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M E M O R A N D U M

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SUBJECT: Academic Curriculum Changes

Item Description

This item presents proposals for a new program, new courses, and course revisions.

Overview and Background

The Academic Planning Committee members review and make recommendations for Board approval for new and revised curricula.

The College is proposing the Professional Nursing (LPN to RN) clock hour program (900 hours). This new program allows students to continue to build upon the foundation knowledge of nursing to become licensed registered nurses. This program will accelerate students through the program to address the current nursing shortage.

The College is also proposing to implement academic levels of achievement for baccalaureate degree graduating students. The levels of academic achievement include Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. Baccalaureate graduates would be recognized during commencement and their transcripts would be notated with honors accordingly.

Funding/ Financial Implications

None

Past Actions by the Board

The Board approved curriculum changes each year.

Recommended Action

Approve the academic curriculum changes.

NEW PROGRAM

Professional Nursing (LPN to RN) (900 clock hours)

This program will help meet the local demand for more registered nurses. There are currently 2,851 job openings in Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla for Registered Nurses (RN). The LPN to RN program remains on Florida's Regional Demand List to address the need for more nurses in our local community. This accelerated program will remove the general education requirements that are usually required in RN programs.

Program courses:

NSG0080	Nursing Transitions (111 clock hours)
NSG0081	Concepts of Geriatrics and Pharmacology in Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0082	Psychiatric Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0083	Medical Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0084	Surgical Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0085	Pediatric Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0086	Obstetric Nursing (102 clock hours)
NSG0087	Professional Nursing (91 clock hours)
NSG0089	Senior Practicum Intensive (86 clock hours)

NEW COURSES

Course ID	Course Name	Rationale for New Course	Proposed Lab Fee
HFT1000	Introduction to Hospitality	FSU College of Hospitality requested the course due to the large number of Aspire students requesting the course.	\$0
NSG0080	Nursing Transitions	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0081	Concepts of Geriatrics and Pharmacology in Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0082	Psychiatric Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0083	Medical Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0084	Surgical Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD

NSG0085	Pediatric Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0086	Obstetric Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0087	Professional Nursing	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD
NSG0089	Senior Practicum Intensive	New Course for the Professional Nursing clock hour program	TBD

COURSE REVISIONS

Course ID	Course Name	Type of Change	Current	Proposed	Rationale for Change
ENC1102	Argument & Persuasion	Course Title	Argument and Persuasion	English Composition II	Course title change will allow ENC 1102 to align better with the other colleges in the Florida College System.
NUR4950	Capstone Course	Prerequisite	Prerequisite: NUR3065, NUR3125, NUR3273, NUR3655, NUR3805, NUR4169, NUR4684, NUR4827, NUR4870	Prerequisite: NUR3065, NUR3125, NUR3273, NUR3655, NUR3805, NUR4169, NUR4684, NUR4870, Communications TCC Core, Humanities TCC Core, Social Science State Core group 1, CHM1032, and STA2023	Prerequisite change will allow for higher completion rates in the BSN program.
GLY2010	Physical Geology	Course Title	Physical Geology	Introduction to Geology	State mandated change to align with the General Education State Core requirements

Proposal for Academic Levels of Achievement for Baccalaureate Degrees

The College is proposing to implement academic levels of achievement for baccalaureate degree graduating students. These levels will recognize outstanding academic achievement and provide an additional incentive for excellence.

The proposed honors are as follows:

1. **Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors):** Awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Achieving a 4.0 grade point average on all program of study coursework. This honor signifies exceptional academic performance.
2. **Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors):** Awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Achieving a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.99 on all program of study coursework. This honor recognizes significant academic achievement.
3. **Cum Laude (with Honors):** Awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. Achieving a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74 on all program of study coursework. This honor acknowledges commendable academic performance.

In addition to the above, honors graduates will be recognized in the following ways:

- **Commencement Ceremonies:** Honors graduates will be acknowledged during the commencement ceremonies. This recognition will highlight their exceptional achievements and contributions to our academic community.
- **Official College Transcript:** A notation indicating the specific honor (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude) will be included on the official college transcript of each honors graduate. This notation will serve as a lasting testament to their academic excellence.

Implementing these honors will motivate our students to strive for excellence and contribute to the overall academic reputation of our institution.