***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** | AS, Nursing |
| **Proposed by (faculty only)** | Gayle Wetzel, Angela Vitale, June Davis |
| **Presenter (faculty only)** | Gayle Wetzel |
| 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** | 2/5/2016 |

**Section I, Proposed Changes**

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| **Change of School, Division, or Department** | N/A |
| **Change to program or certificate name** | N/A |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate prerequisites. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| * The required entrance exam has changed from the HESI to the TEAS test
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| **List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| * The required math for the AS Nursing program will change from Any General Education Math to STA 2023 Statistical Methods I to align with common course requirement for the RN to BSN degree. This change will be effective with the October 2016 application cycle for Spring 2017 program start because the May 2016 admission cycle for Fall 2016 start crosses catalog years. The program wanted to give students in the pipeline ample time to meet the new Math requirement.
* The required Anatomy and Physiology I will now include either BSC1085C or BSC1093C
* The required Anatomy and Physiology II will now include either BSC1086C or BSC1094C
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| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| **ADDING NEW CONCEPT-BASED NURSING CORE COURSES:**NUR 1020 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan – 5 creditsNUR 1020L Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Clinical - 3 creditsNUR 1025L Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Practicum – 1 credit NUR 1034 Health to Illness Across the Lifespan – 5 creditsNUR 1034L Health to Illness Across the Lifespan Clinical – 3 creditsNUR 1214L Health to Illness Across the Lifespan Practicum – 1 creditNUR 2035 Health Alterations Across the Lifespan – 4 credits NUR 2035L Health Alterations Across the Lifespan Clinical – 3 creditsNUR 2440 Children and Women’s Health – 3 creditsNUR 2440L Children and Women’s Health Clinical - 2 creditsNUR 2244 Families in Crisis: Complex Health Problems – 5 creditsNUR 2244L Families in Crisis: Complex Health Problems Clinical - 3 credits**REMOVING EXISTING NURSING CORE COURSES (allowing to sunset for teach-out):**NUR 1022 Fundamentals of Nursing – 6 creditsNUR 1022L Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical - 2 creditsNUR 1023L Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum – 1 creditNUR 1038C Transition to Professional Nursing – 3 creditsNUR 1060 Health Assessment – 2 creditsNUR 1060L Health Assessment Laboratory – 1 credit NUR 1211 Adult Nursing I – 4 creditsNUR 1211L Adult Nursing I Clinical – 3 creditsNUR 1511 Introduction to Mental Health Concepts in Nursing – 1 creditNUR 2310 Pediatric Nursing Concepts – 2 creditsNUR 2310L Pediatric Nursing Concepts Clinical - 2 creditsNUR 2424 Maternal Nursing Concepts – 2 creditsNUR 2424L Maternal Nursing Concepts Clinical - 1 creditNUR 2520 Mental Health Nursing Concepts – 2 creditsNUR 2520L Mental Health Nursing Concepts – 1 creditNUR 2260 Adult Nursing II - 3 creditsNUR 2260L Adult Nursing II Clinical - 3 creditsNUR 2810 Professional Issues and Role Development - 2 credits |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Elective requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| N/A. There are no Elective requirements in the AS Nursing degree. |
| **Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)** | From: No ChangesTo: |

**Section II, Justification for proposal**

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| **Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action**  |
| The faculty and nursing administrators have unanimously agreed to convert from a Systems-based curriculum to a Concept-based curriculum. The statewide articulation of Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) credits will be adjusted accordingly, waiving 10 of the 14 Program Specific credits if a current LPN license has been issued within three (3) years prior to their enrollment in the Nursing program. The LPN and Entry level students will complete the same Nursing/NUR core Concept-based curriculum (42 credits). The 4 Phases of the admissions process have been described as well as the Academic Policy and Progression criteria.  |

**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).** |
| Patricia Arcidiacono, Catherine Bogar, James Coogan, June Davis, Debra Ebaugh, Julissa Gonzalez, Hope Goodwin, Carrie Kozel, Jenneine Lambert, Colleen Moore, Nora Stadelmann, Andrea Storrie, Judy Sweeney, Angela Vitale, Debra Weeks, Gayle Wetzel , Patricia Zebrook |

**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** | Barbara Ward, Program DirectorDr. Marsh Weiner, Associate Dean | 2/5/2016 |
| **Academic Dean**  | Dr. Marie Collins, Dean | 2/5/2016 |

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| **Select Curriculum Committee Meeting Date** | March 4, 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.**

**Nursing, AS**

Graduates of the Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN) program are prepared to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN). The role of a RN is to assess and evaluate clients and their healthcare needs, develop and implement plans of care, and document client responses to interventions. Nurses administer care to people who are ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled. Nurses counsel clients seeking healthier lifestyles.

The ASN curriculum incorporates classroom instruction, laboratory, simulation education, and clinical practice in the care of diverse populations. Local health facilities are utilized for clinical practice, including community agencies, acute care institutions, long-term and ambulatory care facilities. Graduates of the program possess knowledge, values, skills, and compassion; all are essential for professional nursing practice in a dynamic and rapidly changing health care environment.

Current occupational employment and wages data for Registered Nurses are 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)

**ACCREDITATION**

Florida SouthWestern State College Associate in Science in Nursing Program is accredited by:

Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)

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Atlanta, Georgia 30326

 Telephone: 404-975-5000

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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS and PROGRAM LENGTH**

The ASN degree consists of 72 credit hours. These hours include General Education (16 credits) and Program Specific Courses (14 credits), and Nursing Core Courses (42 credits). Competitive applicants will have completed most or all of their General Education and Program Specific courses before starting the Nursing Core courses.

Prior to admission, applicants must complete the following:

* Any General Education Math - for students applying in May 2016 to start the nursing program in August 2016. **NOTE:** Students applying in October 2016 to start the nursing program in January 2017 must complete STA 2023 Statistical Methods I.
* BSC 1085C or BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology I

Prior to registration for the final semester of the Nursing Program, students MUST complete all General Education and Program Specific courses outlined in the Program of Study below.

**Nursing Core Courses** are completed in a four (4) semester cohort/group sequence. Students who begin the program in Fall semester can successfully complete the program in 20 months. Students who begin the program in Spring semester can successfully complete the program in 24 months.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Fall Semester Start – Application due by **May 15**

Spring Semester Start – Application due by **October 1**

*\*Finalists will be notified within four weeks after application deadlines.*

The Nursing program has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program. Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the School of Health Professions Nursing office on each campus. Admission information and applications are located at [http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asnursing.](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asnursing)

**Phase I:** Initial review of applications is based on a calculation of admission points using completed pre-nursing course GPA, TEAS test score, and the total number of general education/program specific courses completed. Pre-admission standardized examination includes the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

**Phase II:**  At the applicant’s expense, a college-approved criminal records check and drug testing must be completed. Note that applicants should consult Florida Board of Nursing if they have any criminal offenses, beyond minor traffic violations, which may limit obtaining Registered Nurse (RN) licensure.

**Phase III**: In this phase, applicants will participate in a panel interview to assess written, verbal, and interpersonal skills.

**Phase IV:** Selected applicants will receive a letter of acceptance. The letter will include information for accessing the Nursing Program Policy & Procedures and Virtual Orientation. The student must submit an affidavit of acknowledgement, acceptance and compliance of the Nursing Program Policy & Procedures before the College Drop/Add Deadline.

At the applicant’s expense, the following items must be completed before the College Drop/Add Deadline:

* Health Form
* Immunizations
* Screening for tuberculosis (TB)
* Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED)

**ACADEMIC POLICY and PROGRESSION CRITERIA**

The academic standards in the Nursing program are very rigorous and require full-time commitment.

* A grade of C or higher must be earned in General Education (16 credits) and Program Specific (14 credits) courses.
* A minimum percent score of 77% must be earned in each Nursing/NUR course (42 credits) in order to progress in the program.
* A score of less than 77% earned in a Nursing/NUR course will require a reattempt.
* One Nursing/NUR course may be repeated or reattempted only once. If a minimum percent score of 77% is not achieved when the course is repeated or reattempted, dismissal from the program will result.
* If a minimum percent score of 77% or Withdrawal/W grade occurs in two or more Nursing/NUR courses, dismissal from the program will result.
* Dismissal from the Nursing Program will occur if a student is deemed unsafe or unprofessional in clinical practice/patient care.
* The Academic Review Committee (ARC) will evaluate each student who is unsuccessful in a course or has an interruption in their program sequence. An alternate program plan will be developed by the committee in collaboration with the student.
* The program will make every effort to accommodate students with appropriate clinical training sites. However, admission to the program and completion of the curriculum does not guarantee placement at all clinical training sites.
* Admission to the program and completion of the curriculum does not guarantee the award of RN licensure by the Board of Nursing.
* Attendance and punctuality is mandatory for all classroom, laboratory, and clinical activities. The third and each subsequent classroom absence and/or partial absence will result in a 5-point deduction from the final course grade. Attendance (100%) is required for all laboratory and clinical activities.

**RN to BSN NURSING CAREER LADDER:**

Credits earned in the ASN program will count towards the related baccalaureate Nursing degree completion (RN to BSN) program under the provisions of Florida Rule 6A-10.024. This creates a career ladder so that students can proceed toward their educational objectives as rapidly as their circumstances permit. Please note that ASN graduates will be required to complete all General Education, Program Specific Courses, Foreign Language competence, and earn the Florida Registered Nursing RN credential before admission to the RN to BSN program at FSW. For more information, please refer to the RN to BSN Program of Study.

**AS Nursing Program of Study (72 credits)**

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| **General Education Requirements**  | **16 credits required** |
| ENC 1101 Composition I, must complete with a “C” or better | 3 credits, writing intensive |
| Any General Education Humanities | 3 credits |
| PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychology **or**SYG 1000 Principles of Sociology | 3 credits |
| Any General Education Math *\*May Application/Fall 2016 start* **or**STA 2023 Statistical Methods I *\*October Application/Spring 2017 start* | 3 credits |
| BSC 1085C Anatomy and Physiology I **or**BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 credits |
| **Program Specific Coursework for Entry Level Nurse** | **14 credits required** |
| BSC 1086C Anatomy and Physiology II **or**BSC 1094C Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 credits |
| MCB 2010C Microbiology | 4 credits |
| HUN 1201 Human Nutrition | 3 credits |
| DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development | 3 credits |
| **Program Specific Coursework for Florida Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)** | **14 credits required** |
| BSC 1086C Anatomy and Physiology II **or**BSC 1094C Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 credits |
| ASE 1000 LPN Statewide Articulation Credit | 10 credits |
| **Nursing Core Courses**  | **42 credits required** |
| NUR 1020 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan | 5 credits |
| NUR 1020L Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Clinical | 3 credits |
| NUR 1025L Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan Practicum | 1 credit |
| NUR 1034 Health to Illness Across the Lifespan | 5 credits |
| NUR 1034L Health to Illness Across the Lifespan Clinical | 3 credits |
| NUR 1214L Health to Illness Across the Lifespan Practicum  | 1 credit |
| NUR 2035 Health Alterations Across the Lifespan | 4 credits |
| NUR 2035L Health Alterations Across the Lifespan Clinical | 3 credits |
| NUR 2140 Pharmacology for Nurses | 2 credits |
| NUR 2440 Children and Women’s Health | 3 credits |
| NUR 2440L Children and Women’s Health Clinical | 2 credits |
| NUR 2244 Families in Crisis-Complex Health Problems | 5 credits |
| NUR 2244L Families in Crisis-Complex Health Problems Clinical | 3 credits |
| NUR 2941L Clinical Preceptorship | 2 credits |

**Information is available online at:** [**www.fsw.edu/academics/**](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/) **and on the School of Health Professions Home page at:** [**www.fsw.edu/sohp**](http://www.fsw.edu/sohp)