***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.*

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| **School or Division** | School of Health Professions |
| **Program or Certificate** | BS, Nursing |
| **Proposed by (faculty only)** | M Jenner, M Herlin, S Torres, D Selman, M Kruger, A Trawick |
| **Presenter (faculty only)** | Marti 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** | 12/5/2015 |

**Section I, Proposed Changes**

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| **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.** |
| NONE |
| **List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| NONE |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| DROP:NUR 3826 Legal and Ethical Aspects of NursingNUR 4847 Clinical Decision MakingNUR 4636 Community Health Nursing TheoryNUR 4636L Community Health Nursing PracticumChange in Credit:NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice 4 credits to 3 creditsADD:NUR 3655 Multicultural Nursing (3:3) (elective to required)NUR 4955 Portfolio Capstone (1:1)NUR 4636C Community Health Nursing (4:6) 4 credits |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Elective requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| NONE |
| **List below, any other changes to the program or certificate requirements.**  |
| NONE |
| **Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)** | From: 33 NUR upper level creditsTo: 30 NUR upper level credits |

**Section II, Justification for proposal**

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| **Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action**  |
| DROP:NUR 3826 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Nursing – Analysis of the courses and curriculum found duplication throughout the RN to BSN curriculum in addition to the actual NUR 3826 course. Faculty evaluation determined that the integration of this content was appropriate.NUR 4847 Clinical Decision Making –– Analysis of the courses and curriculum found duplication throughout the RN to BSN curriculum in addition to the actual NUR 4847 course. Faculty evaluation determined that the integration of this content was appropriate.NUR 4636 Community Health Nursing Theory & NUR 4636L Community Health Nursing Practicum – Combined to NUR 4636C - Analysis of the courses and curriculum outcomes determined that an integrated course would be better teaching methodology for this content integrating theory with practice. Change in Credit:NUR 3125 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice 4 credits to 3 credits – Analysis of the courses and curriculum of all Florida State Colleges RN to BSN Programs determined that all but FSW was awarding 3 credits. The change to 3 credits will align with other State Colleges and facilitate transfer of credits between institutions.ADD:NUR 4636C Community Health Nursing – Analysis of the courses and curriculum outcomes determined that an integrated course would be better teaching methodology for this content. Course includes clinical analysis of a community or population NUR 3655 Multicultural Nursing – Analysis of the curriculum demonstrated the need for an emphasis on global perspectives to align with FSW Mission and the Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Education (American Association of Colleges of Nursing).NUR 4955 Portfolio Capstone – The current process for a capstone portfolio project is not linked to any of the current RN to BSN courses. Faculty determined that the establishment of this course would be of more educational value to students to demonstrate achievement of program outcomes at the time of exit from the program. This will also serve to meet accreditation standards for the program. |

**Section III, Important Dates and Endorsements Required**

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| **List all faculty endorsements below. (Note that proposals will be returned to the School or Division if faculty endorsements are not provided).** |
| M Jenner, M Herlin, S Torres, D Selman, M Kruger, A Trawick |

**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.

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| **Term in which approved action will take place** | Fall 2016 |

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| **Required Endorsements** | **Type in Name** | **Select Date** |
| **Department Chair or Program Coordinator/Director** | Bobby Holbrook | 1/8/2016 |
| **Academic Dean or Associate Vice President** | Marie Collins | 1/8/2016 |

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| **Select Curriculum Committee Meeting Date** | February 5, 2016 |

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.**

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| **Nursing, BSN** |
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**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 to 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 (RNs). The program provides a career ladder from the AS degree to the BS degree for RNs who have earned a diploma or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Coursework in the Program will continue to build upon the RN 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](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm)**Program Highlights:**The RN to BSN 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 SouthWestern State College RN to BSN Program is accredited by the:Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850Atlanta, Georgia 30326Telephone: 404-975-5000<http://acenursing.org/>**Career Opportunities:**The RN to BSN program prepares RNs 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 Southwest Florida 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 to 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 Florida RN license.  Note that the Florida RN license must remain current throughout a student's enrollment in the FSW 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 or ACEN (formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or 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/](http://www.flvc.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.

**At the completion of the RN to BSN Program, the graduate will be able to:**

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| 1. Synthesize knowledge from nursing and the physical, behavioral, psychological and social sciences, and the humanities in the practice of professional nursing.
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| 1. Integrate global health and health care, its relevant issues and policies as they relate to professional nursing practice.
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| 1. Evaluate research in the exploration of the spectrum of health within the framework of evidence-based practice.
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| 1. Synthesize standards of professional practice and care.
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| 1. Articulate the role of the professional nurse within inter-professional teams.
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| 1. Analyze current and changing health care information technologies and systems.
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| 1. Summarize the components of leadership and followership in professional nursing practice.
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| 1. Interpret the social responsibility of the nursing profession in the development and implementation of health care policy.
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**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.
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| **BSN Program of Study: 120 Credits****General Education Requirements: 36 Credits**  **(*Refer to the FSW*** [***General Education Program Guide***](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=338)***)*** **COMMUNICATIONS CATEGORY: 9 Credits Required*** [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **3 credits** , writing intensive-must complete with a "C" or better
* [ENC 1102 - Composition II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **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](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **4 credits**
* [BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **4 credits**
* Any Natural Sciences with BSC, BCH, CHM, PCB, or PHY Prefix**- 3 credits**
* [DEP 2004 - Human Growth and Development](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **3 credits**
* [HUN 1201 - Human Nutrition](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **3 credits**
* [MCB 2010C - Microbiology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **4 credits**
* Any Social Sciences with PSY, SOP, or SYG prefix**- 3 credits**
* [STA 2023 - Statistical Methods I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=366&hl=RN+to+BSN&returnto=search) **3 credits**

**ELECTIVE COURSES: 27 Credits Required*** Any 1000 - 4000 level courses   - **27 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: 30 Credits Required*** **NUR 3805 – Professional Roles and Dimensions 3 credits**
* **NUR 3870 – Informatics for Health Professionals 3 credits**
* **NUR 3125 – Pathophysiology 3 credits**
* **NUR 3145 – Pharmacology 3 credits**
* **NUR 4165 – Nursing Research 3 credits**
* **NUR 3066C – Advanced Health Assessment 3 credits**
* **NUR 3655 – Multicultural Nursing 3 credits**
* **NUR 4636C – Community Health Nursing 4 credits**
* **NUR 4827 – Nursing Leadership 3 credits**
* **NUR 4827L – Nursing Leadership Practicum 1 credit**
* **NUR 4955 – Portfolio Capstone 1 credit**

**TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: 120 Credit Hours** |
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