

Minutes for December 9, 2014  
 College of Health and Human Services  
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Attending: Lynn Austin (AH), Lorraine Bormann (SON), Susan Wesley (SW), Keri Esslinger (KRS), John White (PH), Danita Kelley (Chair), Judy English (Recorder)

- I. Old Business:
  - a. Minutes from previous meetings: November 22, 2013 Will be voted on at the Feb 3 meeting.
- II. New Business:

Type of Item	Description in Item and Contact Information
Action Motion to approve: Lynn A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Susan W. Passed	Proposal to Revise a Program 586P/586 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Contact: Audrey S. Cornell; <a href="mailto:audrey.cornell@wku.edu">audrey.cornell@wku.edu</a> ; 270-745-3656 Discussion: Slight wording change in the new Guaranteed Early Admission to the WKU BSN program. In second paragraph, the first sentence will read, <b><i>“Students seeking the GEA must have an ACT composite score of 23 or above.”</i></b> The fifth line will read, <b><i>“GEA students must also initially obtain a grade of “B” or above in the following courses: Chem 109, Biol 131, Biol 231, Bio 207, Bio 208 and NURS 102.”</i></b> In the third paragraph, the first line will read, <b><i>“GEA students who maintain the above standards will be guaranteed admission to the WKU BSN program in either the Fall or the Spring semester on or before the third year.”</i></b>

Motion to adjourn: John W. (11:20 AM)

**College Name**  
**Department Name**  
**Proposal to Revise a Program**  
**(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of program:**

- 1.1 Current program reference number: 586P/586
- 1.2 Current program title: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 1.3 Credit hours: 61 credit hours

**2. Identification of the proposed program changes:**

- Provide a policy allowing Guaranteed Early Admission (GEA) into the WKU BSN program available to first-time, full time college freshman who meet admission criteria.

**3. Detailed program description:**

Current Program Description	Proposed Program Description
<p>Western Kentucky University   2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalog (p209)                      Pre-Nursing (586P)                      Prior to admission into the nursing program, students are required to meet the university general education requirements and a set of prerequisite courses required of all nursing students. Students who want to declare as a nursing major prior to admission into the nursing program are designated as Pre-Nursing students (reference 586P) and are assigned an advisor in CHHS. Pre-Nursing students will meet during orientation to discuss their academic preparation and determine the appropriate courses for registration. Pre-Nursing students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or above to remain in the pre-nursing program. For more details and frequently asked questions about preparation for admission into nursing and deadlines for applications, please see the School of Nursing website. Support services in CHHS Academic Center for Excellence are available to students who decide to change from Pre-</p>	<p>Western Kentucky University   2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalog (p209)                      Pre-Nursing (586P)                      Prior to admission into the nursing program, students are required to meet the university general education requirements and a set of prerequisite courses required of all nursing students. Students who want to declare as a nursing major prior to admission into the nursing program are designated as Pre-Nursing students (reference 586P) and are assigned an advisor in CHHS. Pre-Nursing students will meet during orientation to discuss their academic preparation and determine the appropriate courses for registration. Pre-Nursing students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or above to remain in the pre-nursing program. For more details and frequently asked questions about preparation for admission into nursing and deadlines for applications, please see the School of Nursing website. Support services in CHHS Academic Center for Excellence are available to students who decide to change from Pre-Nursing to another health related</p>

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**Guaranteed Early Admission (GEA) to the WKU BSN program is available to first –time, full time college freshman and is not available for transfer students. This is a competitive application process and not all eligible students will be granted a GEA. The GEA application deadline is April 1st for students seeking Fall admission to WKU and September 1st for Spring admission. Prior to completing the GEA application you must apply for admission to WKU, submit your ACT scores and obtain a WKU ID number. See <http://www.wku.edu/atwku/admissions.php> for details.**

**Students seeking the GEA must have an ACT score of 23 or above. In addition, all students seeking entry into nursing must be able to meet all nursing admission requirements. Please see the School of Nursing website for complete details. If you are awarded a GEA, you must maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the pre-nursing program. GEA students must also obtain a grade of “B” or above in the following courses: Chem 109, Biol 131, Biol 231, Bio 207, Bio 208 and NURS 102. All general education courses and nursing required pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to entering the nursing program.**

**GEA students who maintain the above standards will be guaranteed admission to the WKU BSN program in either the fall or the spring semester of their Junior year. If you are not able to enroll in the BSN program during your Junior year for any reason, you will forfeit the GEA status and you must reapply to the nursing program with the general applicant pool to compete for a space in the BSN program.**

**4. Rationale for the proposed program change:**

- The policy serves as an incentive to choose WKU SON and promotes early recruitment of qualified high school graduates. The early admission policy is consistent with those offered at the University of Kentucky and Middle Tennessee State University BSN nursing programs.

**5. Proposed term for implementation and special provisions:** Fall 2014

**6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Department/ Unit	<u>November 15, 2013</u>
College Curriculum Committee	_____
Professional Education Council (if applicable)	_____
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	_____
University Senate	_____