



Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

FROM: Dr. Denis G. Wright, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

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TO: Don Ransford, Chair, Curriculum Committee

CC: Dr. Marie Collins, Dean, School of Health Professions

Dr. Marsha Weiner, Associate Dean, School of Health Professions

Garnett Salmon, Registrar

DATE: October 6, 2015

RE: BS, Nursing Catalog update

Notifications from the state and accrediting agencies regarding a decrease in the amount of credits for the AS to BS, Nursing program required changes to the BSN program in Fall 2015. Because this information was communicated after curriculum committee deadlines last curriculum year, I have approved the attached catalog page effective Fall 2015.

Curriculum Committee

Academic Year 2015-2016



Change of Program or Certificate Proposal

Note required information: Program or certificate changes require a change to the catalog page. All change of program or certificate proposals must include the new catalog page, with all proposed changes, at the end of this document. All changes that affect the courses, words, numbers, symbols, program description, admissions requirements, and graduation requirements as presented in the 2014-2015 catalog must be documented. Note before completing this proposal that all new courses and current prerequisite, corequisite, core, or elective courses changes must have already been reviewed (or submitted for the same meeting) by the Curriculum Committee and approved by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Track Changes feature in Word must be used to illustrate all changes to the catalog page.

School or Division	School of Health Professions
Program or Certificate	BS, Nursing
Proposed by (faculty only)	Martha Jenner
Presenter (faculty only)	Martha Jenner
Note that the presenter (faculty) listed above must be present at the Curriculum Committee meeting or the proposal will be returned to the School or Division and be resubmitted for a later date.	
Submission date	10/2/2015

Section I, Proposed Changes

Change of School, Division, or Department	List new school, division, or department
Change to program or certificate name	List new program or certificate name
List below, any changes to the program or certificate prerequisites. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
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List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
List changes to program or certificate General Education requirements	
List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
List changes to program or certificate Core requirements	
List below, any changes to the program or certificate Elective requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
Remove 3 credit elective requirement. Students will no longer need to choose a course from the following: NUR3655 Multicultural Nursing; NUR3895 Teaching and Learning for the Healthcare	

Professional; NUR4169 Evidence Based Nursing Practice; NUR4295 Critical Care Nursing. Reduce the BSN upper division core from 36 to 33 credits by removing the 3-credit elective requirement. In the next academic year, the BSN upper division will decrease to 30 and align with the ACEN and FLDOE initiatives for a 120 credit baccalaureate degree.	
List below, any other changes to the program or certificate requirements.	
Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)	From: To:

Section II, Justification for proposal

Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action
Reducing the BSN upper division core from 36 to 33 allows more credits to be utilized from the ASN degree. In the next academic year, the BSN upper division will decrease to 30 and align with the ACEN and FLDOE initiatives for a 120 credit baccalaureate degree; inclusive of the AS Nursing credits for this degree completion program.

Section III, Important Dates and Endorsements Required

List all faculty endorsements below. (Note that proposals will be returned to the School or Division if faculty endorsements are not provided).
Prof Martha Jenner, Prof Susan Torres, Prof Marilyn Herlin, Prof Deborah Selman

NOTE: Changes for the Fall 2016 term must be submitted to the Dropbox by the February 5, 2016 deadline and approved no later than the March 4, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting. Changes during mid-school year are NOT permitted. Extreme circumstances will require approval from the appropriate Dean or Associate Vice President as well as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs to begin in either the Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 term.

Required Endorsements	Type in Name	Select Date
Department Chair or Program Coordinator/Director	Bobby Holbrook	10/2/2015
Academic Dean or Associate Vice President	Marie Collins	10/2/2015
Dean's Council Representative	N/A VPAA Information Item	Click here to enter a date.

Select Curriculum Committee Meeting Date	November 6, 2015
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Completed curriculum proposals must be uploaded to Dropbox by the deadline. Please refer to the *Curriculum Committee Calendar* document available in the document manager in the FSW Portal:

- Document Manager
- VP Academic Affairs
- Curriculum Process Documents

Important Note to Faculty, Department Chairs or Program Coordinators, and Deans or an Associate Vice President: Incomplete proposals or proposals requiring corrections will be returned to the School or Division. If a proposal is incomplete or requires multiple corrections, the proposal will need to be completed or corrected and **resubmitted to the Dropbox for the next Curriculum Committee meeting**. All Curriculum proposals require approval of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Final approval or denial of a proposal is reflected on the completed and signed Summary Report.

Include complete new catalog page below.

Nursing, BSN

The RN to BSN program is a limited capacity program. Applicants must complete all general education, common prerequisites (electives), core courses, and the foreign language competency requirement before applying to the program. Please consult the admissions requirement section for additional information. Students will be notified each semester of acceptance to the program or if they will be on a waiting list pending available spaces.

Applicants who are admitted to the RN-BSN Program and do not register for a course by the drop/add deadline within that same semester, will have their application for admission cancelled. They would need to update their term of entry to the program during the next application cycle. Students should contact the Office of Admissions for details on how to update their admissions application and eligibility. Updating a term of entry on an admissions application is not a guarantee of admission to the program.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is a RN to BSN degree completion program for registered nurses. The program provides a Career Ladder from the AS degree to the BS degree for registered nurses who have earned a diploma or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Coursework in the program will continue to build upon the registered nursing curriculum foundation. The program offers a diverse population of students with innovative educational experiences and opportunities to meet the health care needs of the community they serve. Through the educational process, the student will be able to internalize the values, traditions, and obligations of the professional nurse and gain a greater professional perspective and increased critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Current occupational employment and wages data for Registered Nurses is published by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics at www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm

Program Highlights:

The RN to BSN in Nursing Program includes courses in professional issues, informatics, research, legal and ethical aspects of health care, advanced health assessment, pathophysiology, pharmacology, clinical decision-making, leadership, and community health. Courses are taken online to accommodate various schedules. Students may choose a full-time course load (12 or more hours) or a part-time course load (less than 12 hours). In the community health and leadership courses, students will have practical experiences that will prepare them with applying theoretical knowledge in the workplace.

Accreditation:

The Florida South Western State College RN to BSN Program is accredited by the:
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Telephone: 404-975-5000

<http://acenursing.org/>

Career Opportunities:

The RN to BSN program prepares registered nurses for career promotions and advancement in nursing to include positions in academia, community health, management, and leadership. It also provides a foundation for advancement to graduate level education programs.

Special Notices:

For practicum experiences outside of our five county service area, it is the responsibility of the student to collaborate with program faculty to secure an appropriate clinical agency.

Please note that it may be necessary to complete the practicum experience in the Fort Myers area if a clinical agreement cannot be secured with the student's preferred host agency. Due to the current regulations governing online learning, the RN-BSN program is not able to admit out-of-state students.

Admission Requirements:

1. Complete all general education, common prerequisites (electives), core courses, and the foreign language competency requirement before applying to the program.
2. After fulfilling the requirements in number one above, complete an online College admissions application. Applications which have not satisfied the requirements in number one will not be considered.
3. Request all official transcripts from previously attended colleges or universities to be sent to the Office of the Registrar. Note that a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all college level coursework is required for admission.
4. Submit a copy of a valid, active, unencumbered RN license from the state in which the applicant is practicing. Note that the license must remain current throughout a student's enrollment in the RN to BSN program.
5. Applicants must have earned an Associate Degree in Nursing from an institution regionally accredited by a U.S. Department of Education agency and from a Nursing Program that is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC). Graduate of diploma nursing programs, accredited by ACEN, will also be considered for admission.
6. Prior to enrolling in practicum courses, students must satisfactorily complete a college-approved criminal records check and drug test. This expense is the student's responsibility. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a hold on student registration. Students must comply with the Florida Board of Nursing requirements for reporting criminal violations to both the Board of Nursing and the RN to BSN program as specified in the Florida Code and Regulations.

BSN Program Applicants with Associate or Baccalaureate Degrees:

Students who transfer to Florida SouthWestern State College with a previous associate of arts degree from a Florida college or baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university are

considered to have met the General Education Core and Elective coursework (60 credit hours) of the degree.

Transient Student Enrollment in Upper Division Coursework:

Transient students must obtain prior approval to enroll in Upper Division Nursing Core coursework. Transient students are currently enrolled college students who register for courses at another institution on a temporary basis (e.g., university students attending summer semester at a state college). In order to take courses at another institution, students must receive approval from their home institution. The application will initiate your request and be routed to the appropriate personnel. Students initiate this process using Florida Virtual Campus at www.floridashines.org/.

Priority Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester Start - Application due by **August 1**
Spring Semester Start - Application due by **December 1**
Summer Semester Start - Application due by **April 1**

Graduation Requirements:

1. Complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the Nursing RN to BSN Program of Study.
2. Satisfy residency requirements by completing a minimum of 30 credit hours of Upper Division Nursing Core coursework at Florida SouthWestern State College.
3. Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
4. Earn a grade of "C" or better in all RN to BSN courses.
5. Complete a Graduation Application by the published deadline.

Foreign Language Competency Requirement:

Foreign Language Competency:

- 2 years of the same High School Foreign Language, or
- Documented foreign language proficiency through testing, or
- 2 semesters of the same College Level Foreign Language (level II proficiency), or
- Level II proficiency - this criterion occurs when a student has completed the second course of a sequence of college foreign language without completing the first course. For example, if a student has successfully completed a college-level Spanish II but not Spanish I, then the student has met the Foreign Language Competency requirement.

BSN Program of Study (120 Credits)

General Education Requirements: 36 Credits

Refer to the FSW General Education Program Guide

COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required

- ENC 1101 - Composition I 3 credits , writing intensive-must complete with a "C" or better
- ENC 1102 - Composition II 3 credits , writing intensive-must complete with a "C" or better
- Additional Communication General Education course - 3 credits

HUMANITIES CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required

- Core Humanities General Education course - 3 credits
- Writing intensive Humanities course, must pass with a "C" or better - 3 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required

- Core Social Sciences General Education course - 3 credits
- Writing intensive Social Sciences course, must pass with a "C" or better - 3 credits
- Any Social Sciences General Education course - 3 credits

MATHEMATICS CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required

- Core Mathematics General Education course - 3 credits
- Any Mathematics General Education course - 3 credits

NATURAL SCIENCES CATEGORY: 6 Credits Required

- Core Natural Sciences General Education course with Laboratory - 3 credits
- Any Natural Sciences General Education Course with Laboratory - 3 credits

Program Specific Requirements: 27 Credits Required

- BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits
- BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
- Any Natural Sciences with BSC, BCH, CHM, PCB, or PHY Prefix - 3 credits
- DEP 2004 - Human Growth and Development 3 credits
- HUN 1201 - Human Nutrition 3 credits
- MCB 2010C - Microbiology 4 credits
- Any Social Sciences with PSY, SOP, or SYG prefix - 3 credits
- STA 2023 - Statistical Methods I 3 credits

Electives Courses: 24 Credits Required

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- Any 1000 - 4000 level courses - **24 credits ***

* Students who complete an A.S. or A.A.S. degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution which holds ACEN accreditation and who hold a current Florida R.N. license will receive 24 credits in lower division nursing program credit.

RN to BSN Core Requirements: 33 Credits Required

- NUR 3805 - Professional Roles and Dimensions **3 credits**
- NUR 3870 - Informatics for the Health Professional **3 credits**
- NUR 3826 - Legal Ethical Aspects in Nursing **3 credits**
- NUR 3125 - Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice **4 credits**
- NUR 3145 - Pharmacology and Alternative Therapeutics **3 credits**
- NUR 4165 - Nursing Research **3 credits**
- NUR 3066C - Advanced Health Assessment **3 credits**
- NUR 4847 - Clinical Decision Making **3 credits**
- NUR 4636 - Community Health Nursing Theory **3 credits**
- NUR 4636L - Community Health Nursing Practicum **1 credit**
- NUR 4827 - Leadership in Nursing **3 credits**
- NUR 4827L - Leadership in Nursing Practicum **1 credit**

Total Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours
