

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

We propose to add two tracks within the BSN degree plan to align policy/structure and catalog with current practice. Please see attached for courses in each track and proposed catalog language regarding tracks.

Pre-nursing track (suggest NURS-PRE) – to include all required pre-requisite courses for the BSN major. Courses in the Pre-nursing track are required to be completed before entry into upper level BSN coursework. Any student may declare the Pre-nursing track as a major. The track cannot result in a degree; students must either apply and be accepted to move to the Nursing track or change to another major in order to graduate.

Nursing track (suggest NURS-NUR) – to include the courses taken in the Pre-nursing track and required upper level coursework for the BSN major listed in the attachments. At this time, this includes all 300 and 400 level NURS courses. Application and admission required.

The catalog already states that a separate application and admission are required for the BSN program, but the designation of pre-nursing has only been used informally up to this time. As students must meet minimum criteria, and apply for admission to upper level coursework in the BSN program, they do not automatically progress into 300 and 400 level NURS courses. The application process requires minimum qualifications of GPA, pre-requisite completion, and minimum admission exam scores. Student applications are reviewed and seats are filled according to a competitive review process. Students are informally referred to as “pre-nursing” and “upper-level-nursing” majors - this proposal seeks to formalize these as tracks with the purpose of aligning policy/structure with practice.

Proposal approved by SON BSN Program Faculty - 5/11/2020

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

					COUNCIL ³					
	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UAC	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.	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

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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.

	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	COUNCIL ³				Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
					UAC	UGEC	JAC	RAD				
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	--
X 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	COUNCIL ³		Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
					C	JAC				
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	--
3.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R		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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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	5-11-2020 Approval date
Signature	Approval date

College Academic Council(s)	
Signature	Approval date
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Dean(s)	
 Signature	5-11-2020 Approval date
Signature	Approval date

Teacher Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

General Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Graduate Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Provost	
Signature	Approval date

Faculty	
Chair of faculty senate	Approval date

President	
Signature	Approval date

Major: Nursing
Pre-Nursing Track: NURS-PRE

Total Credit Hours: 68

First Semester	Credit Hour	Second Semester	Credit Hour
CHEM 113: Introductory Chemistry <i>or</i> CHEM 133 General Chemistry I	3	CHEM 114: Introductory Organic and Biological Chemistry <i>or</i> NUTR 120: Nutrition and Wellness <i>or</i> NUTR 221 - Introductory Nutrition	3
MATH 123: Elementary Statistics	3	BIOL 291: Anatomy and Physiology I BIOL 293: Anatomy and Physiology I	3 1
BIBL 101 - Jesus: His Life and Teachings	3	BIBL 102: Early Christians: Life, Literature and Community	3
ENGL 111 - Composition and Rhetoric	3	ENGL 112: Composition and Literature	3
CORE 110 - Cornerstone	3	University Requirement selection suggest PSYC 120: Introduction to Psychology	3
PEAC 100 - Lifetime Wellness or 1 PEAC activity	1		
Total	16	Total	16
Summer: Historical Literacy choose one (3 credit hour course) from the menu			3
Third Semester	Credit Hour	Fourth Semester	Credit Hour
Foreign Language, Cultural Awareness, Fine Arts	3	Elective (3 hr any course in catalog)	3
BIOL 292: Anatomy and Physiology II BIOL 294: Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	3 1	BIOL 353: General Microbiology	3 1
BIBL 211: Message of the Old Testament	3	COMM 211: Speech and Rhetoric	3
Sophomore (200-299) Literature (includes foreign language literature courses)	3	Upper level Bible (Choose 1: BIBH, BIBL, BIBM, BIBP, BIBT, BMIS (300-499)	3
PSYC 232: Developmental Psychology	3	Free Elective (3 hr any course in catalog)	3
1 PEAC activity	1		
Total	17		16

Major: Nursing
Nursing Track: NURS-NUR

Total Credit Hours: 60

Fifth Semester	Credit Hour	Sixth Semester	Credit Hour
NURS 352: Evidence-Based Fundamentals of Nursing	3	NURS 330: Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 350: Clinical Skills I: Fundamentals of Nursing	4	NURS 361: Evidence-Based Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	3
NURS 351: Nursing Assessment and Diagnostics	3	NURS 360: Clinical Skills II: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 340: Introduction to Clinical Nursing/Foundations of Nursing (pilot course combining introduction to pathophysiology, pharmacology, med terminology, dosage calc**	2	NURS 380: Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice *	4
NURS 337: Applied Pathophysiology *	3		
Total	15		14
Summer: NURS 320: Evidence-Based Gerontologic Nursing Credit Hours:			2
Seventh Semester	Credit Hour	Eighth Semester	Credit Hour
NURS 453: Evidence-Based Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4	NURS 476: Evidence-Based Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3
NURS 450: Clinical Skills III: Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4	NURS 475: Clinical Skills IV: Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	6
NURS 431: Evidence-Based Mental Health Nursing	2	NURS 477: Evidence-Based Community and Population Health	2
NURS 430: Clinical Skills III: Mental Health Nursing	2	NURS 498: Integration of Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 464: Nursing Leadership and Management	3		
Total	15		14

2019-2020 Catalog Information (proposed changes)

Pre-Nursing Track~~Lower-Level Requirements~~

All ~~freshmen~~ students accepted for admission to the university ~~may declare the, and stating a preference for nursing as a major, will be enrolled in the pre-nursing track of the nursing major and placed complete in~~ lower-level university requirements and nursing prerequisite courses. ~~Acceptance into~~ Declaring the pre-nursing track and completing lower-level courses, however, does not guarantee that students will be ~~admitted to selected for enrollment in the nursing track and upper level coursework for the School of Nursing's BSN program. Students may not graduate from the pre-nursing track and must be admitted to the nursing track to continue in the program, or they may change majors in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree.~~

School of Nursing BSN Program Admission Requirements

Students must meet all university degree requirements. A separate admission process is required for students to be admitted to the School of Nursing's **BSN program**. **Admission is competitive, and the size of the classes is determined by the Texas Board of Nursing. Admission to Abilene Christian University does not guarantee admission to the nursing track and upper level BSN coursework in the School of Nursing.**

1. Students must apply for admission to ~~upper-level~~ **BSN coursework and the nursing track within the School of Nursing**. The deadline for submitting applications for admission in the fall semester is February 1 of the same year. The deadline for submitting application for admission in the spring semester is September 1 of the previous year. Students are required to take a nursing admission assessment exam. **Late applications will be reviewed after initial admission decisions are made.**
2. The School of Nursing will review all applications with at least a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale. Courses in the supplement for major (see nursing degree plan) completed with a letter grade less than "C," or 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, will not be accepted toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.
3. Five courses listed under Supplement for the Major (not including labs) must be completed before turning in the application for admission. **All prerequisite courses must be completed before entering the nursing track and upper-level nursing courses** (those courses designated with the NURS prefix). Any exceptions must be approved by the Dean of the School of Nursing.
4. Once accepted to the School of Nursing, students must submit the following:
 - a. Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate
 - b. Essential performance form (provided by the School of Nursing) that attests to the ability of the student to meet emotional, cognitive, and physical requirements of the program.
 - c. Proof of immunizations and lab tests (a list will be provided by the School of Nursing)
 - d. Documentation of Health Insurance
 - e. Drug screen at a designated lab (further information is provided by the School of Nursing). Students may also be required to submit to random drug screenings in order to practice in the clinical facilities.

- f. Completed criminal background check required by the Texas Board of Nursing.
 - g. Cleared clinical background check required by the clinical facilities (further information is provided by the School of Nursing).
 - h. Proof of current CPR certification (American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers is required).
 - i. Professional liability insurance (included in the student's tuition costs) is required
5. Applicants seeking admission by transfer must meet all of the same standards required of those students who have matriculated at ACU.
6. In order for a student to meet program requirements for the completion of the BSN curriculum, the student must demonstrate minimal competency in nursing theory and practice. This competency is demonstrated through successful scoring on the identified exit exam.
7. Students seeking the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may take a minor outside the School of Nursing. This minor is NOT required as a part of the BSN degree, and credit hours beyond the minimum hours required may be needed to complete the minor.
- ~~7-8.~~ Students who wish to complete the nursing track must do so in residence in Abilene.