

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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Dear Dr. Nowack:

I write in support of the Post Graduate Certificate in Biobehavioral Nursing submitted by Dr. Michele Clark. The majority of doctorally prepared nurses do not have the opportunity to take biobehavioral course work or have a laboratory experience.

I believe there will be good interest in this certificate program as way to expand potential student's knowledge of new research instruments to make them more competitive for extramural funding.

Courses include:

HSC 701 Interdisciplinary Team Science or HSC 702 Translational Research Design

NURS 739 Biobehavioral Approaches in Nursing Research

NURS 741 Biobehavioral Mechanisms, Pathways & Measurements

NURS 747 Laboratory Immersion

Enrollment of additional students will enrich the learning experience and increase the cost effectiveness of offering these courses, which are already part of the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD program.

Sincerely,



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