

Board Meeting  
May 22, 2008

REDESIGNATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE NURSING, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Redesignation of the Department of Public Health, Mental Health, and Administrative Nursing as the Department of Health Systems 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 Public Health, Mental Health, and Administrative Nursing as the Department of Health Systems Science.

The proposed name is more descriptive of what the department does with respect to scholarship and is a reflection of its interdisciplinary faculty membership. The department offers programs in administrative nursing, mental health, community and occupational health, school nurse, and family nurse practitioner, and joint degree programs with the College of Business Administration, School of Public Health, and Health Informatics.

In 1995, the three departments of Administrative Studies in Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, and Public Health Nursing were restructured to form one department.

In 1998, the administrative nursing and public health concentrations agreed to revise their master's concentration core to offer one series of courses for both concentrations, which would focus on integrated systems management and leadership content. Systems and behavioral sciences together form the foundation for health care leadership and management, and behavioral sciences support nursing interventions leading to self care, risk reduction, and mental health management. The systems and behavioral arenas mandate an interdisciplinary approach due to the complexity of direct care and delivery issues.

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.