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Enrollment Capacity

The College of Nursing is requesting to establish an enrollment cap of 200 for newly admitted pre-nursing students, either freshmen or transfers. Because of the structure of our curriculum, students must complete pre-requisite courses in the first year in order to apply for admission to professional level courses and complete the degree in four years.

We have seen our applicant pool increase significantly in the last two years, which is in keeping with the national trend in colleges and schools of nursing. In order to manage adequately with the existing resources, an enrollment cap is necessary. We have talked to the faculty who teach anatomy and physiology, and chemistry to discern what they can adequately teach. Additionally, we have looked at the advising needs within the College of Nursing and 200 students are the most that we can admit and serve adequately.

We will be glad to meet with your committee to discuss this proposal. We would like to implement this by Fall 2005, which means in time for the beginning of that admission cycle in September 2004. Thank you for your consideration.