October 16, 2022

Change to Graduate Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements Proposal Form

Rationale for Requested Change:

An admission requirement for the Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) and Master of Science in Nursing-Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program (MScN-PCNP) is to be removed for admission to these 2 programs starting the Fall term of 2023.

These 2 Masters programs no longer require applicants to be "members of the Canadian Nurses Associate (CNA), and carrying liability protection with the Canadian Nurses Protective Society or Nurses Practitioners' Association of Ontario. "

In Winter 2022, Dr. Doris Grinspun, executive director of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, informed the incumbent Director of Nursing, Dr. Premji, that it was inappropriate and unfair to expect students to be members of CNA and have liability insurance with the Canadian Nurses Protective Society or Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario, when RNAO offered similar services. Upon further investigation, the incumbent GPD, Dr. Choiniere, noted that other MScN programs in Ontario did not require applicants to MScN and MScN- PCNP programs to belong to these organizations. The issue was brought to the School of Nursing, Graduate Program Council for discussion. The Graduate Program Council decided to remove the requirement, i.e., that applicants be members of CNA and have liability insurance with the Canadian Nurses' Protective Society or Nurse Practitioners' Association. We request that this requirement be removed for both afore mentioned programs from the 2023-2024 Graduate Program Calendar.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this requested change.

Sincerely,

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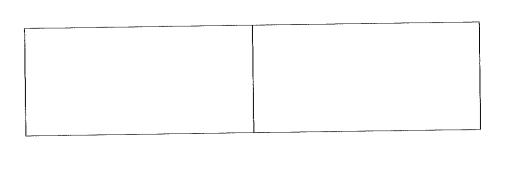
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Applicants are asked to consult the application material provided by the Graduate Admissions Office for deadlines. For further information, contact Graduate Admissions Office, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3, Canada; (416) 736-5000; http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate

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