

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number Changes to multiple Pre-requisites or Degree Plan(s) School of Nursing
 State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

See attached for supporting documentation.

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

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

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					COUNCIL ¹								
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	--		
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A			A	--	A	--		
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	--		
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	I		
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	I		
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.											
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	--		
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I			I	--	I	--		
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.											
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	I		
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A			A	A	A	I		
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.											
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A			A	--	A	--		

Provost-Proposed Change		Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
					COUNCIL ³					
1.	Major/Graduate Program — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A	A		--	A	--
3.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A	A		A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		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

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, 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.

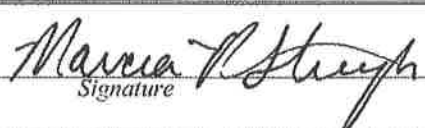
⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	2-19-2020 Approval date
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College Academic Council(s)	
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Dean(s)	
 Signature	2-19-20 Approval date
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Teacher Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

General Education Council	
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Undergraduate Academic Council	
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Graduate Council	
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Provost	
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Faculty	
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President	
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Abilene Christian University
School of Nursing
Proposal for Changes for Pre-Requisites

The School of Nursing curriculum is designed with the intent that students will successfully complete all of the courses during a given semester before proceeding to the following semester. The purpose of this leveling is to ensure that students receive a solid foundation of understanding and learning during each semester before progressing in the program. During the Summer 2019, a need was recognized during NURS 320: Gerontologic Nursing that prompted a review of the nursing curriculum and sequencing. NURS 320 is offered completely online in the summer. When this occurred, we recognized that because of the way the pre-requisites were listed in the catalog, the student was able to proceed into the following semester.

After this occurrence, Dr. Straughn asked the Curriculum Committee to explore how the pre-requisites were listed for all NURS courses in the catalog. These findings are listed in the table below. The Curriculum Committee also began exploring how to reword the pre-requisites for our courses to assist us in best serving our students. We attempted to make the course pre-requisites as least restrictive as possible while still maintaining our intent regarding program progression. We chose the core courses from each semester to list as pre-requisites for the courses in the following semesters. These proposed changes are also listed in the table below. We do offer corequisite courses in our program that link a didactic course to the clinical course components.

The proposed changes were unanimously approved by the faculty of the School of Nursing at our faculty meeting in November 2019.

In addition, for Summer 2020, NURS 320: Gerontologic Nursing will be offered in two different sessions to allow for a student who fails in the first session to repeat the course. One section will be offered Summer 1. Two sections will be offered Summer 2. For Summer 2021, we are planning to offer one section of NURS 320: Gerontologic Nursing during Summer Sessions 1, 2, and 3 for the same reason. If a student were to fail NURS 320 twice, he/she would not be allowed to progress in the nursing program under existing policies.

Junior 1

Course	Current Prerequisite in Catalog	Proposed Changes
NURS 350: Clinical Skills I: Fundamentals of Nursing	None listed. Corequisite of NURS 352.	Admission to the School of Nursing. Corequisite of NURS 352.

NURS 352: Fundamentals of Nursing	None listed. Corequisite of NURS 350.	Admission to the School of Nursing. Corequisite of NURS 350.
NURS 351: Nursing Assessment	"Admission to the School of Nursing"	Admission to the School of Nursing
NURS 340: Foundations of Nursing	Not in catalog. (Pilot course).	
NURS 337: Applied Pathophysiology	"Completion of A & P I and completion or simultaneous enrollment in A & P II or approval from the Dean".	Admission to the School of Nursing

Junior 2

Course	Current Prerequisite in Catalog	Proposed Changes
NURS 361: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	None listed. Corequisite of NURS 360.	Prerequisite: NURS 350/352. Corequisite: NURS 360.
NURS 360: Clinical Skills II: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	None listed. Corequisite of NURS 361.	Prerequisite: NURS 350/352. Corequisite: NURS 361.
NURS 330: Pharmacology	"Admission to the School of Nursing"	Admission to the School of Nursing
NURS 380: Nursing Research	"Admission to the nursing program"	Admission to the School of Nursing
NURS 320: Gerontologic Nursing	"Admission to the School of Nursing"	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361

Senior 1

Course	Current Prerequisite in Catalog	Proposed Changes
NURS 453: Maternity & Pediatric Nursing	"Admission to the nursing program". Corequisite NURS 450.	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361. Corequisite: NURS 450.

NURS 450: Clinical Skills III: Maternity & Pediatric Nursing	"Admission to the nursing program". Corequisite NURS 453.	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361. Corequisite: NURS 453.
NURS 431: Mental Health in Nursing	"Admission to the nursing program". Corequisite NURS 430.	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361. Corequisite: NURS 430.
NURS 430: Clinical Skills III: Mental Health	"Admission to the nursing program". Corequisite NURS 431.	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361. Corequisite: NURS 431.
NURS 464: Nursing Leadership & Management	"Admission to the nursing program"	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361

Senior 2

Course	Current Prerequisite in Catalog	Proposed Changes
NURS 476: Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	Admission to the nursing program. NURS 475	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361, NURS 320; Corequisite: NURS 475
NURS 475: Clinical Skills IV: Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	Admission to the nursing program. Corequisite 476.	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361, NURS 320; Corequisite: NURS 476
NURS 498: Integration of Evidence Based Nursing Practice	Admission to the nursing program.	Senior standing. May not be taken until the final semester of the nursing program. All NURS 300 courses must be successfully completed before taking.
NURS 477: Community & Population Health	Admission to the nursing program:	Prerequisite: NURS 360/361