

ATTACHMENT 2A-1 LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3

NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

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4. Proposed effective date: Fall 2014
5. Title of degree program: BS Nursing (current degree offered)
6. CIP Code: 51.3801
7. Degree Code: 2940
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: Add Two Concentrations: Generic and RN-BSN
9. Reason for proposed action: Distinguishing two concentrations within the bachelor's degree in nursing, establishes clarification for necessary for program admissions, advising, and degree audits. Each program of study leads to BSN degrees at completion but following very different paths to accomplish it once admitted to nursing school. Both programs require 120 hours to complete and follow similar first 60 hours varying at the nursing requirement level - the RN to BSN online program is a 29 credit-hour degree completion program with 37 hours held in escrow for RNs with an associate's degree or diploma in nursing who desire to complete their bachelor's degree online and the Generic program is a complete in-depth study of nursing for individuals who have no previous history of nursing instruction.
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective:

The BSN program needs two concentrations: (1) Generic, and (2) RN to BSN. These changes will establish that though both concentrations culminate in a bachelor's degree each have different admission criteria, program of study, and delivery methods.
11. Provide the following:
 - a. Curriculum outline - List of required courses
 - b. New course descriptions
 - c. Program goals and objectives
 - d. Expected student learning outcomes
12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery? RN-BSN concentration currently approved for distance delivery.
13. Mode of delivery to be used: Delivery for the RN-BSN concentration will remain online via Blackboard (no change). Generic concentration will continue as primarily an on-campus program of study.
14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used: No change
15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery? Yes, at the RN-BSN level

16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses.

R.N. to B.S.N. Professional Nursing Program

- NURS 4003 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (Fa, Sp) (3)
- NURS 4013 Informatics for the Professional Nurse (Fa, Sp) (3)
- NURS 4112 Nursing Concepts: Teaching and Health Promotion (Sp, Su) (3)
- NURS 4203 Leading and Managing in Healthcare Micro-environments (Fa, Sp) (3)
- NURS 4323 Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning for Professional Nurses (Fa, Sp) (3)
- NURS 4603 Nursing Concepts: Community (Sp, Fa) (3)
- NURS 4701 Professional Nursing Synthesis (Sp, Su, Fa) (1)
- NURS 4722 Professional Role Implementation VIII: Role Synthesis (Sp, Su, Fa) (2)
- NURS 4383 Introduction to Nursing Research (Sp, Fa) (3)
 COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces the research process through a comparative analysis of selected studies exemplifying various theoretical, methodological, and analytical approaches. Students acquire the basic competencies to critically read, evaluate and interpret nursing research studies for use in professional nursing practice.
- NURS 4503 Introduction to Health Care Policy (Su) 3
 COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides an overview of health care policy orienting students to the political and social processes impacting the current health care environment. The course provides a basic framework for understanding the role of nursing in advocacy, leadership, economics and ethics associated with influencing health care policy. Recognizing the financing of health care and the impact on quality through policy changes will be discussed.
- NURS 4313 Pathophysiology for RNs (Sp, Fa) 3
 COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course focuses on the study of the underlying concepts of physiological functioning and the body's adaptive and compensatory mechanisms within a systems framework. Learners examine aspects of disease processes including etiology, pathogenesis, and clinical manifestations, as it applies to current nursing practice with diverse clients across the lifespan.

Program Total (29)

Credits for Selected Nursing Courses Granted from Escrow

- NURS 2032 Therapeutic and Inter-professional Communication (Sp, Su, Fa)
 - NURS 3313 Pharmacology in Nursing (Fa)
 - NURS 3422 Nursing Concepts: Foundations of Professional Practice (Fa)
 - NURS 3424 Professional Role Implementation I: Caregiver (Fa)
 - NURS 3634 Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness I (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 3644 Professional Role Implementation II: Caregiver (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 3742 Nursing Concepts: Mental Health and Illness (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 3752 Professional Role Implementation III: Caregiver (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 4154 Nursing Concepts: Children and Family (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 4164 Professional Role Implementation IV: Teacher (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 4262 Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness II (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 4442 Nursing Concepts: Critical Care (Sp, Fa)
 - NURS 4452 Professional Role Implementation VI: Role Synthesis (Sp, Fa)
- Escrow Credits Total (37)
 Graduation Requirement Total (120)

Generic NURS program

Professional Nursing Program

Role Development (Level I)

NURS 3313	Pharmacology in Nursing (Fa)	3
NURS 3314	Pathophysiology (Sp, Fa)	4
NURS 3321L	Health Assessment (Sp, Fa)	1
NURS 3402	Nursing Concepts: Older Adult (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 3422	Nursing Concepts: Foundations of Professional Practice (Fa)	2
NURS 3424	Professional Role Implementation I: Caregiver (Fa)	4
NURS 3634	Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness I (Sp, Fa)	4
NURS 3644	Professional Role Implementation II: Caregiver (Sp, Fa)	4
NURS 3742	Nursing Concepts: Mental Health and Illness (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 3752	Professional Role Implementation III: Caregiver (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 3842	Research in Nursing (Sp, Fa)	2

Role Focus (Level II)

NURS 4112	Nursing Concepts: Teaching and Health Promotion (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4154	Nursing Concepts: Children and Family (Sp, Fa)	4
NURS 4164	Professional Role Implementation IV: Teacher (Sp, Fa)	4
NURS 4242	Management in Nursing (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4252	Professional Role Implementation V: Manager (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4262	Nursing Concepts: Adult Health and Illness II (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4442	Nursing Concepts: Critical Care (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4452	Professional Role Implementation VI: Role Synthesis (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4603	Nursing Concepts: Community (Sp, Fa)	3
NURS 4613	Professional Role Implementation VII: Role Synthesis (Sp, Fa)	3
NURS 4712	Seminar in Nursing (Sp, Fa)	2
NURS 4722	Professional Role Implementation VIII: Role Synthesis (Sp, Fa)	2
Total Hours		120

17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.
Both delivery methods are existing programs which will require no additional funds to continue.

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date: