REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE(S)

University of Central Oklahoma

Please note: All information contained in this form will be reviewed by persons outside of your college. Please use clear and concise language when completing this form.

Name of program-major or minor to be changed: (maximum of 30 spaces)
Existing Name: Nursing – Nursing

Proposed Name: (if changing)(maximum of 30 spaces)
*Remember when abbreviating names, this is how they will appear on student’s transcripts.

Proposed Name: (full name of program/major if longer than 30 spaces)

Is this a: X Program ___ Major ___ Minor ___ Sequence of Courses

Proposed change:
__ Name Change
__ Degree Designation
X Admission Requirement

Curriculum Change
__ GPA Requirement
X Other: Adding coursework for RN to BS Track to degree sheet.

Is this program: X Undergraduate ___ Graduate

Is this a teacher preparation program? (All courses required for any teacher preparation program must have approval from the Council on Teacher Education (CTE) before approval from AACC or Graduate Council.)
Yes X No If yes, send copy of proposal to the Director of Teacher Education, Dr. Bryan Duke.

CTE Approval (Stamp or initial) ____________________________

Nursing
Department submitting the proposal

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Person to contact with questions Slegrande@uco.edu email address 5190 Ext. number

Approved by:

[Signature] [Date] ______________________________________________________________________________________

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Office of Academic Affairs Date Effective term for this program change

Academic Affairs Form
May, 2014

(undergraduate proposals only)
(Assigned by Academic Affairs)
1. **Does this program change affect other programs or departments?**

   If yes, provide name(s) of department chair(s) contacted, date(s), and results of discussion(s).

   Yes  X  No

2. **Proposed curriculum change(s):**

   (Please include entire major/minor as it exists and as it is proposed. Italicize and bold changes.)

   **FROM**

   **(Existing Catalog Requirements)**

   **Major Requirements**

   Nursing .................................................. 98

   The baccalaureate degree in nursing at UCO is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org). Graduates of this state approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nurses.

   Pre-Professional ...................................... 39

   The following courses:

   CHEM 1014 Introductory Chemistry and Lab
   BIO 1114 General Biology OR
   BIO 1204 Biology for Majors: Principles
   NTRN 1513 Introduction to Nutrition
   PSY 1103 General Psychology
   SOC 2103 Sociology
   BIO 2314 Introductory Microbiology and Lab
   BIO 2504 Human Anatomy and Lab OR
   FNRL 2214 Elementary Human Anatomy and Dissection
   BIO 2604 Human Physiology and Lab
   ECON 2173 Principles of Business Statistics OR
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   SOC 4043 Sociological Statistics OR
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   ECON 2303 Statistics for Healthcare OR
   STAT 2103 Introduction to Statistics for Sciences
   PHIL 1103 Logic and Critical Thinking OR
   PHIL 1113 Introduction to Philosophy OR
   PHIL 1123 Contemporary Moral Problems OR
   PHIL 2073 Social & Political Philosophy
   NURS 1221 Introduction to Nursing
   NURS 2113 Individual and Family Development Through the Lifespan

   **Professional .......................................... 59

   The following courses:

   NURS 2207 Foundations of Nursing
   NURS 3202 Introduction to Pharmacology
   NURS 3307 Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing I
   NURS 3314 Maternal-Newborn Nursing
   NURS 3324 Pediatric/Child Health Nursing
   NURS 3333 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
   NURS 3344 Adult Med/Surg Nursing II
   NURS 3512 Service Learning and Health Promotion
   NURS 4134 Community Health Nursing
   NURS 4146 High Acuity Nursing
   NURS 4153 Research/Evidence-Based Practice
   NURS 4254 Care of Vulnerable Individuals
   NURS 4722 Pharmacology II
   NURS 4746 Professional Nursing Leadership & Management

   **TO**

   **(Proposed Catalog Requirements)**

   **Major Requirements**

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   **Traditional Track**

   Professional .......................................... 59

   The following courses: (31 Credit hours)

   +NURS 2207 Foundations of Nursing
   +NURS 3202 Introduction to Pharmacology
   +NURS 3307 Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing I
   +NURS 3314 Maternal-Newborn Nursing
   +NURS 3324 Pediatric/Child Health Nursing
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   +NURS 3344 Adult Med/Surg Nursing II
   NURS 3512 Service Learning and Health Promotion
   NURS 4134 Community Health Nursing

   **Senior Level Courses (26 Credit Hours)**

   NURS 3512 Service Learning and Health Promotion
   NURS 4134 Community Health Nursing
NURS 4821 Preparing for Entry into Practice

Electives to bring total to ............................................ 124*

*Total hours required for this major may exceed the minimum 124 credit hour institutional requirement and will vary according to course selection. It is recommended students complete two years of a second language in high school.

Minimum Grade Requirements
1. Average in (a) all college course work, and (b) course work at UCO ........................................... 2.00
2. A minimum grade of “C” must be earned in all courses in the major to count toward meeting degree requirements.

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32 credit hours of advanced standing credit will be awarded for courses marked with +.

Senior Level Courses (24 Credit Hours)
NURS 4613 Role Development
NURS 4443 Civic Engagement
NURS 4153 Research/Evidence-Based Practice
NURS 4363 Community & Systems Hlth
NURS 4343 Alterations in Health
NURS 4623 Advanced Clinical Response
NURS 4463 Leadership for Career Advancement
NURS 4873 Capstone for Career Advancement

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3. Degree Designation: (Example, B.A. to B.F.A.)
   Existing Designation: N/A
   To: N/A

4. Change(s) in Minimum GPA Requirements:
   FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements)  No Change
   TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)  No Change

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Functional review CF
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5. Change(s) in Admission Requirements for the Program/Major:

FROM (Existing Catalog Requirements)

Admission to Nursing Program

Students planning to become candidates for the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing are required to make formal application to the Chairperson of the Department of Nursing for admission into the Professional Nursing program. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Nursing on or before the last Friday of January for fall admission, and the second Friday of September for spring admission into the program.

Admission is competitive as applications exceed the number of positions available. Formal approval by the selection committee is required for admission. Preference is given to University of Central Oklahoma students. The student will be notified eight to ten weeks after the filing date as to the disposition of the application.

The following must be submitted to the Department of Nursing as part of the admission process and are used by the faculty in selection of candidates:

A. Transcripts reflecting a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 in all course work completed at the time of the application.

B. A minimum grade of "C" in chemistry, all biological sciences, NURS 1221 and NURS 2113 is required. Two of the five specified science courses must be successfully completed prior to the application deadline. Human Anatomy must be successfully completed before starting NURS 2207 Foundations of Nursing. Students may enroll a maximum of two times in any nursing course.

C. Score on the Health Education Systems, Inc., Admission Assessment HESI A2 Exam.

D. Submit a criminal background check (OSBI). 

E. Meet "Performance Standards for Admission and Progression in the Department of Nursing" (available in application packet).

F. International students (ie. students for whom English is a second language regardless of resident status) must have a minimum TOEFL score of 83 on the internet version or equivalent on the written examination (560).

Fast Track BS

A Fast Track BS is offered to qualified applicants with a prior earned Baccalaureate degree in any field. Applicant must meet traditional program requirements and must have completed all science requirements before starting the track. Crossovers between tracks for nursing are not permitted. A separate application is required for each track.

Career Ladder Students

RN to BS

Registered nurses who have graduated from an ACEN accredited associate degree program may be eligible for matriculation into the program on an advanced standing basis. For information regarding criteria and application, go to http://www.ucd.edu/cms/nursing/index.asp or contact the Department of Nursing.

Accelerated RN-MS

A tailored, accelerated RN-MS option is offered to qualifying RN-BS students. Students who are accepted to the RN to BS degree option may take three specified 5000-level NURS courses (9 credit hours) during the senior year of the BS program. These courses will count towards both the BS and MS degrees. Formal application and department permission is required. Specifics of the requirements are located in the UCO Graduate Catalog under Nursing; Master of Science (M.S.).

TO (Proposed Catalog Requirements)

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C. Score on the Standardized Admission Assessment Exam. This test may only be taken one time per application period.

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6. Other requested action:
   None

7. Will requested change require additional funds? ___ Yes   X No
   If yes, please specify the amount of the additional costs, the source of the funds, and how they will
   be expended over the next three years, including new or re-allocated full or part time faculty/staff.

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8. Please provide a summary of the requested changes. (This is a listing of the changes requested) (This
   information will be submitted to the OSRHE)

First, the directions for submitting applications to the nursing department are being requested to change. Second the selection
committee designation is being changed to admissions committee. Third, the score on the Health Education Systems, Inc.
Admission Assessment HESI A2 Exam is being changed to state Standardized Admissions Assessment Exam. The instructions
for the required exam will be on the UCO Department of Nursing application and website. Fourth, the 6.5 on the IELTS is
being added to the TOEFL requirements. Lastly, adding coursework taken by RN to BS students to degree sheet, and changing
the total number of hours to be taken in the major from 98 to 94-98 to include the RN to BS Track.

9. The reason(s) for this change are based on which of the following: (Check all that apply; explain and
document in Question #10)
   ___ Specialized Accreditation
   ___ SSCI (Self Study for Continuous Improvement)
   ___ Benchmark (e.g. comparison to peer institutions)
   X Assessment Data
   X Faculty Knowledge/Discipline Expertise
   ___ Advisory Board/Outside Professional Group
   ___ Other

10. For all items checked in Question #9, please provide a concise, yet comprehensive, statement
    that explains the reasons for requesting the change including any necessary documentation. (The
    information provided here will be submitted to the OSRHE)
    Changing the application statement to 'see website' allows the nursing department to direct students to the
    most effective way of submitting applications. The process in the past was to submit in person. This
    semester nursing changed to emailing applications to nursing_applications@uco.edu. In the future nursing
    would like to have an application portal. But, for the foreseeable future this is the most efficient process. The
    wording from selection committee to admission committee is being made because the committee that
    oversees student admissions was designated to the admissions committee.
    Changing the statement from the specific application exam to Standardized Admission Assessment allows
    the department to make more rapid decisions about which exam is used instead of being tied to a specific
    exam for an unknown period of time. Needs change, and admissions exams may need to change with those
    needs.
In the past students have been allowed to test up to 3 times per year. While this allows students to have a higher score, it is not often a true reflection of the student's knowledge of the information on the standardized test as test versions do not change from one attempt to the next. Changing to once per application period allows a student who was not selected for admission to retest and potentially raise their score, but to some degree levels the playing field for all students who have tested. This also reflects what other nursing programs are doing across the country.

The 6.5 on the IELTS is comparable to the required score on the TOEFL and gives credit to those students who took the IELTS instead of the TOEFL.

The change of hours establishes consistency between courses within the RN to BS track. These catalog changes are being made for better transparency for RN to BS students during enrollment. The separation of the tracks on the degree sheet helps facilitate enrollment processes and marketing.