

To: Faculty Senate

From: Tammy D. Barry, Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education

Date: January 22, 2025

RE: Reactivation of Master of Nursing Degree

The Master of Nursing degree has been approved for reactivation by the provost, effective January 17, 2025. This decision follows a moratorium presented as an informational item to the Faculty Senate on [March 23, 2023](#) (Exhibit 312A). The reactivated program will introduce two new specializations developed to address regional workforce needs and informed by extensive consultation with stakeholders: Systems Leadership and Nurse Educator.

The Graduate Studies Committee has approved both specializations. The Systems Leadership track emphasizes healthcare quality metrics, patient safety, and systems-level leadership. The Nurse Educator track aims to mitigate critical faculty shortages in nursing education. Both tracks are currently advancing through the Senate review process.

Effective Date: Fall 2025