

To: Education Policies and Planning Committee

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Date: October 25, 2013

The following option from the College of Nursing is presented for your review and approval:

- The College of Nursing would like to offer the Accelerated Second Degree BSN Option. This is not a new degree, but rather a different option for earning the BSN from the College of Nursing. This option is designed for students who have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree and are interested in pursuing a BSN degree with eligibility to obtain licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). This 12-month program will begin in the 2nd summer session annually. It will offer students access to a variety of educational and clinical experiences as well as expert nursing faculty and technological resources. At the completion of the course work, graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and begin new careers in professional nursing. Upon completion of all required general education courses and designated nursing prerequisite courses, second degree students can complete the BSN option of study in 12 months. The rapid pace of this option demands a full-time commitment to academics.
- The College of Nursing will discontinue the Alternate Entry MSN option based on national trends. Many advanced practice programs require a BSN for admission. For example, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program requires a minimum of a BSN degree. Many master's degree programs in nursing are converting to DNP programs.
- In order to accelerate this option of study, the course content is integrated to facilitate the rapid learning of the essential concepts.
- Information included in this packet is listed below:
 - Catalog changes proposed
 - Information about the option

Accelerated Second Degree Option

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Upon completion of all required prerequisite courses, credits and designated nursing courses, second degree students can complete the BSN program of study in 12 months. The rapid pace of this option demands a full-time commitment to academics.

Application Process

To be eligible to apply for this option the applicant must have:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a graduating cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- At least a B (3.0) in each of the specified mathematics, biology, and chemistry courses.
- A "C" (2.0) in the other prerequisite courses.
- Completed the National League for Nursing Pre-admission Examination (NLN PAX). Students achieving a composite score of 120 or higher and 50th percentile in each subtest area will be given preference.

Admission to this option is competitive. Applicants meeting the minimum requirements are not guaranteed admission to the option. Admissions are once a year with classes beginning in the second summer session. Applications must be filed by December 1st for the next year's admission. The National League for Nursing Pre-admission Examination (NLN PAX) must be taken as part of the application process. Students achieving a composite score of 120 or higher and 50th percentile in each subtest area will be given preference. The GAP, NLN PAX test score, and a completed application will be used to determine a pool of candidates selected for interview.

Special Requirements

All nursing students must maintain American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider certification in CPR.

Nursing students must meet certain mandatory requirements including drug screening, a cleared criminal background check, proof of health insurance coverage, and immunizations. Specific information will be provided once the offer of admission to the nursing program has been accepted.

Program of Study

The BSN degree requires at least 128 credits: 40 credits in nursing, and 88 credits transferred from the previous baccalaureate degree including the designated prerequisites. Science course work cannot be more than five years old.

Designated Nursing Prerequisites: 88 s.h. including

	Semester Hours
BIOL 2110 - Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
BIOL 2111 - Fundamentals of Microbiology Laboratory	0
BIOL 2140 - Physiology and Anatomy	4
BIOL 2141 - Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory	0
BIOL 2150 - Human Physiology and Anatomy	4
BIOL 2151 - Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory	0
CHEM 1120 - Introduction to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences	3
CHEM 1130 - Organic and Biochemistry for the Allied Health Sciences	4
MATH 1065 - College Algebra	3
NUTR 2105 - Nutrition Science	3
PHIL 1175 - Introduction to Ethics or PHIL 2275 - Professional Ethics	3
PSYC 1000 - Introductory Psychology	3
PSYC 3206 - Developmental Psychology	3
SOCI 2110 - Introduction to Sociology	3
Approved Statistics Course	3

Other courses to equal 88 s.h.

Nursing Major

NURS 3020- Health Assessment	3
NURS 3021- Health Assessment lab	0
NURS 3510- Research in Nursing	3
NURS 3910- Concept Integration for Professional Nursing I	4
NURS 3911- Concept Integration for Professional Nursing Lab	0
NURS 3920- Concept Integration for Professional Nursing II	7
NURS 3921- Concept Integration for Professional Nursing II Clinical	0
NURS 4210- Nursing Care of Populations and Communities	6
NURS 4211- Nursing Care of Populations and Communities Clinical	0
NURS 4511- Clinical Capstone	3
NURS 4910- Leadership & the Health Care System	5
NURS 4920- Nursing Care of Clients with Complex Health Needs	7
NURS 4921- Nursing Care of Clients with Complex Health Needs Clinical	0
NURS 4930- Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	<u>2</u>
Total	40



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To: **Members of the University Curriculum Committee**

From: **Jennifer Muir, Executive Director of Business and Administrative Affairs College of Nursing** JM

Date: **June 10, 2013**

Re: **Budgetary Memo**

Currently, the College of Nursing supports an Alternate Entry option. The 2013 – 2014 academic year will be the last year that the College of Nursing will be accepting first year students into this program. By 2014, the Alternate Entry option will be phased out and replaced with the Accelerated Second Degree BSN option. All resources currently supporting the Alternate Entry option will be reallocated to support the new Accelerated Second Degree BSN option. In summary, the College of Nursing currently has adequate financial resources to support the new Accelerated Second Degree BSN option.