

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

REDESIGNATE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING,
CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing as the Department of Biobehavioral Health Science, College of Nursing, Chicago

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Nursing recommends approval to redesignate the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing as the Department of Biobehavioral Health Science.

The proposed name reflects the educational and research programs within the department. The department offers programs in adult and geriatric nursing and health care for educating advanced practice clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners. Biobehavioral nursing research is viewed as a continuum from purely biological to purely behavioral. Representing an interdisciplinary approach to study complex health problems, biobehavioral nurse researchers combine the research methodologies from the basic biological and behavioral sciences. This blending of techniques with clinical research expertise unique to nursing expands the scope of nursing research. The College

is one of only two colleges of nursing granted a National Institutes of Health (NIH) T32 Biobehavioral Nursing Research Training Grant.

The name change follows the national lead by colleges/schools of nursing to move from the more traditional department names to names that more accurately reflect the research, teaching, and practice scholarship of faculty and students.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.