Policy Title: U4750 RN Progression

Purpose
The RN-BSN program permits the registered nurse (RN) student the opportunity to attain the terminal objectives of the undergraduate program. The RN-BSN program supports alternative paths of progression through the BSN curriculum and acknowledges prior learning and professional experiences of licensed RNs. The program plan of the RN-BSN includes courses that must be undertaken and those that may be validated through advanced placement. Credit for no more than 29 advanced placement hours may be awarded upon successful completion of N3701 Professional Nursing Practice, N3702 Issues in Professional Practice, N3703 Management and Leadership, and N3704 Synthesis.

Policy
Registered nurse students have the option of alternative progression through the BSN curriculum according to the procedures established below

Procedure
A. Admission Requirements for the RN-BSN applicants.

RN applicants are required to:
- Submit a $60 non-refundable application fee due at the time of application submission.
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or better in the required 60 hours of nursing prerequisites, and a minimum of 3.0 or better in the required science prerequisites.
- Submit one official transcript of all course work from each college or university previously attended directly to the Registrar's Office. Electronic submission is preferred. (If you have previous college coursework from another country other than the USA, you must have coursework evaluated by a Credentialing Service. This information will be used to determine what courses can be used to satisfy the prerequisites. Please submit an official copy of the credentialing service evaluation to the Registrar's Office.)
- To be considered, you must complete at least 40 hours of the required 60 hours of prerequisite work by the program application deadline. Eight hours of those 40 hours must be from the science prerequisites of Human Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, and Chemistry.
In order to take graduate-level courses, RN-BSN applicants are required to submit an MAT or GRE score. The applicant is required to submit a score of at least 400 on the Miller Analogy Test or a combined minimum score of 1000 on the first two sections and a 3.0 on the writing portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). For the revised GRE, the recommended combined score is 297 with the analytical writing section score remaining at 3.0.

One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old and a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.

B. Upper Division courses for RN students enrolled in the RN-BSN or RN-MSN tracks.

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Additional Courses which approved RN/MSN students may take:
N5501W Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Nursing 2
N5506W Statistics in Nursing 2

Note: "W" indicates course is web-based or web-enhanced.
RN-BSN students, upon successful completion of N3701, N3702, N3703, and N3704, will receive advanced placement credit for the following courses:

N3515 Adult Health Care I 6
N3523 Adult Health Care II and Gero 7
N3526 Psychiatric & Mental Health Care 6
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FULL TIME SCHEDULE – RN-BSN Program

First Semester
- N3511/3511W Health Assessment 3
- N3701/3701W Professional Nursing Practice 4
- N3517/3517W Pathophysiology 3
- N6102W Information Systems 1

Second Semester
- N3702/3702W RN Issues in Professional Practice 4
- N3703/3703W Management and Leadership 4
- N4512/4512W Research Critique & Utilization 2

Third Semester
- N3601/3601W Community Health for RNs 3
- N3602/3602W Community Health Project for RNs 2
- N3704/3704W Synthesis 3
- N4526W Role Transition 2

Total: 31

FULL TIME SCHEDULE – RN-BSNs Approved to Take Graduate-Level Courses

First Semester
- N3511/3511W Health Assessment 3
- N3701/3701W Professional Nursing Practice 4
- N6101/6101W Advanced Pathophysiology 3
- N6102W Information Systems 1

Second Semester
- N3702/3702W RN Issues in Professional Practice 4
- N3703/3703W Management and Leadership 4
- N6101/6101W Clinical and Epidemiologic Research 3

Third Semester
- N3601/3601W Community Health for RNs 3
- N3602/3602W Community Health Project for RNs 2
- N3704/3704W Synthesis 3
- N4526W Role Transition 2

Total: 32

Upon successful completion of the required courses for the BSN degree, the RN-BSN graduate may apply to the MSN Program for admission.