



Channel Islands

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From: Elizabeth A. Say, Ph.D., Interim Provost

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Re: Master of Science in Nursing and Post-Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Educator Programs

The undergraduate nursing program enrolled its first cohort of students in fall 2007. The program is now ranked 8th of 134 nursing programs in California and has achieved a 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate in three of the previous six years. The program also was awarded a 10-year accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 2014. Now that the undergraduate nursing program is established and graduates are successfully finding employment after graduate, the faculty have worked to develop and launch a Master of Science in Nursing Program. A graduate nursing program has been in the Academic Master Plan for CSU Channel Islands since 2006.

I fully support the proposed Master of Science in Nursing program. The program will have two emphases—Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator. The proposed program will meet workforce needs in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and southern San Luis Obispo counties. The hybrid delivery format, with most of the courses being offered online, will provide nurses working in rural communities along the Central Coast with the opportunity to further their educational preparation and transition to new professional roles within their communities.

Moreover, I also support the offering of Post-Master's Certificates in Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator programs. These two certificate programs will provide nurses with a Master's degree in nursing with the opportunity to transition to another area of nursing practice. Our service partners are eager for the both the Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator programs to begin because they are experiencing difficulty finding primary care providers and nurse educators with the requisite educational backgrounds to meet their needs.

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