



**FOR APPROVAL**

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**TO:** Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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**DATE:** March 10, 2014 for April 1, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM:** 1.

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Proposal for the closure of the undergraduate certificate, Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care), Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the closures diploma programs and certificate programs as required by the University's Policy on Diploma and Certificate Programs. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.ii*)

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

1. Academic Policy and Programs Committee (April 1, 2014)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

This proposal received approval from the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing Council on February 26, 2014.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

This is a proposal for the closure of the undergraduate certificate, Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care). Admissions to this degree credit certificate program has been closed since 2007-08 and there have been no students registered in the program since 2008-09.

The Faculty now offers a focus on Primary Health Care within the Nurse Practitioner field of the Master of Nursing program.

The closure of the program (effective immediately upon approval) is therefore without implication for students.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT the proposed closure of the undergraduate certificate, Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care), as described in the attached proposal from Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing dated January 27, 2014, be approved effective immediately.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Cover for proposal

Proposal for the closure of the undergraduate certificate, Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care), Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing



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

<b>Closure Proposed:</b> <b>Please specify precisely what is being closed:</b>  i.e., Graduate diploma, field, certificate, option within a program (e.g., specialist, major, or minor), entire program, or degree (graduate or undergraduate)	Undergraduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care) – NU CNPP
<b>Department / Unit (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Faculty / Academic Division:</b>	Faculty of Nursing
<b>Faculty / Academic Division contact:</b>	Ann Tourangeau, Associate Dean Academic
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<b>Effective date program will be closed to new admissions:</b>	January 1, 2007
<b>Effective date of full closure of program:</b>  (date by which students currently in the program will be expected to graduate)	Effective immediately upon approval by AP&P (the last graduating class was June 2009)
<b>Version Date:</b>	January 27, 2014

## 1 Brief Summary

Please accept this submission as a proposal to formally close the “Undergraduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care)” program offered by the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing. The closure of this program will have no impact on any remaining offerings. This is a program that has been without enrollments since 2008-09 and has not admitted any students since 2006-07. Nurses wishing to pursue Nurse Practitioner education can do so within the existing Master of Nursing program, as a field of study (Primary Health Care/Global Health emphasis).

## 2 Rationale

As described in the *Report on the Integration of Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners into the Province of Ontario*<sup>1</sup>, Bill 127 “Expanded Nursing Services for Patients Act” amended the Regulated Health Professions Act and Nursing Act in 1998 in order to grant Nurse Practitioners an expanded scope of practice. The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing first admitted students in September 1999 to the “Undergraduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care)”.

In 2005, Health Canada funded the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Initiative (CNPI), which reviewed the nurse practitioner role in Canada. In 2006, the CNPI published a report that included the recommendation to adopt a master’s degree as the required credential by 2010. In response to the changing landscape for nursing, the Lawrence S. Bloomberg ceased promotion of the “Undergraduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care)” program and the last intake of students into this program was September 2006-07. The last time students were enrolled in this program was 2008-09.

In August 2007, only registered nurses who successfully passed the Ontario provincial regulation exam for RN Extended Class (EC) could use the title Nurse Practitioner<sup>2</sup>. The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing’s already established master’s degree subsumed the NP education necessary for preparing RN (EC) for a broader scope of practice. The “Undergraduate Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner (Primary Health Care)” has been dormant since 2009. It is being brought forward now for formal closure as there is no intention to continue to offer this program in the future.

## 3 Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure

There is no negative or known impact to the closure of this undergraduate certificate as all resources have already been shifted to the existing Master of Nursing program, Nurse Practitioner field of study.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario (January 2005). *Report on the integration of primary health care nurse practitioners into the province of Ontario*. Retrieved January 29, 2014, from [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/nurseprac03/nurseprac03\\_mn.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/nurseprac03/nurseprac03_mn.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> Health Force Ontario website [http://www.healthforceontario.ca/en/Home/Nurses/Training\\_%7C\\_Practising\\_In\\_Ontario/Nursing\\_Roles/Nurse\\_Practitioners](http://www.healthforceontario.ca/en/Home/Nurses/Training_%7C_Practising_In_Ontario/Nursing_Roles/Nurse_Practitioners). Accessed January 29, 2014.

## 4 Student Accommodation

**Table 1: Undergraduate**

	Year one	Year two	Year three	Year four
<b>Current enrolment</b>	# 0	# 0	# 0	# 0
This program closure will have no effect on students' progress as there are no current enrolments in this program.				

## 5 Faculty / Staff Accommodation

There is no impact on faculty and staff as there are no current teaching and administrative activities dedicated to this program.

## 6 Governance Process

	Levels of Approval Required
<b>Decanal / Provostial Sign-Off</b>	
Curriculum Committee - February 5, 2014 Faculty Council - February 26, 2014	Faculty/Divisional Council (approval of closure of minors, where there is a continuing (specialist or major)
<b>Submission to Provost's Office</b>	
Cycle 5 AP&P for final approval - April 1, 2014	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)
<b>Inclusion in Annual report to Quality Council</b>	
<b>Inclusion in Annual report to MTCU (in case of closure of degree)</b>	