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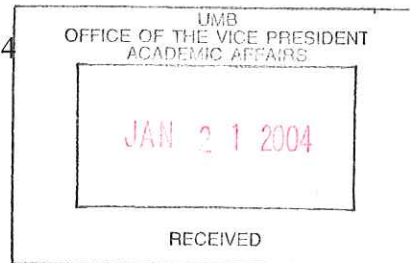
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Dear Dr. Orlin:

Thank you for your letters requesting that two new areas of concentration be added to the Master of Science in Nursing degree program. I am pleased to inform you that the Master of Science in Nursing – Clinical Research Management and Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Anesthesia areas of concentrations have been approved. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's *Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals* and the *Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education*.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please continue to use HEGIS code 1203-00 and CIP code 51.1601 for these concentrations. Should these programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Calvin W. Burnett  
Acting Secretary of Higher Education

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From: Kiphart, Michael [mkiphart@mhec.state.md.us]  
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To: Orlin, Malinda  
Subject: Proposed Specialty Areas to the MS in Nursing Program.

Dr. Orlin:

The Commission has received your letters proposing two new specialty areas in Clinical Research Management and Nurse Anesthesia within the MS in Nursing degree program. I want to clarify if you are seeking approval of the specialty areas as formal "areas of concentration" that will be reflected in the MHEC Academic Program Inventory. A specialty area is not a legally defined entity in the regulations and does not require approval for the University to offer. Not all of the nursing specialty areas presented on your web site are currently reflected in the Commission's Academic Program Inventory as areas of concentration. The following 10 areas of concentration for the MS in Nursing are currently included in the Inventory:

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MASTER'S PROGRAM CODE	PROGRAM NAME AND CONCENTRATION AREAS
1203 00	NURSING
	COMMUNITY HEALTH
	PRIMARY CARE
	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH
	MEDICAL - SURGICAL
	PSYCHIATRIC-ADULT & CHILD
	ADMINISTRATION
	GERONTOLOGICAL
	POLICY
	TEACHING
	NURSING INFORMATICS

An Area of Concentration in the Code of Maryland Regulations is defined as a sequential arrangement of courses within a program which at the Master's level exceeds 12 semester credit hours. Please advise me on how you would like to proceed, and I will take the necessary steps here at the Commission.

Thank you,

Michael

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