of Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Master of Nursing – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)		
<b>Academic Program:</b>	Master of Nursing		
<b>Academic Plan:</b>			
<b>Number of Credits:</b>	51-53 FNP; 50 PMHNP		
<b>Department(s) or Program(s):</b>	Nursing		
<b>College(s):</b>	College of Nursing		
<b>Campus(es):</b>	Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver		
<b>Contact Name:</b>	Anne M. Mason, DNP Program Director Tami Kelley, Graduate Program Coordinator		
<b>Contact Phone:</b>	509-324-7334	<b>Email:</b>	Tamara.kelley@wsu.edu
<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Moratorium: Begin Date: _____ End Date: _____ (Complete items 1-3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension: Begin Date: August 2018 End Date: _____ (Complete items 1-4) <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Moratorium: Effective Date: _____ (only complete items 5-7 below) <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Suspension: Effective Date: _____ (only complete items 5-7 below)		
<b>1. Rationale for moratorium or suspension:</b>			
<p>The MN degree for nurse practitioners is no longer relevant for initiation into the profession. The new degree requirement endorsed nationally is the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The MN degree option was retained while our DNP degree launched in 2012. 2) The College is not able to support the MN degree for nurse practitioner training while supporting a robust DNP Program. 3) The MN program has undergone major curricular revision that focuses on population-based health. The degree requirements for</p>			

this plus the NP training would greatly inflate the number of credits required for an MN in a nurse practitioner track, students would be better served completing as a DNP

**2. Potential impact of moratorium or suspension on current students in the program:**

There are currently only 2 students in the College of Nursing with approved programs of study for the MN in a nurse practitioner track. We will support these 2 students completing their degree requirements as the MN curricular changes do not affect their program of study. We cannot have additional students in this option though due to faculty with the training to support these students are completely full with the DNP students.

**3. Potential impact of moratorium or suspension on faculty in the program:**

No impact. All nurse practitioner faculty are full with supervising/teaching DNP nurse practitioner students.

**4. If requesting a suspension, please indicate whether a closure is under consideration; if so, include a time-line.**

Yes, closure documentation has been submitted.

**5. If requesting to remove a moratorium or suspension, please indicate the conditions under which the program moratorium or suspension no longer apply.**

**SIGNATURES:** The names typed below certify that the relevant academic and campus officials have reviewed and approved this proposal:

Chair Signature:	<i>David Mason</i>	Date:	9/6/2019
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Dean Signature:	<i>W. H. H. H.</i>	Date:	9-6-19
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<b>7. If removing the program from suspension status, please explain the market demand for the program and a specific plan of sustainability for the program.</b>