



## **BOISE STATE ANNOUNCES GRADUATE DEGREE IN NURSING**

Beginning in fall 2007, the Department of Nursing will offer a graduate program to prepare students for advanced professional practice and scholarly work in population health nursing with a foundation in public health. The program offers two degree options: a thesis for a Master of Science Degree (MSN) and a professional development project for a Master of Nursing Degree (MN). The MSN Degree can serve as a foundation for doctoral study.

## **WHAT IS POPULATION HEALTH NURSING?**

This is the only graduate nursing program in Idaho where Population Health Nurses focus on the health promotion, disease prevention, and health status of populations that share common characteristics. This emerging specialty enables practice with populations across geographical boundaries and health care settings.

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

This master's program is designed to prepare graduates with advanced skills in the nursing care of populations. Graduates will have in-depth competencies in the following areas:

- Population Health
- Health Policy
- Health Care Finance
- Leadership
- Research Methods & Application
- Community Assessment, Planning, Intervention and Evaluation
- Epidemiology & Statistics

Graduates have the ability to apply theories and frameworks from nursing and related disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate population health programs. Their expertise can be utilized in settings ranging from community-based clinics to acute care to teaching in a university setting. Our graduates can impact population health problems, affect health care outcomes, and affect change in health care.

## **WHO ARE POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS?**

- Public Health Departments
- School Districts
- Universities and Colleges
- Insurance Agencies (e.g., Blue Cross)
- Consulting Firms
- State Health and Welfare Agencies
- Medical Centers
- Health Clinics
- Non Profit Organizations

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Apply for graduate admission\* and be accepted to the BSU Graduate School (application, transcripts, fee, etc.)
- Submit nursing application to the Department of Nursing
  - Attach a \$20 non-refundable application fee in the form of money order
  - Submit a photocopy of your unencumbered Idaho Registered Nurse license(s)
  - Submit two completed reference forms or arrange for submission
  - Submit a written 250 word statement (use current guidelines)
  - Submit current resume or curriculum vitae
  - Arrange for an interview, if contacted as a top applicant

\*The Department of Nursing website has complete details on application requirements for both the Graduate College and for the nursing application.

## PROGRAM LENGTH

Students will complete 39-semester credits between a minimum of 3 years and the maximum of 7 years regulated by the Graduate College.

## ACCREDITATION

The master's program has been designed in accordance with national accreditation standards. Accreditation agency guidelines require that the first class of graduating students be in their last semester or have graduated when the agency representatives make an on-site visit for initial accreditation. The same accrediting agency will be used that designated continuing accreditation for the undergraduate nursing program. This agency is the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

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