

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

REDESIGNATE DEPARTMENT OF MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING,
CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Department of Maternal-Child Nursing as the Department of Women, Children, and Family 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 Maternal-Child Nursing as the Department of Women, Children, and Family Health Science.

The proposed name reflects the educational and research programs within the department. The department offers educational programs in nurse-midwifery, women's health, perinatal and pediatrics in advanced practice nursing for clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners. Faculty are engaged in family-focused research such as family responses to genetic disorders, genetic testing, chronic illness, pregnancy loss, and adolescent pregnancy. Faculty also conduct research testing family-based interventions. All of the programs use the family unit as context for teaching, research, and practice.

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.