**Summary of Related Curriculum Proposals**

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| Title of Proposal Group | Respiratory Care (RET) AS program and course modifications |
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| Department/ Discipline | Respiratory Care |

**Related Proposals**

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| Course Discontinuation proposal | RET 1613C |
| New Course proposal | RET 1485 |
| Course Change proposal | RET 1024 RET 2234C  RET 2254C RET 2714  RET 2874L RET 2264  RET 2264L RET 2295  RET 2875L RET 2244 |
| Program Change proposal | AS degree in Respiratory Care |
| New Program proposal |  |
| Program Discontinuation proposal |  |

**Summary of Proposals:**

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| A review of the program courses identified mismatches between course requirements (e.g., clinical vs. didactic hours) and the number of credits awarded. To correct this, adjustments are proposed to individual courses and to the distribution of credits in the AS program. Twelve Course Change Proposals address credit hour discrepancies and adjust faculty load to reflect the new distribution of didactic vs. lab or clinical hours. These credit changes are reflected on the revised catalog page for the RET AS program.  The course review also initiated a discussion on the need to separate the coursework in the RET AS program from the Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) program. These programs have been sharing three courses: RET 1024 - Introduction to Cardiopulmonary Technology, RET 1613C - Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology, and RET 2244 - Critical Care Applications. Course Change proposals for RET 1024 and RET 2244 reduce cardiovascular content and refocus the courses on Respiratory Care topics. RET 1613C is being discontinued and replaced by new course RET 1485, which correctly identifies the course as 100% didactic with no clinical component. 5 Course Change Proposals remove RET 1613C as a Prerequisite.  Note: The CVT program is creating new CVT courses to replace these 3 RET courses. 4 CVT courses will need to remove RET 1613C as a Co- or Pre-requisite. |

**Rationale for Proposals:**

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| Courses with C designation must contain both lecture and lab (or practice) components. Contact hours for labs must be set higher than the credit hours, per FSW’s definition of a credit hour.\*  Some RET clinical courses currently require excess numbers of student contact hours relative to the number of credits awarded. For example, RET2874L is currently a 1 credit class requiring 300 hours of student experience, the equivalent of 20 hours per week over a 15-week semester. By the definition that a credit is associated with a least 3 hours of work (in and out of class) per week for a 15-week semester, 6 credits is a more appropriate number for RET2874L. Twelve Course Change Proposals reflect credit hour and faculty load adjustments.  In the RET AS degree program, the Respiratory Care Requirements must increase from 45 to 48 credit hours to incorporate all course credit hour adjustments. The General Education Requirements will decrease from 31 to 28 credit hours by removing a non-essential Natural Science course (GE Physics 3 credits; 16 credits of Natural Science are still required).  \* **Credit Hour**:  A Credit Hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates to:  A. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen (15) weeks for one semester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or  B.  At least an equivalent amount of work as outlined in item “A.” above for other academic activities including laboratory work, internships, practice, field work, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours. |

**Additional Program information:**

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| Students are admitted into the RET AS program each Fall term for full-time study. There is no part-time option for this program. The RET AS program takes a cohort of students through a six-semester sequence of courses that prepares them to become Registered Respiratory Therapists. Each semester, the student cohort enrolls in a specific set of courses that are only offered once a year. Students who fail any course must repeat the entire semester in the following year: All courses must be repeated, not just the one(s) that the student failed.  Because credit hours are changing across many courses, students who must retake after these changes are adopted will have issues with their degree audits for graduation. A plan to address this issue is included as an attachment to each relevant Course Change Proposal and to the AS RET Program Change Proposal. |

**Summary of Course Changes:**

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Course** | **current credit hours** | **Proposed Credit hours** | **Contact Hous** | | RET 1007 | 2 | 3 | lecture 3 hours | | RET 1024 | 3 | 3 | lecture 3 hours – no change; CCP removes CVT component | | RET 1275C | 4 | 3 | Lecture 2 hours, lab 3 hours | | RET 1485 | - | 2 | (New Course) lecture 2 hours | | RET 1613C | 2 | 2 | remove from program (Course Discontinuation) | | RET 1832L | 1 | 1 | clinical total 40 hours (40/(15\*3) = 0.9 – no change; CCP replaces RET 1613C with 1485 in PRQs | | RET 2234C | 6 | 4 | lecture 3 hours, lab 3 hours | | RET 2244 | 2 | 2 | lecture 2 hours – no change; CCP removes CVT components from course description, topic outline | | RET 2254C | 6 | 4 | lecture 3 hours, lab 3 hours | | RET 2264 | 4 | 3 | lecture 3 hours | | RET 2264L | 2 | 1 | lab 3 hours | | RET 2295 | 3 | 3 | lecture 3 hours - no change [no proposal] | | RET 2714 | 3 | 2 | lecture 3 hours | | RET 2874L | 1 | 6 | clinical total 300 hours (300/(15\*3) = 6.7 | | RET 2875L | 1 | 6 | clinical total 300 hours (300/(15\*3) = 6.7 | | RET 2876L | 3 | 4 | clinical total 180 hours (180/(15 \*3) = 4 | | RET 2930 | 2 | 1 | lecture 1 hour | |

**Proposals removing to-be-discontinued course RET 1613C:**

From Corequisites:

* CVT 1200 – CCP
* CVT 1800L- NCP = 1800C

From Prerequisites:

* CVT 1801L – NCP = CVT 1800C
* CVT 2620C – NCP = CVT 2620
* RET 1832L – CCP
* RET 2234C – CCP
* RET 2254C – CCP
* RET 2714 – CCP
* RET 2874L - CCP