

Memorandum

To: Dr. Eileen DeLuca, Provost

CC: Brenda Knight, Registrar; Sarah Clouse, Associate Registrar; Keith Martin, Director, Advising; Bobby Holbrook, BSN Program Director; Jeffrey Peterman, Coordinator, Curriculum & Catalog Systems

From: Dr. Martin McClinton

Re: BSN Block Credit (30 hours)

Date: January 7th, 2020

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In an approved Curriculum Action dated November 8 2017, we recognized that we would “…award 30 career articulation credits for possession of the Florida Registered Nurse license…(where) the requisite knowledge inherent in successful passing of the NCLEX licensure examination…is currently required for admission to the (BSN) program.”

Within the proposal, there was no mention of how the process of awarding 30 credits to count toward the degree requirements would be implemented.

In a meeting: Dr. McClinton, Brenda Knight, Danielle Orlovic, Sarah Clouse and Jeffrey Peterman arrived at the conclusion by which a block credit course would be created and added to the catalog and degree audit to award students the 30 credits who meet the RN requirement (current and unencumbered FL RN license) in the last semester of the program.

Also, catalog verbiage was never issued to inform students of awarding the block of credits as it relates to graduation requirements. This verbiage would be inserted in two places:

**Admission Requirements:**

Registered Nurse License - Must have a valid, active, unrestricted, and unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license, permitted to work in the United States. **Note: the license must remain current throughout  enrollment in the RN to BSN program.**

**In a student’s last semester in the program, (provided their license is current and unencumbered) 30 credits will be awarded upon completion of the appropriate paperwork IF the student did not complete the AS in Nursing from FSW**

1. **Graduation Requirements:**
2. Complete 120 credit hours as outlined in the RN to BSN Program of Study. **Note: if a student has met the requirements of the RN license articulation, 30 credits of the program’s 120 credit hours will be awarded in the student’s final semester to complete their degree requirements for graduation. In order to receive these credits, students must complete ‘the articulation form’ with their advisor. The Form along with a [copy of the student’s active RN license and current standing} OR [ Supporting documents] , should be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for processing.**
3. To satisfy residency requirements by completing a minimum of 15 core baccalaureate (3000 or 4000 level) program credit hours must be earned Florida SouthWestern State College.
4. Earn a cumulative grade point average in the Program of 2.0 or higher.

No Curriculum action is needed for this as it was approved in the proposal.