

Agenda  
College of Health and Human Services  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: December 4, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: AC 201

- I. Old Business:
  - a. Minutes from November 13 meeting:
- II. New Business:

Type of Item	Description in Item and Contact Information
Action	Revise a Program 586 Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Contact: Audrey Cornell, <a href="mailto:audrey.cornell@wku.edu">audrey.cornell@wku.edu</a> , 270-745-3656

- III. Discussion:
- IV. Upcoming meeting dates: *(note: items needing PEC approval will be delayed in going to the UCC and Senate)*
  - UCC- January 28, 2016 **(Proponents are required to attend.)**
  - Senate- February 18, 2016 (Proponents are encouraged to attend.)
  - Next CHHS Undergraduate Meeting- January 29, 2016 (Items due Dec. 11, 2015)**

**College of Health and Human Services  
School of Nursing  
Proposal to Revise a Program  
(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of program:**

- 1.1 Current program reference number: 586
- 1.2 Current program title: Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing
- 1.3 Credit hours: 60

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

- Add a statement that requires a minimum grade of C in these required pre-requisite courses; BIOL 131/231, BIOL 207/208, CHEM 109, MATH 116, HMD 211, PSY/PSYS 220, and the selected Statistics course (ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY/PSYS 313, SOCL 300 or SWRK 344) for applicants seeking admission to the prelicensure baccalaureate program.

**3. Detailed program description:**

Current Program Description	Proposed Program Description
<p>Western Kentucky University / 2015-2016 Undergraduate Catalog (p221) Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)</p> <p><i>Required Pre-Nursing Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree:</i> MATH 116, BIOL 131, 231, PSY/PSYS 220, NURS 102, CHEM 109, BIOL 207, 208, HMD 211, and a statistics course selected from ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY/PSYS 313 SOCL 300, or SWRK 344. The student must also have completed all requirements for general education (WKU Colonnade Program or approved general education certification transferred to WKU) prior to entry into the upper division BSN program. Be admitted to Western Kentucky University. 1. Complete all designated prerequisite courses. 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above for college level courses. 3. Have attained a minimum of a “C” in NURS 102 —<del>Introduction to Professional Nursing and in all required science courses.</del> Anatomy and</p>	<p>Western Kentucky University / 2015-2016 Undergraduate Catalog (p221) Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)</p> <p><i>Required Pre-Nursing Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree:</i> MATH 116, BIOL 131, 231, PSY/PSYS 220, NURS 102, CHEM 109, BIOL 207, 208, HMD 211, and a statistics course selected from ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY/PSYS 313 SOCL 300, or SWRK 344. The student must also have completed all requirements for general education (WKU Colonnade Program or approved general education certification transferred to WKU) prior to entry into the upper division BSN program. Be admitted to Western Kentucky University. 1. Complete all designated prerequisite courses. 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above for college level courses. 3. Have attained a minimum of a “C” in NURS 102, <b>BIOL 131/231, BIOL 207/208, CHEM 109, MATH 116, HMD 211, PSY/PSYS 220, and the</b></p>

<p>Physiology must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program. Students who have obtained a minimum grade of “C” in Anatomy and Physiology more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program must either retake the courses, or demonstrate current competency by passing a challenge exam prior to application to the nursing program.</p> <p>4. Submit application to the School of Nursing by posted deadline on website.</p> <p>5. Students may be asked to participate in a preadmission interview and/or testing.</p>	<p><b>selected Statistics course (ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY/PSYS 313, SOCL 300 or SWRK 344).</b></p> <p>Anatomy and Physiology must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program. Students who have obtained a minimum grade of “C” in Anatomy and Physiology more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program must either retake the courses, or demonstrate current competency by passing a challenge exam prior to application to the nursing program.</p> <p>4. Submit application to the School of Nursing by posted deadline on website.</p> <p>5. Students may be asked to participate in a preadmission interview and/or testing.</p>
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**4. Rationale for the proposed program change:**

- The minimum C grade requirement for the science courses was inadvertently excluded during previous program revisions. The remaining proposed courses requiring a minimum C grade were added after a review of nursing applicant prerequisite grades in relation to retention within the nursing program. In addressing retention, the committee determined that students must have mastery of this foundational content in order to be academically successful in the nursing program.

**5. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2016

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

Department/ – BSN Prelicensure Curriculum Committee &  
BSN Prelicensure Committee

October 16, 2015

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University Senate