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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Jack Kirby *JK*

DATE: March 28, 2017

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**CURRICULUM PROPOSAL** (Submit one hard copy and an electronic copy to the Associate Provost by the second Tuesday of the month.)

**Proposal Number:** 16-17-17

**School/Department/Program:** Nursing

**Preparer/Contact Person:** Dr. Tanya Rogers

**Telephone Extension:** 4074

**Date Originally Submitted:** 3/20/17

**Revision (Indicate date and label it  
Revision #1, #2, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Implementation Date Requested:** Fall 2017

- I. **PROPOSAL.** Write a brief abstract, not exceeding 100 words, which describes the overall content of the proposal.

This proposal involves changing the wording regarding application and admission requirements for the BSN Program. The wording more accurately reflects the practices regarding licensure requirements. This includes deleting "licensure" as an admission requirement in lieu of licensure as a prerequisite to upper level nursing courses (NURS 3350 and above).

Also, this proposal discusses the addition of a "direct admission" option for the BSN Program that would allow students that are taking classes toward both the ASN and BSN Programs to pursue both degrees at the same time.

- II. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL.** Provide a response for each letter, A-H, and for each Roman Numeral II–V. If any section does not apply to your proposal, reply N/A.

A. Deletion of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s) N/A

Total hours deleted. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Addition of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s) N/A

Total hours added. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Provision for interchangeable use of course(s) with program(s) N/A

D. Revision of course content. Include, as an appendix, a revised course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the university catalog. N/A

E. Other changes to existing courses such as changes to title, course number, and elective or required status. N/A

F. Creation of new course(s). For each new course

1. Designate the course number, title, units of credit, prerequisites (if any), ownership (FSU or shared) and specify its status as an elective or required course. If you are creating a shared course, attach a memo from the Deans of the affected Schools explaining the rationale for the course being shared.

N/A

2. Include, as an appendix, a course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the college catalog.

N/A

3. Include, as an appendix, a detailed course outline consisting of at least two levels.

N/A

4. In order to meet the requirements as outlined in Goal One of the Strategic Plan, please include Outcome Competencies and Methods of Assessment as an appendix. Examples are available upon request from the Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

N/A

G. Attach an itemized summary of the present program(s) affected, if any, and of the proposed change(s).

Describe how this proposal affects the hours needed to complete this program. Specifically, what is the net gain or loss in hours? Use the format for Current and Proposed Programs in Appendix A.

There is no net gain or loss in hours as a result of this change. There is no change in the curriculum or the nursing or support courses. This proposal only affects admission criteria.

### III. **RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL.**

- A. **Quantitative Assessment:** Indicate the types of assessment data, i.e., surveys, interviews, capstone courses, projects, licensure exams, nationally-normed tests, locally developed measurements, accreditation reports, etc., that were collected and analyzed to determine that curricular changes were warranted. Quantitative data is preferred.
- B. **Qualitative Assessment:** Based upon the assessment data above, indicate why a curricular change is justified. Indicate the expected results of the change. Be sure to include an estimate of the increased cost, or reduction in cost of implementation. FOR EXAMPLE: Will new faculty, facilities, equipment, or library materials be required?

Currently, the admission criteria states that, for the BSN Program, students must have an active, unencumbered nursing license. In current practice, however, ASN graduates are admitted to the BSN and may take BSN courses without a nursing license in the following circumstances.

- They are taking general studies courses.
- They are taking NURS 3320 and/or NURS 3340 (a license is not required for those courses).

This proposal would change the wording of the admission requirements to accurately reflect this practice. The licensure would become the prerequisite for nursing courses 3350 and above.

Students in the FSU ASN Program who have completed the first year of the program can also take the general studies courses, NURS 3320, and/or NURS 3340. As a result of this proposal, the ASN students who were pursuing any of those courses would be able to apply to the BSN Program and pursue both degree programs at the same time.

The new application/admission wording for the catalog would be:

“All applicants seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program are required to:

1. Meet the general admission and course placement requirements of Fairmont State.
2. Submit an application for admission, designating the major as Baccalaureate in Nursing, to the Director of Admissions. Official college and/or diploma program transcripts, including graduation date and degree, must also be submitted by the admission deadline established by the University.
3. Have transfer courses evaluated by the Registrar.
4. Submit all documents listed in the Program Health Requirements Policy; such as nursing licensure, background checks, drug screens, immunization records, CPR cards, and proof of immunity prior to program deadlines.”

We know that some of our students, including the PROMISE scholarship recipients, come into the ASN Program with BSN credits (general studies) or begin pursuing the BSN upon admission to the ASN Program. To allow them to enroll in both programs at admission (to accurately portray the degrees the student is pursuing), a direct admission option will be created. The wording for this options would be as follows:

“Students with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and an overall ACT of 22 or higher are eligible for direct admission into the BSN Program concurrently with admission to the ASN Program but would have to apply for both degree programs. ASN students in good standing may also apply for admission to the BSN Program.”

The overall effects of this proposal would be as follows:

- Accurate description of admission requirements and practices
- Ability of graduates to be enrolled in the ASN and BSN degree programs
- Accurate identification of the degree programs pursued by each student for retention tracking and financial aid purposes

- IV. Should this proposal affect any course or program in another school, a memo must be sent to the Dean of each school impacted and a copy of the memo(s) must be included with this proposal. In addition, the Deans of the affected schools must sign below to indicate their notification of this proposal.

By signing here, you are indicating your college's/school's notification of this proposal.

<b>College/School</b>	<b>Dean</b>	<b>Signature</b>

- V. Should this proposal affect any course to be added or deleted from the general studies requirements, a memo from the chair of the General Studies Committee indicating approval of the change must be included with this proposal.

N/A

- VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

N/A

**APPENDIX A**  
 B.S. Degree in Nursing  
 Current Program

Required Major Courses			HRS
NURS	3320	Health Assessment	4
NURS	3340	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
NURS	3350	Professional Nursing Concepts	3
NURS	3360	Nursing Ethics	3
NURS	4400	Research in Nursing	3
NURS	4410	Community Health Nursing	5
NURS	4430	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS	4440	Nursing Practicum	4
<b>TOTAL Required Major Courses</b>			<b>28</b>
Required Support Courses			6
Statistics	PSYC 2240, BSBA 3310, MATH 1550, SOCY 2240		
Management	MGMT 3308 or BSBA 2209		
Math	MATH 1507 or higher (also listed in general studies)		
Communication	COMM 2200, 2201, or 2202 (also listed in general studies)		
Minor Requirements/Electives (if minor is required)			XX
N/A			
ASN Credits for Nursing License			35
<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR (and minor if required)</b>			<b>69</b>

Required General Studies Courses		
Attribute IA – Critical Analysis		X
	NURS 3360, 4440, any other choice in IA	
Attribute IB – Quantitative Literacy		3
	MATH 1507 or higher in IB	
Attribute IC – Written Communication		6
	ENGL 1101 AND 1102	
Attribute ID - Teamwork		X
	NURS 4440, 4400, any other choice in ID	
Attribute IE – Information Literacy		X
	NURS 4400, any other choice in IE	
Attribute IF – Technology Literacy		X
	NURS 4430, any other choice in IF	
Attribute IG – Oral Communication		3
	COMM 2200 or 2201 or 2202	
Attribute III - Citizenship		3
	Any choice in III	

Attribute IV - Ethics		X
	NURS 3360, any other choice in IV	
Attribute V - Health		X
	NURS 4410, any approved NURS course in V, any other choice in V	
Attribute VI - Interdisciplinary		X
	NURS 4440, any other choice in VI	
Attribute VIIA - Arts		3
	Any choice (3 credit hours required) in VIIA	
Attribute VIIB - Humanities		3
	Any choice in VIIB	
Attribute VIIC – Social Sciences		3
	Any choice in VIIC	
Attribute VIID - Natural Science		3
	Any choice in VIID	
Attribute VIII – Cultural Awareness		3
	Any choice in VIII	
Additional General Studies hours		X
<b>TOTAL GENERAL STUDIES HOURS</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL FREE ELECTIVES</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>120</b>

**APPENDIX A**  
 B.X. Degree in XXXXXXXX  
 Proposed Program

<b>Required Major Courses</b>	<b>HRS</b>
N/A – There are no proposed changes.	
<b>TOTAL Required Major Courses</b>	<b>XX</b>
Major Electives	XX
Minor Requirements/Electives (if minor is required)	XX



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**TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR (and minor if required)****XX****Required General Studies Courses (example text highlighted)**

Attribute IA – Critical Analysis		X
	Major Course - PSYC 3310	
Attribute IB – Quantitative Literacy		3
	MATH 1107 or higher in IB	
Attribute IC – Written Communication		3
	ENGL 1101	
Attribute ID - Teamwork		X
	Major Course - PSYC 3310	
Attribute IE – Information Literacy		3
	ENGL 1102	
Attribute IF – Technology Literacy		3
	ENGL 1103	
Attribute IG – Oral Communication		3
	COMM 2200 or 2201 or 2202	
Attribute III - Citizenship		3
	HIST 1107 or 1108 or POLI 1103	
Attribute IV - Ethics		3
	Any course in IV	
Attribute V - Health		3
	PHED 1101 or SCIE 1000	
Attribute VI - Interdisciplinary		3
	SOCY 2200 or any course in VI	
Attribute VIIA - Arts		3
	Any course in VIIA	
Attribute VIIB - Humanities		3
	Any course in VIIB	
Attribute VIIC – Social Sciences		X
	Major Course - PSYC 1101	
Attribute VIID - Natural Science		3
	Any course in VIID	
Attribute VIII – Cultural Awareness		3
	Any GEOG course in VIII	
Additional General Studies hours		X
	Major Course - PSYC 3390 writing intensive course	

**TOTAL GENERAL STUDIES HOURS****39****TOTAL FREE ELECTIVES****XX****TOTAL HOURS****120**