

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 18-21

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SUBJECT: BSN curricular changes to meet 120 credit hour requirement for degree completion

Description: Upper and lower division curriculum changes to decrease credit hours to bring program in line with 120 credit hour graduation requirement

Rationale: To meet the 120 credit hour requirement for the Bachelor of Science degree, the School of Nursing administration and faculty created a three-part approach to this process. The first change took place in the prerequisite course requirements. The second change occurred in allowing social science general education courses to meet the requirements for the 9 social science credit requirements. The third change occurred in the upper division nursing courses.

A summary of the three changes are noted here:

- Removed HS 131 as a prerequisite requirement. This reduced the lower level course requirements by 3 credit hours.
- Allow 6 of the 9 social science credits to come from general education approved social science courses. This change did not affect the total credits required for the BSN program.
- Removed one credit from the NU 446 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing/Practicum course. This reduced the upper division nursing credits by 1 credit hour. We will be proposing a new course number for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing/Practicum course once we have received final approval.
- The total credit reduction is 4 credits which allows the BSN program requirements to be met in 120 credit hours.

Current Curriculum	Credit Hour	Proposed New Curriculum	Credit Hour Change	Rationale for change
HS 131 Human Growth and Development	3	Remove HS 131 as a prerequisite to the BSN program	Decreased prerequisite courses by 3 credit hours	The BSN program has growth and development content in the upper division nursing courses. This meets the Kansas State Board of Nursing Education Regulation 60-2-104 (c) (2).
Social Science requirements:	9 total credits	PY 100 Introduction to Psychology	No change in total credit hour	Allow some flexibility with pre-nursing

PY 100 Introduction to Psychology AN 112 Cultural Anthropology SO 100 Introduction to Sociology		6 other credits from Social Science general education approved courses-may take AN 112 or SO 100	requirements	students to explore other social science courses as part of a liberal arts foundation to their nursing degree.
NU 446 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing/Practicum	4	In the 4 credit NU 446 course, currently 3 credits are assigned to the didactic portion of the course, and 1 credit is allotted to the practicum experience. With the change, there will be no reduction in the amount of clinical hours for the NU 446 course; Instead, there will be a 1-credit reduction in the didactic portion of the course.	Reduced the didactic credit hour from 3 to 2	Mental health issues are covered in almost all of the other upper division nursing courses. Reducing the didactic credit allocation in this course could be handled more easily than other potential reductions in other upper division nursing courses.

Financial Implications: There will be no change in expenses for the School of Nursing. The School of Nursing will lose 1 credit hour of tuition (current rate at \$339/credit hour). There will be potential lost revenue in the Human Services Department by not requiring HS 131 as a prerequisite course.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2018 semester

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: *AAC on 4/2/2018*

Faculty Senate on April 16, 2018

Attachments Yes No