**January 31, 2013**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Executive Committee

**From:** Marilyn Wilson, Chair

University Graduate Committee

**RE:** **Certificate Nursing Programs**

MSC: MCS to approve first reading for the certificate programs (i) Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist and (ii) Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and waive second reading (11/27/2012).

The program was presented by and Dr. Cricket Barakzai, Department Chair, and supported by Mitzi Lowe (Interim Associate Dean). Dr. Barakzi explained the rationale for the program as the exam pattern of clinical nurse at the national level has changed since 2008-9 necessitating the additional specific curricula. She noted other universities have already made this change. The program is a hybrid of on-site and web-enhanced. The students will participate in clinical field work where they live with preceptors are selected by the students. The courses have already been approved at the college level and Grad Curriculum committee.

MW:vb

CC: Cricket Barakzai, Chair of Nursing

Andrew Hoff, Dean, Social Sciences

William Covino, Provost