

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on a new Post Licensure BS in Nursing

18-17/18-GEAR – May 8, 2018 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate approves the proposed post-licensure Bachelors of Science Program in Nursing as outlined in curriculum proposals 17-301 to 17-311 (Nolij).

RATIONALE: *Since 2012 the North Coast region of California has been without a local option for Nursing professionals to earn a Bachelor's Degree in nursing. The two-year nursing program at College of the Redwoods provides the education and training necessary for students to earn their Registered Nursing (RN) license and to be employed as professional nurses. The proposed program is to provide a pathway for holders of RN licenses to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN).*

The BSN pathway was added to the HSU academic Master Plan with the CSU Chancellor's office in 2014-2015, giving HSU the option to propose a new BSN program. The curriculum of the program was constructed under the direction of Dr. Alison Pritchard, Director of the Registered Nursing Program at College of the Redwoods, with coordination provided by Dr. Chris Hopper, Interim Chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration and Faculty Associate to the Dean of the College of Professional Studies. Dr. Lorie H. Judson, Professor Emerita of the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing, and executive Director of the Chin Family Institute for Nursing at CSU Los Angeles, served as external reviewer of the curriculum, which she rated favorably. Dr. Judson wrote, "It is my opinion that this curriculum fits well with the aim of the completion of a BSN, by offering content to expand horizons through community/population health and prepare a leader who can actively make a difference by engaging in local, regional, state and national healthcare discussions, plans and actions. Preparation in care management strengthens the understanding of the client outside the acute care facilities and illuminates the continuum of care. The curriculum proposed also serves to ground the graduate in evidence-based interventions by delving into the research process and the data through the study of Informatics, necessary to bring about change. The addition of the Nutrition course for the chronically ill will serve to prepare the graduate to begin work in settings outside the acute care facilities to promote a culture of health and illness management."

The Academic Master Planning Subcommittee of the Integrated Curriculum committee has been reviewed the proposal in detail. The Integrated Curriculum voted unanimously in support of the proposed BSN program, and forwards it now with a recommendation of approval to the University Senate.

Since the proposed BSN is post-licensure, the program will require only two tenure-track faculty members, both of whom will be supported by endowments established by local health-care organizations through the coordinated efforts of Connie Stewart, Director of the California Center for Rural Policy. The program will require only classroom space at HSU. The necessary lab facility will be provided through a partnership with the College of the Redwoods Nursing Program. Moreover, the need for clinical placements in a post-licensure program are minimal, requiring placement only in the fall semesters. Since the College of the Redwoods Nursing program clinical placements are in the spring semesters, there will be no competition between programs for regional clinical placements.

Additional Information.

Although the full curriculum proposals are available on Nolij (17-301 thru 17-311), the proposed catalog copy is listed below.

Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Nursing (BSN)

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The BSN Program

The mission of the RN to BSN Program is to prepare nurse leaders who are culturally competent in rural areas populated by diverse communities, including indigenous communities. The HSU graduate nurse is an effective practitioner who seeks solutions to societal health needs and problems, understands ethical disparities in healthcare and advocates for the physical and psychosocial health of the region's communities. The nursing curriculum leads to the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing (BSN). The RN-BSN program is available to registered

nurses who have completed an RN program (associate degree). The program is designed to accommodate working nurses with approximately half of the coursework available online.

Students completing this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate leadership in nursing practice with ethical reasoning and actions to promote advocacy, collaboration, and social justice
- Demonstrate accountability for self and nursing practice including continuous engagement in life-long learning
- Improve patient health outcomes by accessing, analyzing, and interpreting data and information at the individual/family and community level
- Implement a systematic approach to analyze real or potential problems for the purpose of developing, testing, and evaluating innovative solutions within healthcare settings for rural populations
- Use communication theories/techniques and demonstrate communication/collaboration with colleagues, transdisciplinary groups, including the use of informatics, to promote relationships with individuals/families and communities
- Plan and provide patient-centered, empathic, and coordinated care that contributes to safe and high quality outcomes for diverse populations.

Preparation

Students who possess a California Registered Nursing license and an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) are eligible to apply for the program. Applicants are screened competitively based on a variety of indicators. In order to be accepted to the RN-BSN Program, students must meet admission criteria, including completion of all the prerequisites for admission to the Nursing major prior to acceptance into the major. All students who wish to be accepted must submit (by February 15) an application to the Nursing program during the spring semester of each academic year in addition to being admitted to Humboldt State University.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The following are admission requirements:

- Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) and completion of 70 units
- California Registered Nursing (RN) license without restrictions
- 2.75 or higher GPA in Nursing courses and from all transfer institutions

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 66-81. The Upper Division

Area B General Education requirement is met by the coursework within the Bachelor of Science degree for Nursing. Students must earn a C or better in all BSN courses in the major.

BSN Courses (27 units)

- NRSB 348: Development for Professional Practice (3)
- NRSB 350: Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice (3)
- NRSB 372: Health Assessment and Promotion across the Lifespan (2)
- NRSB 373: Health Assessment and Promotion across the Lifespan Lab (1)
- NRSB 390: Nursing Informatics and Information Literacy and Competency (3)
- NRSB 460: Nursing Leadership and Care Management (3)
- NRSB 470: Community/Public Health Nursing (3)
- NRSB 471: Community Public Health Nursing Lab (3)
- NRSB 490: Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
- HED 451: Nutrition for Chronic Disease (3)

Lower Division Units Awarded for NCLEX-RN (10 units)

Upper Division Units Awarded for NCLEX-RN (7 units)

Total Nursing Units of NCLEX-RN (17)