

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) Proposed Nursing Program
State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

The school of nursing is requesting to make several changes within the nursing program curriculum. These changes are not content or substantive changes. There are four course name changes, addition of an hour to two courses, decrease of an hour to two courses, and a change of prerequisite courses. Please see attached for the detailed explanation and rationale

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

COUNCIL**

	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A		I			I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A		I			I	I
3.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A		I			A	A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A		A			A	A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I		I			I	I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A		A			A	A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A		I			I	I
8.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A		--			A	I
9.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A		A			A	A
10.	Cross list with another dept: U or G level	A	A	A		A			A	A
11.	Department of record	A	A	A		A			A	A
12.	Open or close a course	A	A	A		A			A	A
13.	New course — See Adams Center for packet. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A		A			A	A

* Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

**Courses offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council.

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	COUNCIL			Provost	Faculty	President
						UGEC	UUAC	GRAD			
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content**	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart**	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements**	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart**	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
4.	Major — Revision of major ♦ ‡	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
5.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
6.	Major — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
7.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
8.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A		I			I	--	I
	Minor — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
9.	Degree — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
10.	Any change to a graduate degree program*	A	A	A		A			A	--	A

♦ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

‡ Program or course changes applying to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

* All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

** Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and corequisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

Note: The Board of Trustees is informed when a major or degree is added or discontinued.

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Approval Chart for Academic Information Changes

	Change to the Catalog	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees*	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	--	A	.

* The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the seventeen items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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General Education Council	
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Undergraduate Academic Council	
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Graduate Council	
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Requested Changes for Nursing Curriculum

The following is rationale and information for making changes to the course names, number of hours and order of the courses.

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) mandates that nursing programs contain four major content areas-- medical-surgical, maternity, pediatrics, and mental health. The current nursing curriculum places two of the major content areas of maternity and pediatrics in a single course that only has 3 credit hours. Even though the BON does not mandate the number of contact hours for a specific course, the amount of content that is required for the maternal/child course (over 1700 pages in the text) will not be covered adequately in the currently allotted 45 hours during the semester. Other programs around the state have from 4 – 6 hour courses for this same content. Also the BON requires that in the four major content areas that there are three hours of clinical for each one hour of didactic; therefore, both the didactic and clinical course would need to be adjusted.

Also the maternal/child courses require the foundational content that is taught in the acute medical/surgical course and associated clinical experiences.

A. Due to the previous information, the nursing program needs to make the following changes for the maternal/child course:

- 1) Increase the credit hours of Evidence-Based NURS 360 Maternal/Child Nursing and the companion clinical course (in this program each hour of credit in a clinical course equals 3 hours of contact).
- 2) To better reflect the two major content areas covered by these courses, we would like to change the titles.
- 4) Switch numbers and semesters of the maternal/child courses and the acute medical/surgical courses.
- 5) Reduce the number of hours in NURS 371 and 370 in order to maintain a net/sum zero change in the degree, which is already at 131 hours. These two courses cover community and population health, and while required for BSN education, community and population health is not one of the major content areas required for all nursing education. Because of this we have more flexibility in decreasing these courses without major loss of information. Also two hours of didactic and two hours of clinical for community and populations are within the range of credit hours of other accredited BSN programs in the state.

The following table summarizes the desired changes:

Current Courses and Numbers	Current Credit Hours	Proposed Courses and Numbers	Proposed Credit Hours
NURS 360 Clinical Skills II: Maternal/Child Nursing	3 Hours	NURS 450 Clinical Skills III: Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4 Hours

NURS 361 Evidence-Based Maternal/Child	3 Hours	NURS 453 Evidence-Based Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4 Hours
NURS 450 Clinical Skills III: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	4 Hours	NURS 360 Clinical Skills II: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	4 Hours
NURS 453 Evidence-Based Medical Surgical Nursing	4 Hours	NURS 361 Evidence-Based Acute Medical Surgical Nursing	4 Hours
NURS 370 Clinical Skills II: Community and Population Health	3 Hours	(same name and number)	2 Hours
NURS 371 Evidence-Based Community and Population Health	3 Hours	(same name and number)	2 Hours