

University of Toronto Proposal for the Closure of an Existing Program (Graduate or Undergraduate)

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The process followed for the closure of any program is the same as that required for the approval of any new such program.

<p>Closure Proposed: Please specify precisely what is being closed: i.e., Graduate diploma, field, certificate, option within a program (e.g., specialist, major, or minor), entire program, or degree (graduate or undergraduate)</p>	<p>1) Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Concurrent Diploma in Anaesthesia Care (GDipNPAC) and 2) Post-Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Diploma in Anaesthesia Care GDipNPAC</p>
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Effective date of full closure of program: (date by which students currently in the program will be expected to graduate)	December 31, 2016
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1 Brief Summary

The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing proposes the closure of the Graduate Diploma in Anaesthesia Care (GDipNPAC) for the Nurse Practitioner (NP) offered in two formats: as a concurrent diploma for students in the Master of Nursing (MN, Nurse Practitioner Field) degree program and as a post-master diploma for Nurse Practitioners who have already completed their MN, NP Field. Admissions to this program were administratively suspended in Winter 2013. Both diploma options required 3.0 FCEs.

The other three emphases (Adult, Paediatric, Primary Care-Global Health) in the MN-NP field of study will continue to remain open. The Faculty of Nursing offers the following degrees:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
- Master of Nursing
- Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Diploma
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2 Rationale

The Concurrent MN (NP Field) Diploma in Anesthesia Care -Type 2 and the Post MN (NP Field) Diploma in Anesthesia Care - Type 4 were developed with funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and support from the Canadian Nurses Association, College of Nurses of Ontario, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, Ontario Medical Association, and UofT's Faculty of Medicine Department of Anaesthesia. The Diploma was designed to meet the current demand for educational preparation in the specialization within the MN NP field and for Nurse Practitioners following their master's degree. This graduate diploma aimed to provide advanced education for Nurse Practitioners interested in developing their knowledge and skills related to the continuum of anaesthesia care including pre-operative, peri-operative, post-operative, and ambulatory care. These practitioners were expected to play a key part in health service delivery, improving access to anaesthesia care services and health care for Ontarians. This diploma was approved by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs of Governing Council on January 12, 2010, following approval by the Faculty of Nursing's Faculty Council and SGS Graduate Education Council in November 2009. The diploma received approval from the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies on March 26, 2010. The program was launched in January 2011.

When this program was developed, it was anticipated there would be a gap in service in anaesthesia care, palliative care, and pain teams. However, the anticipated gap in the workforce was not actualized. There was low enrolment in this program. While the three students who did complete the program are eligible to work as NPs, they have not been able

to work in a new NP role, which requires the anaesthesia designation. The program was administratively suspended in Winter 2013. The decision to close this program is based on lack of interest from a potential applicant pool and the lack of job availability in the labour market.

The proposal to close the program formally is necessary in order to update all records of our academic offerings and provide clarity for potential applicants in the Faculty's external communications. The Faculty of Nursing wishes to formally close the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Concurrent Diploma in Anaesthesia Care (GDipNPAC) and Post-Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Diploma in Anaesthesia Care GDipNPAC programs.

3 Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure

Since 2013, the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing has engaged clinical partner nurse leaders in discussion (e.g. at the Hospital University Nursing Education Committee) about the role of the Nurse Practitioner in Anaesthesia Care. All engaged have agreed that there are no formal roles available for graduates of these two programs nor could they envision such roles in the future. This feedback was brought to the Faculty's Curriculum Committee and Faculty Council for consideration.

There are no known negative implications as a result of this closure. The demand for the program is almost nil. Three of the four courses originally offered were particular to the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Concurrent Diploma in Anaesthesia Care (GDipNPAC) and Post-Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) Diploma in Anaesthesia Care GDipNPAC programs and they have not been offered after the last students graduated in 2013. The remaining course, NUR1202 – Pain for Advanced Practice has been periodically offered as it is a course of interest to other MN degree students, particularly in the Clinical Nursing field of study.

4 Student Accommodation

Table 1: Graduate Breakdown

	Year one	Year two	Year three	Year four	Year five	Year six
Current diploma enrolment (both stand alone and concurrent)	0	0	0	0	0	0

There is no impact related to this closure. There have been no students enrolled in this program since 2013. The last students conferred June 2013.

5 Faculty / Staff Accommodation

No faculty or staff resources have been dedicated to this program. When initially offered, these specialty courses were led by stipend sessional teachers.

6 Governance Process

	Levels of Approval Required
Decanal / Provostial Sign-Off	
Curriculum Committee - April 6, 2016 Faculty Council - June 29, 2016	Faculty/Divisional Council (approval of closure of minors, where there is a continuing (specialist or major)
Submission to Provost's Office	
Cycle 1 AP&P 2016-17 for final approval	AP&P (approval of program closures: undergrad specialists/majors; minors where there is no specialist of major; graduate fields or diploma, and collaborative programs)
	Academic Board (approval of degree, graduate program, diploma closures)
	Executive Committee of Governing Council (executive confirms degree, grad program, closures)
Inclusion in Annual report to Quality Council	
Inclusion in Annual report to MTCU (in case of closure of degree)	