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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Nursing for a Combined M.N./ M.H.Sc. (Health Administration) Program for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective September 2005.

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee receives for information the establishment of combined programs where the requirements of the established component programs are not changed.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The combined M.N./M.H.Sc. in Health Administration Program would provide those students with a strong interest in both nursing and health administration the opportunity to engage in an integrated and coherent program of study leading to concurrent receipt of the M.H.Sc. Health Administration and the M.N. degrees (executive summary attached). Admission to the Program would be conditional upon independent admissions to each of the participating graduate departments. It is anticipated that a maximum of 5 students will enroll in the Program each year.

The rationale for a combined program between the graduate programs in nursing science and health administration stems from a belief that it is important to expose graduate nursing students interested in a career in health services management to the philosophical and theoretical traditions that underpin nursing science, and through the M.H.Sc. in Health Administration program, enable them to apply this knowledge to the management of nursing and health care services. The combined program will link current strengths in both units and forge creative partnerships for developing and disseminating new knowledge in fields currently experiencing dynamic change.

The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on November 23, 2004.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

The Combined Program fits with the strategic objectives of the Faculty of Nursing and the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. It is believed that implementation of the combined program will significantly enrich the educational experience of both sets of graduate students, will provide no drain on current resources, and will enable a seamless integration of students between the two programs. In addition, the Program will promote the development of specialized knowledge in nursing and health services management, a skill set critical to the implementation of health reform across Canada.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
For Information