From:	Raphael Finkel [raphael@cs.uky.edu]
Sent:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 3:51 PM
To:	Brothers, Sheila C
Cc:	Lowry, Regina; Prats, Armando; Graf, Gregory A; Hayes, Robert Z; Jackson, Vanessa P; Raphael Finkel; Stanley, Aaron D; Rachel McMahan; Lewis, Wayne D; Provost, University of Kentucky; Witt, Don
Subject:	Re: New Cmte Item (SAASC)_RN-BSN Admission Requirements

Sheila,

The SAASC approves this request. Here are my notes.

SAASC Item 15: RN-BSN Admission Requirements

http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/curricular_proposals/files/RN_BSN_Change.pdf

Overview: This is a request from the Registered Nursing - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
(RN-BSN) program to make a few bulletin changes:

    1. Applicants to this program must satisfy a (heretofore implicit)
    GPA requirement: at least 2.5. This GPA is calculated over the
    existing prerequisite: at least 60 college credits (from specified
    areas: English, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities,
    Nursing) from an accredited institution.

    2. Applicants to this program educated abroad, licensed to practice
    in KY, should have explicit admissions requirements: earning or
    transferring at least 60 college credits, with at least a 2.5 GPA,
    just like ordinary applicants.

My take:

    The rationale for (1) is to clarify existing requirements. It does
    not set a rule for admission, merely a rule for *consideration* for
    admission. It's most likely a good idea to make such rules explicit
    so prospective applicants who would not be actually considered know
    that in advance. The 2.5 bar is pretty low.

    The rationale for (2) is to increase the applicant pool. This idea
    seems fine; there is no academic reason not to do so. The usual
    rules of transfer credits would apply, I assume. The Graduate
    School disallows credit transfers from non-domestic institutions; I
    don't know what the undergraduate rules are, but given our
    discussion of credits transfered from courses taken through the UK
    international center, I assume that some international credits might
    transfer.

> Good afternoon, Raphael. There is a new item ready for review by the
> Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC). This
> involves proposed changes to the admission requirements for the
> RN-BSN.
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> The proposal is attached here and can also be found at

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http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/committees_councils/standing_committees/admissions_academic_standards.htm.
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> Pat Burkhart is your contact for this proposal. This is tentatively
> scheduled to be reviewed by the SC on Monday, March 25, and by the
> Senate on Monday, April 8. Therefore, I'll need the results of your
> committee's deliberations by Wednesday, March 20. If this proposal
> requires a longer review period, please let me know and I will adjust
> the agenda scheduling.

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April 9, 2012

TO: Heidi Anderson, HCCC

FROM: Jane Kirschling, Dean

RE: Program change for RN-BSN

Attached please find a request to amend admission requirements for RN-BSN applicants who are educated abroad but are licensed to practice in the state of Kentucky. This is a small population but we are making efforts to include more applicants, particularly when they already hold a valid Kentucky Nursing License.

A second, more minor change is to state explicitly a GPA requirement that has been implicit, therefore aligning all categories of admission.

Requesting changes to the Senate Rules as follows …

4.2.2.1   Admission to College of Nursing

C.   A student who is a registered nurse will be considered for admission to upper division courses in the nursing program based on the following criteria:

1.   For Associate Degree Nurses. The registered nurse with an associate degree in nursing from a college accredited by one of the six regional academic accrediting associations will be considered for admission with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 in all course work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions. NOTE: RN licensure is required prior to beginning clinical experiences.

2.   For Diploma Prepared Nurses. The registered nurse who is a graduate of a diploma program will be considered for admission after earning a minimum of 60 credits from a regionally accredited college with a 2.5 minimum GPA which include:

> English - 6 semester credits
> Natural Sciences – 6 semester credits
> Social Sciences – 6 semester credits
> Humanities – 6 semester credits
> Nursing* - 28 semester credits

*Nursing credits may be earned from regionally accredited colleges by taking the courses or by submission of a portfolio of RN licensure and experience to the RN-BSN Option Coordinator.

3.   For Registered Nurses who received their nursing education abroad and are licensed to practice in the state of Kentucky will be considered for admission after earning or transferring in a minimum of 60 college credits with a 2.5 minimum GPA. These courses should include:

> **English - 6 semester credits**
> **Natural Sciences – 6 semester credits**
> **Social Sciences – 6 semester credits**
> **Humanities – 6 semester credits**
> **Nursing* - 28 semester credits**

*Nursing credits may be earned from regionally accredited colleges by taking the courses or by submission of a portfolio of RN licensure and experience to the RN-BSN Option Coordinator.

All nursing courses taken in associate degree or diploma programs are considered lower-division courses and are not equivalent to upper-division courses in this program. The applicant must have at least a GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 in all college course work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.

4.   a statement of academic and professional goals;

5. a letter of reference from a supervisor;

The preferred application deadline is March 1; however, applicants will be considered on a space available basis until August 1 for the fall semester. For spring semester, applications must be received by December 1. [SC: 4/24/95; US 4/10/00; SC: 10/30/06; US:5/4/09]

1. General Information

College:	Nursing	Department:	Nursing
Current Major Name:	Nursing	*Proposed Major Name:*	_____
Current Degree Title:	BSN	*Proposed Degree Title:*	_____
Formal Option(s):	RN-BSN	*Proposed Formal Option(s):*	_____
Specialty Field w/in Formal Option:	_____	*Proposed Specialty Field w/in Formal Options:*	_____

Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration[1]: _____

Bulletin (yr & pgs):	2011-1012, p. 245	CIP Code[1]: _____	Today's Date:	2/27/12

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): CCNE

Requested Effective Date: ☒ Semester following approval. OR ☐ Specific Date[2]: _____

Dept. Contact Person:	Patricia Burkhart	Phone:	3-6253	Email:	pvburk2@uky.edu

2. General Education Curriculum for this Program:

The new General Education curriculum is comprised of the equivalent of 30 credit hours of course work. There are, however, some courses that exceed 3 credits & this would result in more than 30 credits in some majors.

- There is no foreign language requirement for the new Gen Ed curriculum.
- There is no General Education Electives requirement.

Please list the courses/credit hours currently used to fulfill the University Studies/General Education curriculum:
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Please identify below the suggested courses/credit hours to fulfill the General Education curriculum.

General Education Area		Course	Credit Hrs
I. Intellectual Inquiry (one course in each area)			
Arts and Creativity		_____	_____
Humanities		_____	_____
Social Sciences		_____	_____
Natural/Physical/Mathematical		_____	_____
II. Composition and Communication			
Composition and Communication I		CIS or WRD 110	3
Composition and Communication II		CIS or WRD 111	3
III. Quantitative Reasoning (one course in each area)			

[1] Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the (APAA) can provide you with that during the contact.
[2] Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective until all approvals are received.

	Quantitative Foundations[3]	_____	_____
	Statistical Inferential Reasoning	_____	_____
IV. Citizenship (one course in each area)			
	Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA	_____	_____
	Global Dynamics	_____	_____
	Total General Education Hours	_____	

3. Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 4 to 12) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u>

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4. Explain how satisfaction of the University Graduation Writing Requirement will be changed.

Current	Proposed

☐ Standard University course offering.
   List: _____
	☐ *Standard University course offering.*
	   List: _____

☐ Specific course – list: _____	☐ *Specific course) – list:* _____

5. List any changes to college-level requirements that must be satisfied.

Current	Proposed

☐ Standard college requirement.
   List: _____
	☐ *Standard college requirement.*
	   List: _____

☐ Specific required course – list: _____	☐ *Specific course – list:* _____

6. List pre-major or pre-professional course requirements that will change, including credit hours.

Current	Proposed
_____	_____

7. List the major's course requirements that will change, including credit hours.

Current	Proposed
_____	_____

8. Does the pgm <u>require</u> a minor AND does the proposed <u>change</u> affect the required minor? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If "Yes," indicate current courses and proposed changes below.

Current	Proposed
_____	_____

9. Does the proposed change affect any option(s)? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
  If "Yes," indicate current courses and proposed changes below, including credit hours, and also specialties and subspecialties, if any.

Current	Proposed
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[3] Note that MA 109 is NOT approved as a Quantitative Foundations course. Students in a major requiring calculus will use a calculus course (MA 113, 123, 137 or 138) while students not requiring calculus should take MA 111, PHI 120 or another approved course.

10. Does the change affect pgm requirements for number of credit hrs outside the major subject in a related field?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, indicate current courses and proposed changes below.

Current	*Proposed*
_____	_____

11. Does the change affect pgm requirements for technical or professional support electives?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, indicate current courses and proposed changes below.

Current	*Proposed*
_____	_____

12. Does the change affect a minimum number of free credit hours or support electives?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," indicate current courses and proposed changes below.

Current	*Proposed*
_____	_____

13. Summary of changes in required credit hours:

		Current	*Proposed*
a.	Credit Hours of Premajor or Preprofessional Courses:	_____	_____
b.	Credit Hours of Major's Requirements:	_____	_____
c.	Credit Hours for Required Minor:	_____	_____
d.	Credit Hours Needed for a Specific Option:	_____	_____
e.	Credit Hours Outside of Major Subject in Related Field:	_____	_____
f.	Credit Hours in Technical or Professional Support Electives:	_____	_____
g.	Minimum Credit Hours of Free/Supportive Electives:	_____	_____
h.	Total Credit Hours Required by Level: 100:	_____	_____
	200:	_____	_____
	300:	_____	_____
	400-500:	_____	_____
i.	Total Credit Hours Required for Graduation:	_____	_____

14. Rationale for Change(s) – if rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to that.

Adding a new class of student eligible for admission to the RN-BSN option -- Please see attached.

15. List below the typical semester by semester program for the major. If multiple options are available, attach a separate sheet for each option.

YEAR 1 – FALL: (e.g. "BIO 103; 3 credits")	_____	YEAR 1 – SPRING:	_____
YEAR 2 - FALL :	_____	YEAR 2 – SPRING:	_____

| YEAR 3 - FALL: | _____ | YEAR 3 - SPRING: | _____ |
| YEAR 4 - FALL: | _____ | YEAR 4 - SPRING: | _____ |

Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Current Degree Title and Major Name: <u>Nursing, BSN</u>

Proposal Contact Person Name: <u>Patricia Burkhart</u> Phone: <u>3-6253</u> Email: <u>pvburk2@uky.edu</u>

INSTRUCTIONS:
Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
Admissions & Progression	2/3/12	Patricia Burkhart / 3-6253 / pvburk2@uky.edu	
UG Faculty	2/3/12	see above / /	
Dean	2/3/12	Jane Kirschling / 3-4857 / janek@uky.edu	
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision[4]
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council	5/15/12	Lynda Brown Wright	
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

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[4] Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.