UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

TITLE OF POLICY: **SECOND MASTER'S IN NURSING DEGREE**

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POLICY:

An applicant who has a master's degree in nursing may elect to earn a second master's degree in nursing.

Applicants must follow the application processes and meet the admission criteria outlined in Policies 280 and 201.

A student's progression is governed by the academic requirements outlined in Policies #205, 206, and 207 and the health and liability requirements in policies #364 and 226.

The second master's degree student may be required by his/her area of concentration to take all or part of the master's comprehensive examination administered by the AP & G Committee.

The second master's degree student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in the master's program at the University of Pittsburgh and satisfy the core and specialty area of concentration course requirements for the second master's degree.

PROCEDURE

The academic advisor/area of concentration coordinator designates credits from the first Master's Degree that will be accepted for advance standing credits towards the second master's degree. (A ten-year restriction may not apply to core courses). This should be done prior to the Student registering as an admitted student for the first time. (Refer to policy #224)

For students whose first master's is from another institution, this is done by completing a Transfer/Advanced Standing form and submitting it to Student Services.

For students whose first master's is from the University of Pittsburgh, this is done by highlighting the courses being accepted on the student's previous academic record and stating the equivalent course name, numbers, and credit hours in the current program. This is submitted to Student Services.

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