

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

TITLE OF POLICY: **Program Review and Quality Improvement**

ORIGINAL DATE: **June 2008**

LAST REVIEW/REVISION DATE: **January 2008**

POLICY: School of Nursing programs, including their tracks, majors, areas of concentration, and subspecialties, are reviewed annually to assure compliance with requirements for the School of Nursing curriculum, and adherence to appropriate certifying body recommendations.

PROCEDURE:

1. Program Review, Revision, and Approval

The Baccalaureate degree program tracks are reviewed annually.

- a. Coordinators of Baccalaureate Program tracks will review descriptions, admission requirements, and curriculum at the end of every academic year. Course revision and progression are submitted to the BSN Council for review. Revisions are then forwarded to the Departments for discussion and recommendations. Revisions will be sent to Total Faculty Organization (TFO) for final approval.

The Master's Program majors, areas of concentration, and subspecialties are reviewed annually.

- b. Coordinators of the Master's Program majors, areas of concentration, and subspecialties will review descriptions, admission and progression requirements, and curriculum at the end of every academic year. Revisions are submitted to the MSN/DNP Council for review. Revisions are then forwarded to the Bylaws and Policy Committee, if indicated and to Departments for discussion and recommendations. Revisions will be sent to TFO for final approval.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program majors, areas of concentration, and subspecialties are reviewed annually.

- c. Coordinators of the DNP Program majors, areas of concentration, and sub-specialties will review descriptions, admission and progression requirements, and curriculum at the end of every academic year. Revisions are submitted to the MSN/DNP Council for review. Revisions are forwarded to the Departments for discussion and recommendations. Revisions will be sent to TFO for final approval.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program is reviewed annually.

- d. The coordinator of the PhD program will review the description, admission and progression requirements, and curriculum at the end of every academic year. Revisions are submitted to the PhD Council for review. Revisions are forwarded to the Departments for discussion and recommendations. Revisions will be sent to TFO for final approval.

2. Program Quality Improvement

The Baccalaureate, Master's and Doctoral Programs comply with the School's quality improvement process as defined by the Evaluation Steering Committee.

Reviewed by Dean's Council: 08-09

Revised by Dean's Council: