



Academic Notes

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UNDERGRADUATE APPROVALS

COURSE REVISIONS

COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES: Department Baccalaureate Nursing Completion

NURS 322 - Research/Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice

3 credits

The course focuses on examination and application of clinical scholarship through evidenced based practice. Emphasis is on skills for research applied to clinical practice.

Prerequisites: NURS 224, 226, 228, or consent of instructor; Pre- or co-requisites EPSY 302 or Health, Safety, and HLTH 340.

Note: Three classroom hours per week.

3 credits

Change prerequisites to:

NURS 322 - Research/Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice

3 credits

The course focuses on examination and application of clinical scholarship through evidenced based practice. Emphasis is on skills for research applied to clinical practice.

Prerequisites: NURS 209, 218; and AHS 340 or EPSY 302

or

Prerequisites: NURS 208, 304, 224, 364; Prerequisite or co-requisite AHS 340 or EPSY 302

or

Prerequisites: NURS 300, 304; Prerequisite or co-requisite AHS 340 or EPSY 302

Note: Three classroom hours per week.

A-F Grading

Effective term: Fall 2015

NURS 324 - Nursing Care of Adults II

5 credits

Expanded roles of the nurse are performed in hospital and community settings for adults and older adults. Expanded critical thinking and clinical judgment skills are applied to promote health and provide care for clients experiencing or recovering from complex illnesses.

Prerequisites: NURS 224, 309 and 218; or BIO 412, NURS 304, and successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in NURS 338.

Note: Three classroom hours and an average of six clinical hours per week.

Change prerequisites to:

NURS 324 - Nursing Care of Adults II

5 credits

Expanded roles of the nurse are performed in hospital and community settings for adults and older adults. Expanded critical thinking and clinical judgment skills are applied to promote health and provide care for clients experiencing or recovering from complex illnesses.

Prerequisites: NURS 224, 309 and 218

or

Prerequisites: NURS 208, NURS 338 and BIO 412

Note: Three classroom hours and an average of six clinical hours per week.

A-F Grading

Effective term: Fall 2015

PROGRAM REVISIONS

COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES: Department
Baccalaureate Nursing Completion

Nursing Major - Baccalaureate Track for Students Entering with L.P.N./L.V.N. Licensure
CIP Code: 513801 Major Code: 9322

Brief Summary:

The curricular changes are intended to align the existing curriculum with the undergraduate baccalaureate nursing department traditional campus track and the campus accelerated 2nd degree track to reflect accrediting recommendations and to accommodate changes in the admission process for prospective students into the LPN/LVN to BS track.

Currently four courses in the LPN/LVN to BS track exist which must be completed through a credit by examination process as part of the validation of prior learning and are a prerequisite to enter the major after students are admitted to the university. In an effort to streamline the admission process into the university and major into one step rather than the existing two steps, the credit by examination courses have been moved into the major and students will be expected to complete these courses by examination as part of the initial requirements within the major prior to progressing beyond the first two nursing courses (NURS 208 and NURS 304) within the major. This will allow prospective transfer students to enroll into both the university and into the major in one step once they have demonstrated completion all of the prerequisite courses listed below.

The elimination of the NURS 106 credit by examination course is proposed as recommended by the nursing accreditation body. This course has already been removed from the curriculum from the traditional campus track, was never part of the campus accelerated 2nd degree track, and more accurately reflects the approximate emphasis of the mental health content on the national nursing licensure exam. The existing mental health course, NURS 338, was revised to reflect content and emphasis on the national licensure examination and was accepted by the nursing accreditation body as appropriate in the curriculum.

Additional proposed changes include the combining of the content from the current NURS 328 and NURS 330 credit by examination courses into NURS 364, a single credit by examination course. NURS 328 and NURS 330 are currently both 4 credit hours while the proposed change to NURS 364, a 6 credit hour course, reflects a reduction of two overall credit hours. NURS 328 and NURS 330 have already been combined into NURS 364 in the traditional campus track and

were never part of the accelerated 2nd degree track with the content always presented in NURS 364. NURS 364 more accurately reflects the approximate emphasis of the pediatric and obstetric content on the national nursing licensure exam. The existing combined pediatrics and obstetrics course, NURS 364, was revised to reflect content and emphasis on the national licensure examination and was accepted by the nursing accreditation body as appropriate in the curriculum.

The elimination of the information technology requirement is proposed. This requirement is no longer a university requirement and no courses are offered on campus to satisfy this requirement. To ensure that students have the necessary skills required to be successful in the major, technology aspects are part of the first nursing course required in the major (NURS 208).

Removal of AHS 111 or PE 101/PE 101L and the removal of ENG 305/305T from the major is also proposed. These courses are Foundational Studies requirements and must still be completed prior to graduation. It is the opinion of the department that these courses are necessary as part of the overall degree but are not needed specifically as part of the major.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

Nursing Major - Baccalaureate Track for Students Entering with L.P.N./L.V.N. Licensure CIP Code: 513801 Major Code: 9322

Students must successfully complete all required prerequisite support courses prior to admission into the major.

Proof of current unencumbered licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) is required as a prerequisite for admittance into the LPN to BS track along with other compliance items such as but not limited to professional liability insurance, national background check, proof on immunizations, and CPR certification.

The admission, progression, retention, dismissal and graduation policies may be found in the Student Handbook located on the Department of Baccalaureate Nursing Completion website.

Required Prerequisite Support Courses (25 - 28 credits):

These courses may be taken in conventional community college or university setting or obtained through credit by examination.

- BIO 274 - Introductory Microbiology 2 credits
- BIO 274L - Introductory Microbiology Laboratory 1 credits
- COMM 101 - Introduction to Speech Communication 3 credits
- PSY 101 - General Psychology: Understanding Human Behavior 3 credits
- Approved Foundational Studies Quantitative Literacy Requirement 3 credits
- ENG 107 - Rhetoric and Writing 3 credits

or

- ENG 101 – Freshman Writing I 3 credits
- and
- ENG 105 – Freshman Writing II 3 credits

Choose one pair of the following:

- ATTR 210 - Human Anatomy for Allied Health Professions 2 credits
- ATTR 210L - Human Anatomy for Allied Health Professions Laboratory 1 credits
- or
- BIO 231 - Human Anatomy 2 credits
- BIO 231L - Human Anatomy Laboratory 1 credits

Choose one pair of the following:

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- PE 220 - Human Physiology for Allied Health Professions 2 credits
 - PE 220L - Human Physiology for Allied Health Professions Laboratory 1 credits
 - or
 - BIO 241 - Human Physiology 2 credits
 - BIO 241L - Human Physiology Laboratory 1 credits

Choose one pair of the following:

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- CHEM 100 - Chemistry and Society 3 credits
 - CHEM 100L - Chemistry and Society Laboratory 1 credits
 - Or
 - Higher level chemistry course and laboratory

Required Nursing Courses by Examination (11 credits):

The following courses are used exclusively for verification of prior learning and are completed through examination only. Credits but no grades are awarded.

- NURS 224 - Nursing Care of Adults I 5 credits (Credit by Exam only)
- NURS 364 – Maternal and Child Nursing 6 credits (Credit by Exam only)

Required Nursing Courses for the Major (41 credits):

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- NURS 208 - Transition from L.P.N. to B.S.N. 3 credits
 - NURS 304 - Comprehensive Health Assessment for Nursing Practice 4 credits
 - NURS 322 - Research/Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice 3 credits
 - NURS 324 - Nursing Care of Adults II 5 credits
 - NURS 338 – Mental Health Nursing 4 credits
 - NURS 424 - Nursing Care of Adults III 5 credits
 - NURS 450 - Population-Focused Community Health Nursing 6 credits
 - NURS 470 - Nursing Leadership 3 credits
 - NURS 484 - Reflective Nursing Practice 3 credits
 - NURS 486 - Professional Nursing Synthesis 3 credits
 - NURS 490 – Licensure Preparatory Course 2 credits

Note:

Progression in the nursing program is dependent upon meeting the nursing course prerequisites identified in the course descriptions. Consultation with the academic advisor regarding the individual student's program of study is strongly recommended.

Required Support Courses for the Major (12 credits):

These courses may be taken at a community college or university or obtained through credit by exam:

- BIO 412 - Pathophysiology 3 credits
- SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology 3 credits

Choose one of the following:

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- EPSY 221 - Developmental Psychology 3 credits
 - PSY 266 - Developmental Psychology 3 credits

Choose one of the following:

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- AHS 340 - Health Biostatistics 3 credits
 - EPSY 302 - Introduction to Applied Psychological Statistics 3 credits
 - MATH 241 - Principles of Statistics 3 credits
 - Any college level statistics course.

Note:

Additional foundational studies courses are required for graduation and credit hours in elective courses may be needed to achieve the 120 credits required for graduation.

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