

ATTACHMENT 2F

Academic Policy Series

1622.20A

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair Date Submitted Graduate Council Chair Date
College Dean Date Faculty Senate Chair Date
Honors College Dean Date Provost Date
Core Curriculum Committee Date Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date
University Course and Programs Committee Date Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: [X] Major/Field of Study [] Minor [] Other Unit [] Policy
Level: [X] Undergraduate [] Graduate [] Law Effective Catalog Year 2011

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name BSN, Nursing

College, School, Division EDUC Department Code NURS

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) NURSBS Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha)
Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

[] Interdisciplinary Program CIP Code 51.3801
Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name
When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

[] For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx

[] Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here:

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name Effective Catalog Year
No new students admitted to program after Term: Year:
Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: Year:

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: Total credits for the degree remain the same.

The course title for a pre-nursing course NURS 2032 Therapeutic and Interprofessional Communication was modified to reflect increased emphasis on the interdisciplinary nature of professional nursing.

Current courses in the nursing Professional Program of Study were designated as Level I (first two semesters of the program) and Level II (second two semesters of the program) with some modification of course descriptions and outcomes based on Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2008).

NURS 3402 Nursing Concepts: Older Adult was moved from the third semester in Level II to the first semester in Level I in order to prepare students for working with older adults in all of their clinical courses. The course credits were changed from three to two credits.

NURS 3643 Professional Role Implementation II: Caregiver was increased from three to four credits to accommodate content from NURS 3841L Professional Nursing Skills: Advanced.

NURS 3841L Professional Nursing Skills: Advanced was deleted.

NURS 4112 Teaching and Health Promotion was moved from the first semester in Level I to the third semester in Level II when students take NURS 4164 Professional Role Implementation IV: Teacher.

NURS 4252 Professional Role Implementation V: Manager was reduced from three to two credits.

NEW COURSE: NURS 4262 Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness II was designed with expanded content that was previously a part of NURS 4263 Nursing Concepts: Older Adult in Health and Illness but not moved to the reconfigured NURS 3402 Nursing Concepts: Older Adult.

NURS 4442 Nursing Concepts: Critical Care and NURS 4452 Professional Role Implementation VI: Role Synthesis were each reduced from three to two credits.

NEW COURSE: NURS 4722 Professional Role Implementation VIII: Role Synthesis was designed as a two credit clinical immersion experience in the final semester of the Professional Program of Study.

References to the course changes were also reflected in the RN to BSN and L.P.N./L.P.T.N. to BSN escrow lists.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

The direction for the change is governed by the nursing program's accreditation body, the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), that requires that the program incorporates professional nursing guidelines described in the revised Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2008).

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

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The mission of the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing is to promote the health of society through education of professional nurses, research, and service. In recognition of the interrelationship between teaching, research, service, and the practice of nursing, in the changing health care needs of society, the faculty aspires toward excellence in teaching, contributes to research in nursing, and promotes improved health care.

Professional nursing begins with a Bachelor of Science degree. Nursing education offers a research base for nursing practice that promotes the ability of the nurse to effect change needed to improve health. In the study of professional nursing, the student builds on a planned general education for the academic disciplines and acquires theoretical and specific knowledge to meet health care needs. In addition, the curriculum provides opportunity for students with technical nursing education to expand their knowledge and scope of practice. The baccalaureate program establishes a foundation for graduate education in nursing and for continued personal and professional development. The curriculum provides the student with a theoretical base to practice professional nursing with diverse clients in various settings through the roles of caregiver, manager, and teacher. The program of study has been designed to emphasize one or more of these roles in each nursing course.

Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse (R.N.). Persons convicted of a crime may not be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination. A criminal background check is required before admission to the program and before graduation. A negative drug screen must be submitted prior to admission and each semester while in the program. The

Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.) is awarded after successful completion of the nursing curriculum.

ADMISSION TO THE B.S.N. PROGRAM

Admission Policies

Conditional Admission to the B.S.N. Program

Admission to the B.S.N. program is limited. Conditional admission will be determined by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing faculty. Admission requirements for the professional program of study are as follows:

1. Overall minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00. The GPA is the most important factor for admission selection.
2. Students will be ranked according to GPA and selected for conditional admission to the program based on GPA rank.
3. The GPA will be computed on all prerequisite courses for nursing only, whether they are from the University of Arkansas or transfer hours.
4. If the student is a second degree student, an additional 0.1 point will be added to the GPA for the student for admission ranking.
5. Applications for admission must be submitted between October 15 and December 1 to be considered for fall semester admission and between April 15 and June 1 for spring semester admission. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.
6. Students must meet the performance standards for the professional program of study.
7. Students transferring from another nursing program must provide a letter from the nursing program that they are eligible to return and in good standing to be considered for admission.

Full Admission to the B.S.N. Program

Full admission to the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing is contingent upon meeting the conditional requirements and successfully meeting the following requirements:

1. All prerequisite coursework for a fall admission into the Professional Program of Study in Nursing must be completed by the end of the spring semester with the exception of the three pre-nursing courses (NURS 2012, NURS 2022, NURS 2032), which may be taken in the summer session prior to entering the program of study in nursing in the fall. (All coursework for spring admission must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to entering the Professional Program of Study in Nursing in the spring, as already required.)
2. Proof of the following:
 - a) CPR certification (American Heart Association Basic Certified Life Support and Automated Emergency Defibrillation CPR for Health Care Providers)
 - b) Completed Hepatitis B vaccine with dates of each injection or immune titer if vaccine received 10 years ago. Three (3) HBV injections are needed. Students are required to have obtained HBV Injection 1 within two weeks of the beginning of the scheduled semester, followed by Injection 2 in one month, and Injection 3 within six months of Injection 1, in order to enter the clinical setting. A student who fails to obtain the complete series (3 injections), according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) established timeframe, will not be permitted to participate in patient care contact required in clinical experiences.
 - c) Negative Tuberculin skin test or negative chest X-ray result within two years if student has ever tested positive for tuberculosis.
 - d) Diphtheria-Tetanus (DT) required.
 - e) Health insurance: Students must submit proof of current coverage.
 - f) Liability insurance is provided through an established student fee at the University of Arkansas.
 - g) A criminal background check is required. Results will be reported to the college administration and school officials and any health-care facility in which the students are placed as part of the clinical education. An unsatisfactory background check result may lead to denial of admission to the nursing program. The criminal background check must be completed by prior to the first day of class.

h) A negative drug screen is required within two weeks prior to entrance into the nursing program. Results are reported to the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing. A positive drug screen will lead to denial of admission to the nursing program. Student failure to submit to a drug screen, attempting to tamper with, contaminate, or switch a sample will result in the student not being admitted to the nursing program and will be referred to the Dean of Students in the Division of Student Affairs at the University of Arkansas.

Procedures for the criminal background check and the drug screen are available on the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing Web site: <http://nurs.uark.edu/4208.htm>.

R.N. to B.S.N. Admission Policies

1. College admission requirements.
2. Eleanor Mann School of Nursing admission policies.
3. Completion of the general education studies. (R.N. students who have completed 45 hours of the required general studies may petition for exception to the nursing admission policy if MATH 1203, EDFD 2403, and NURS 2012 have been completed.)
4. Graduation from an Arkansas State Board of Nursing approved program or an accredited out-of-state program.
5. Review of nursing courses for transfer credit by the School of Nursing.
6. Proof of, and maintenance of, unencumbered licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in Arkansas and any other state.
7. Requirements necessary to receive advanced placement may vary with length of time since graduation and length of time of (or since) nursing employment.
8. Credit for courses listed below will be held in escrow. The student will receive credit for these courses upon successful completion of the program.

NURS 2032

NURS 3212

NURS 3313

NURS 3422/3424

NURS 3634/3644

NURS 3742/3752

NURS 4154/4164

NURS 4262

NURS 4442/4452

R.N. students will be considered as a separate group for admission purposes.

L.P.N./L.P.T.N. to B.S.N. admission policies

1. College admission requirements.
2. Eleanor Mann School of Nursing admission policies.
3. Completion of the general education studies. (L.P.N. students who have completed 45 hours of the required general studies may petition for exception to the nursing admission policy if MATH 1203, EDFD 2403, and NURS 2012 have been completed.)
4. Completion of an Arkansas State Board-approved L.P.N. or L.P.T.N. program or an NLNAC accredited out-of-state program.
5. Review of nursing courses for transfer credit by the School of Nursing.
6. Proof of, and maintenance of, an unencumbered license to practice as an L.P.N. or L.P.T.N. in the state of Arkansas or any other state.
7. Advanced placement may vary based on the length of time since completion of the L.P.N. or L.P.T.N. and the length of time of (or since) nursing employment.
8. Credit for courses listed below will be held in escrow. The student will receive credit for these courses upon successful completion of the program.

NURS 3313

NURS 2032

NURS 3422/3424

9. Students may receive credit for NURS 3634/3644 through validation examination.

L.P.N./L.P.T.N. students will be considered as a separate group for admission purposes.

Progression, Withdrawal, and Dismissal

1. For progression in the nursing program, only grades of “C” or above will be accepted. Students who make less than a “C” may not progress into courses for which that course is a prerequisite until the course is repeated and the required minimum grade attained.
2. Students may repeat a specific nursing course only once. If a “D,” “F,” or “W” is earned on the second attempt, the student will be required to withdraw from the School of Nursing.
3. No more than two nursing courses within the program of study may be repeated. If the student does not earn a grade of at least “C” upon repeating the course, the student may not enroll in any nursing courses or continue in the School of Nursing.
4. Students who do not pass the medication calculation examination with a 100 percent on the third attempt will be administratively withdrawn from all clinical courses and NURS 4712 Seminar in Nursing, if enrolled.

Professional Role Implementation Courses

1. A student who needs to repeat a Professional Role Implementation Course must make petition to the Undergraduate Admission Committee and are encouraged to do so as soon as they are aware of the need to repeat a course.
2. Students will be readmitted on a space-available basis according to the following priority system:

Priority Groups for Placement in Required Clinical Courses

- a) First Priority – Continuing full-time students in good academic standing.
 - b) Second Priority – Continuing part-time students in good academic standing.
 - c) Third Priority – Students repeating a course due to an academic or clinical failure or were administratively withdrawn with a “W” for failing the medication calculation test who were unable to repeat a course for one or more semesters.
 - d) Fourth Priority – Students repeating a course due to an academic or clinical failure or were administratively withdrawn with a “W” for failing the medication calculation test who were in the preceding semester.
3. Spaces in clinical courses are limited and tightly controlled by accreditation, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and clinical agency policies. A student re-enrolling in a Professional Role Implementation Course (whether due to illness, course failure, part-time status, or other reasons) will not be assured clinical placement space in subsequent courses.
 4. NOTE: A student dismissed from a Professional Role Implementation Course due to safety, ethical, or dishonesty issues will be administratively withdrawn from all clinical courses, and may be subject to administrative withdrawal from the School of Nursing following full review. Readmission is not guaranteed to these students.

Readmission Policies

Any student whose enrollment in the professional program of study has been interrupted may seek readmission following the steps below:

1. Seek readmission into the University of Arkansas (if applicable).
2. Complete Readmission Application to the School of Nursing the semester prior to the semester of intended re-entry into the program (Readmission is limited by space availability).
3. Readmission will not be considered for any student dismissed from the School of Nursing who obtained a “D” or “F” from two (2) nursing courses or who was dismissed from a Professional Role Implementation Course due to safety, ethical, or dishonesty issues. Exceptions to this policy will be considered by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee on an individual basis.

Exit Policies

1. Students must complete the requirements for the degree within five years of enrolling in the first upper-division nursing course. If the student does not complete the Professional Program of Study within

the five-year limit, nursing credits must be reevaluated.

2. All University of Arkansas requirements must be met.

NOTE: In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the University and college graduation requirements. This curriculum is subject to change to comply with national accreditation and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Standards.

Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Hours

University Core (State Minimum Core) See Page 40 35

English (6 hours)

*ENGL 1013 English Composition I

*ENGL 1023 English Composition II

Mathematics (3 hours)

*MATH 1203 College Algebra or equivalent

Sciences with Labs (8 hours) must include

*4 hours of CHEM including a lab

*BIOL 2443/2441L Human Anatomy**

Fine Arts/Humanities (6 hours)

Must include one of the following courses:

*PHIL 2003 Intro to Philosophy; *PHIL 2103 Intro to Ethics;

*PHIL 2203 Logic; or *PHIL 3103 Ethics and the Professions

3 hours Core History/Government

*Social Sciences (9 hours)

Must include *HESC 1403 Lifespan Development

Additional General Studies

*BIOL 2213/2211L Human Physiology

*EDFD 2403 Statistics in Nursing, or *PSYC 2013

Introduction to Statistics for Psychiatry, or *STAT 2303

Principles of Statistics

*BIOL 2013/2011L General Microbiology

*NURS 2012 Nursing Informatics

*NURS 2022 Intro. to Professional Nursing Concepts

*NURS 2032 Therapeutic and Interprofessional Comm.

*12 elective hours (as needed)

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*Denotes pre-requisite nursing courses that GPA will be computed on for admission into the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, whether they are from the University of Arkansas or transfer hours.

**BIOL 1543/1541L is a prerequisite for BIOL 2013/2011L and BIOL 2443/2441L and may be used as part of the elective hours.

Professional Nursing Program

Level I

NURS 3313 Pharmacology in Nursing

NURS 3314 Pathophysiology

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NURS 3321L Health Assessment

NURS 3402 Nursing Concepts: Older Adult

NURS 3422 Nursing Concepts: Foundations of Professional Practice

NURS 3424 Professional Role Implementation I: Caregiver

NURS 3634 Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness

NURS **3644** Professional Role Implementation II: Caregiver

NURS 3742 Nursing Concepts: Mental Health/Illness

NURS 3752 Professional Role Implementation III: Caregiver

NURS 3842 Research in Nursing

Level II

NURS 4112 Teaching and Health Promotion

NURS 4154 Nursing Concepts: Children and Family

NURS 4164 Professional Role Implementation IV: Teacher

NURS 4242 Management in Nursing

NURS **4252** Professional Role Implementation V: Manager

NURS 4262 Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness II

NURS **4442** Nursing Concepts: Critical Care

NURS **4452** Professional Role Implementation VI:

Role Synthesis

NURS 4603 Nursing Concepts: Community

NURS 4613 Professional Role Implementation VII:

Role Synthesis

NURS 4712 Seminar in Nursing

NURS 4722 Professional Role Implementation VIII: Role Synthesis

Total for Nursing 124

NOTE: The minimum number of hours required to receive a baccalaureate degree at the University of Arkansas is 124 semester hours. The Nursing major is exempt from the eight-semester degree plan since the program is admissions-based. There is no guarantee that a student meeting the minimal GPA requirement will be admitted. Please refer to the College of Education and Health Profession's Web site at <http://nurs.uark.edu/index.htm> for specific information related to the admission criteria.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____

DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
Initials _____ Date _____

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Notification to:

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