

## Substantive Change Action Report

**Proposal Information:**

Proposal Review Date	June 14, 2011
Institution	University of Hawaii at Hilo
Type of Substantive Change	New Degree
Program Name / Location	Doctor of Nursing Practice - Three tracks
ALO	April R. Komenaka Scazzola
WASC Staff Liaison	Richard Osborn
Committee Reviewers	Elizabeth Reilly, Eric Boyce

**Committee Action and Date (See Attached)**

**Additional Information<sup>1</sup> (See Attached):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Approval on <u>6/14/2011</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Commission (No visit) on _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification of Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Site Visit Required <input type="checkbox"/> International Visit Required <input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track <input type="checkbox"/> Non Compliance <p><sup>1</sup> Items checked or listed above must be fulfilled in order to finalize Substantive Change Approval</p>
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**Commission Approval and Date (For Institutional Tracking)<sup>2,3</sup>:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved on _____ Implementation of an approved change must occur within two years of Commission approval. If the change will be implemented more than two years after the approval date; contact your WASC Staff Liaison to determine if the change requires re-approval.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved on _____
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<sup>2</sup> Commission approval of a new degree program signifies that the program is covered by the WASC accreditation of the institution as a whole. Approval by WASC should not be represented, in marketing materials or any other forms of communication, as program-specific accreditation, such as that bestowed by specialized, professional, or programmatic accrediting organizations.

<sup>3</sup> Record the date that the Commission took action on this Substantive Change proposal for your records.

**Findings of the Committee:**

**Commendations:**

- 1) The Doctorate of Nursing Practice fits within the overall direction of the University of Hawaii Hilo.
- 2) The UH Hilo is commended for the strong planning demonstrated in this new program with a well articulated design of courses, a solid financial plan, and an admirable plan of faculty development.
- 3) This program meets a societal need.
- 4) The partnership with other universities will help reduce inefficiencies and improve the overall strength of the program through a sharing of resources.
- 5) The proactive work on budgeting and finding library resources for this program is commended.

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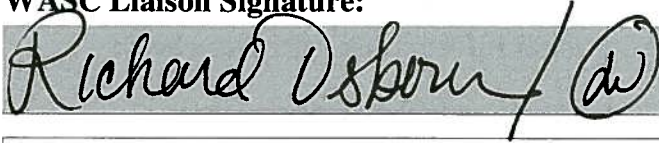
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**Recommendations:**

1) In regard to educational effectiveness, the panel recommends the creation of an assessment matrix that identifies the type of assessment to be conducted, when it takes place, the responsible office/position overseeing it, who analyzes data, what committees, and what offices or positions take the data and "close the loop" to apply assessment outcomes for program improvement and strategic planning.

2) UH Hilo is reminded to make sure that as these programs develop, faculty will have the time, financial resource, and professional development to engage in scholarly research as part of the culture needed for offering doctoral programs.

**WASC Liaison Signature:**

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Date: 6/17/2011