

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

September 24, 2010

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education  
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request for a Opportunity for Incoming Freshmen in the Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing Degree in Nursing

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy  
(UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

### UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the UCAP members.

After receiving UCAP's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to forward or not to forward the request to the University Committee on Curriculum for its consideration of this request.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator, at 5-8420.

Thank you.

### Attachments:

1. Request for Changes in an Academic Program form dated April 8, 2010: Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree in Nursing and attachments.

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## COLLEGE OF NURSING

1. Request to add an opportunity for incoming freshmen for the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** degree in **Nursing** in the College of Nursing. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will consider this request at its October 7, 2010 meeting.
  - a. Under the heading **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM** add the following statement:

### **Opportunity for Incoming Freshmen**

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Students may apply to the College of Nursing prior to their initial enrollment at MSU in order to be considered for acceptance to a future fall cohort. Consideration for conditional admission is competitive. Application materials for a future fall cohort must be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the initial fall semester of enrollment. Applicants will be notified of the decision in writing by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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1. ACT composite score of at least 28.
2. High school grade point average of at least 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Top 10% of high school graduating class.

If conditional admission to the College of Nursing is granted, the student must sign an agreement with the College of Nursing that the following academic conditions will be met in order to enter the nursing major as a junior:

1. Complete the pre-nursing curriculum in the first two years.
2. Earn a grade of 2.0 or higher in each science prerequisite course.
3. Maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average that is provided in the letter of agreement the student signs with the College of Nursing.

Students must be eligible and available to be admitted as a junior the fall semester of their third academic year of attendance. This includes successfully completing immunization requirements, criminal background checks, and drug screen reviews required of all nursing students prior to the start of clinical course work.

Effective Spring 2011.

<b>View a Program</b>		<b>Main Menu</b>
Joy Speas, RO	Friday, 4/9/2010	
<b>Program Name: Nursing</b> <b>Degree: BSN Sequence Number: 5</b>	Program Request ID: 1729	
<b>Effective Dates: Fall 2010 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: Change</b>		
<b>Requested Date: 3/25/2010 3:04:10 PM</b>		
<p><b>1. Department/School/College:</b> 33616 .... College of Nursing</p> <p><b>2. Name of Program:</b> Nursing</p> <p><b>3. Name of Degree:</b> BSN</p> <p><b>4. Type of Program:</b> Major</p> <p><b>5. Effective Start Semester:</b> <del>Fall 2010</del> <i>Spring 2011</i></p> <p><b>6. Target student audience for the program:</b> Incoming Freshman</p> <p><b>7. Enrollment:</b> <b>What is the expected enrollment per year:</b> 600 <b>What is the minimum enrollment acceptable:</b> 400</p> <p><b>8. Source of budget for the program:</b> To align academic planning and curricular change, ALL requests for NEW funds must be included in the College's annual planning letter. Provost approval of new funds and the effective date for the new program must align. If funding is not approved, then the program request will not be forwarded to Academic Council.  College reallocation  If new funds, was this request included in the College's annual planning letter? Indicate yes or no. If no, then this is a department or college fund reallocation (If the program is implemented, no additional resources are required.).</p> <p><b>9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:</b> Same</p> <p><b>10. Staff requirement:</b> How many additional staff will be required: 0  Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):</p>		

**11. Will additional equipment be required:**

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

**12. Will additional library materials be required:**

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding: 0

**13. Will additional space be required:**

Type:

Approximate amount:

**14. If the program requirements contain a named concentration, do you wish for the concentration to be noted on the student's transcript?:**

Yes

**15. Detailed Description:**

A. Admission to the BSN major is competitive. Currently all traditional option students complete a supplemental admission process for admission to the major as a Junior. This means that individuals who in high school strongly intend to pursue a nursing career do not have the assurance of being able to obtain this preparation at Michigan State University. Many institutions who compete with MSU for high quality freshman applicants, including the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, guarantee a seat in the nursing major at the time of admission to the university. This results in a competitive disadvantage for MSU CON in recruiting the highest achieving high school seniors. Over the years CON faculty and administrators have frequently been requested by potential students, alumni, and parents to guarantee placement in the Nursing major.

Additionally, the Department of Military Sciences and the Honors College have indicated that the inability to guarantee access to the Nursing major has negatively impacted their recruitment. Dr. Bauman, Associate Dean, Honors College and Lieutenant Colonel Rouse, Chairperson, Department of Military Science, have indicated this in their letters of support, coming under separate cover. Specifically, this initiative supports high school students who apply to and are accepted at MSU with an ACT composite score of at least 28 a grade point average of at least 3.8 and in the top 10% of their high school's graduating class will be eligible to apply for early admission to the College of Nursing BSN program as incoming freshman.

E. Undergraduate Program Committee and College of Nursing Faculty have endorsed this proposal

F.  A Maximum of 15 students each year will be offered early admission for a total of 75 in 5 years. The traditional option BSN program admits 120 students each year.

G. CON advisors will provide academic advising for the early admission cohort beginning freshman year and the college will track success with achieving the expectations in the early admit contract, overall academic performance in the major, BSN completion rate, and NCLEX-RN (licensure exam) pass rate.

## H. Catalog Description

### Admission as a Freshman

Minimal Criteria for application to the Collage as a Freshman are:

1. Apply to and accepted by Michigan State University
  2. ACT composite score of at least 28
  3. Grade-point average of at least 3.8, on a 4.0 scale
  4. Top 10% of high school's graduating class
  5. Complete College of Nursing supplemental application materials by February 15 prior to Fall semester matriculation. College of Nursing will make early admission decisions by April 15 and notify applicant of the decision in writing.
  6. Complete the pre-nursing curriculum in two years
  7. Earn at least a 2.0 in each science prerequisite course
  8. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA that will be set for each early admit cohort equal to the 3 year rolling average of the lowest cumulate GPA of traditional admit BSN students (currently 3.37)
  9. Eligible and available to begin the nursing curriculum the Fall semester of their third academic year of attendance this includes successfully completing immunization requirements and the criminal background and drug screen reviews required of all Nursing students prior to the start of clinical coursework).
16. d. This program is consistent with the College's CCNE accreditation requirements.
- e. CON will prepare materials to be distributed with the support of the Honors College, ROTC, University Admissions and the CON Office of Student Support Services.
- f. Students who are not qualified for the early admission program will be eligible to apply for admission as a junior.
- g. The admission standards for this program are consistent with the University Academic Scholar Program. They have been selected to encourage enrollment by high potential students and do not change the criteria for admission to the major as a junior.
- h. No
- i. None
- j. Does not apply to current students
- k. Transfer students will continue to apply to the major as a junior
- l. Does not apply

### 16. Are there admissions requirements for this program?:

Grade or grade-point average requirements and if so in which course(s), portfolio requirement, audition, essay, etc. If there are not admission requirements other than those required by the University policy indicate "none".

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2.75 or higher. 2. Completion of the following Prenursing foundation courses: PSY 101 Introductory Psychology (4) FCE 225 Ecology of Lifespan Human Development in the Family (3) HNF 260 Principles of Human Nutrition (3) NUR 300 Pathophysiology (4) 3. Completion of the alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences referenced in item 1. under the Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree in Nursing. Selection of the alternative track is highly recommended to attain requisite knowledge and skills. 4. A grade of 2.50 or higher in approved biological science, chemistry, microbiology and molecular genetics, human anatomy and physiology courses including required laboratory work or in courses completed in the alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences and in Nursing 300. 5. Completion of the university's Tier I writing requirement. 6. Completion of the university's mathematics requirement referenced in item 1. under the Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree in Nursing. 7. Satisfactory community service, work experience and letters of recommendation. Applications for admission to the nursing major are reviewed twice each year. A limited number of positions are available during each selection period. Students may be admitted to the nursing major for either the Fall semester or the Spring semester. Students who wish to be considered for admission to the nursing major must submit their applications to the College of Nursing by March 1 for admission to the Fall semester and October 1 for admission to the Spring semester. Applicants are encouraged to meet with a college undergraduate program advisor prior to the submission of their application materials. Admission as a Registered Nurse Registered Nurses who have graduated from a diploma or associate degree program in nursing with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75, a minimum grade of 2.5 in all required science courses and who possess an active, unrestricted RN license to practice without probationary status will be granted 30 credits for successful completion of the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Students should contact the College of Nursing regarding the application process and deadlines. The following are the requirements for the major for students admitted as Registered Nurses. Admission to a Second Bachelor's Degree Program Students who have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited and recognized college or university with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 are eligible to apply. Applicants should contact the College of Nursing regarding the application process and deadlines. Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of 2.5 in all science courses is required for admission:

**17. Type(s) of change(s):**

Change in admission policy

**18. Students who will be affected by the proposed changes:**

No current students

**19. Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:**

Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:

**20. Reason(s) for change(s):**

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**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Nursing  
4/8/2010 1:15:48 PM by Jennifer Dunham for Teresa Wehrwein, Associate Dean

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Nursing  
4/8/2010 1:16:21 PM by Jennifer Dunham for Teresa Wehrwein, Associate Dean

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). This program is designed to provide a broad professional preparation based on nursing science and is grounded in biological, physical and behavioral sciences as well as the humanities. The College offers three paths to the B.S.N. degree: Traditional B.S.N.; Accelerated Second Degree B.S.N.; and B.S.N. for Registered Nurses. The program is designed to prepare the student for nursing practice with individuals, families, and populations in a variety of health states and health settings.

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### Admission as a Junior

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2. Completion of the following Prenursing foundation courses:

PSY	101	Introductory Psychology	4
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### Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree in Nursing

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of the catalog: 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Students must take Statistics 200 to fulfill the mathematics requirement of the University.

Students who are enrolled in the Nursing major leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in the College of Nursing may complete an alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences that consists of the following courses: Biological Science 111, Chemistry 141 and 143, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics 201 and 302, Human Anatomy 350, and Physiology 250 or 310. The completion of Chemistry 143 and Microbiology and Molecular Genetics 302 satisfy the laboratory requirement.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Nursing major is met by completing Nursing 340, 460, and 480. Those courses are referenced in item 2. a. below.



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2. The following requirements for the major:		CREDITS
a.	All of the following courses:	48
	NUR 330 Health Assessment and Nursing Therapeutics . . . 7	
	NUR 340 Foundations of Nursing Practice . . . . . 4	
	NUR 350 Level I Integrative Seminar . . . . . 1	
	NUR 360 Acute Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults . . 8	
	NUR 370 Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing . . . . . 4	
	NUR 380 Level II Integrative Seminar . . . . . 1	
	NUR 435 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family . . . . . 4	
	NUR 440 Nursing Care of Children, Adolescents and Their Families . . . . . 4	
	NUR 450 Level III Integrative Seminar . . . . . 1	
	NUR 460 Leadership Clinical Immersion . . . . . 5	
	NUR 470 Community and Population Health Nursing . . . . 4	
	NUR 480 Role Transition Seminar . . . . . 2	
	PHM 350 Introductory Human Pharmacology . . . . . 3	
3.	Admission as a Registered Nurse	
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a.	All of the following courses:	32
	ISS 315 Global Diversity and Interdependence (I) . . . . . 4	
	NUR 300 Pathophysiology . . . . . 4	
	NUR 335 Health Assessment . . . . . 3	
	NUR 340 Foundations of Nursing Practice . . . . . 4	
	NUR 355 Integrative Seminar I . . . . . 2	
	NUR 400 Pharmacology for Nurses . . . . . 3	
	NUR 455 Integrative Seminar II . . . . . 2	
	NUR 465 Leadership Immersion . . . . . 4	
	NUR 470 Community and Population Health Nursing . . . . 4	
	NUR 485 Role Transition Seminar . . . . . 2	

**Admission to the Second Bachelor's Degree Program**

Students who have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited and recognized college or university with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 are eligible to apply. Applicants should contact the College of Nursing regarding the application process and deadlines. Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of 2.00 in all science courses is required for admission:

		CREDITS
ANTR	350 Human Gross Anatomy and Structural Biology . . . . .	3
CEM	141 General Chemistry . . . . .	4
FCE	225 Ecology of Lifespan Human Development in the Family . . 3	3
HNF	260 Principles of Human Nutrition . . . . .	3
MMG	201 Fundamentals of Microbiology . . . . .	3
NUR	300 Pathophysiology . . . . .	4
PSL	250 Introductory Physiology . . . . .	4
	Or	
PSL	310 Physiology for Pre-Health Professionals . . . . .	4
PSY	101 Introductory Psychology . . . . .	4
STT	200 Statistical Methods . . . . .	3
Human Anatomy 350, Physiology 250 or 310, and Nursing 300 must be completed within ten years of program start.		