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TO: Andrew Hippisley, Chair, University Senate

FROM:   
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RE: Change to Senate Rule 4.2.2.1

The College of Nursing requests a change to Senate Rule 4.2.2.1 to move application deadline for applicants to the RN-BSN option.

Fall admission: The current deadline of March 1 is too early for RN-BSN applicants. This student population is more likely to apply to a program closer to the beginning of the semester. A deadline of May 1 would allow adequate time for applications to be reviewed by the Admission and Progression Committee before the summer and allow sufficient time for applicants to provide the necessary immunization records before enrollment.

Spring admission: The current deadline of December 1 is too late for review by Admission and Progression and does not allow sufficient time for applicants to provide the necessary immunization records before enrollment. The spring due date would change to October 15 to allow additional time for completion of admission requirements.

Attached is a copy of the Senate Rule with tracking to show the requested changes. This is found at the bottom of page 3 of the document.

**4.2.2.1 Admission to College of Nursing** [US: 4/12/82; US: 3/10/86; US: 10/14/91; US: 2/13/95; US 4/10/2000]

The College of Nursing (CON) enrollment will be composed of four-year students, associate degree nursing graduates and diploma nursing school graduates. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the College of Nursing. Preference will be given to Kentucky residents.

Applicants must be in a state of good health enabling them to carry out the functions of the professional nurse. Routinely, each student will be required to obtain a rubella and rubeola titers, and have an annual tuberculin test or chest x-ray.

Progression to upper division courses is regulated so that the total number of full time equivalents at the beginning of the junior year does not exceed 120. Admission criteria for four types of students are presented below:

**A. Criteria for Admission to the 4-year BSN Program Include:** [US 4/13/98; US 4/10/06; US 2/8/2010]

**1. Freshman Student**

Students will be admitted as freshman to a prenursing curriculum based on the following criteria:

- (a) high school grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale
- (b) meeting criteria for selective admission to the University of Kentucky as established by Rule 4.2.1.1

The College of Nursing guarantees admission into the nursing curriculum to incoming freshmen who have a 28 ACT composite score (or the corresponding SAT score) and a 3.50 high school GPA, and who maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA, both overall and in their science courses, each semester in their first year at the University.

**2.** Selection for admission to the nursing curriculum will occur at the sophomore level for all students based on the following criteria:

- (a) a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75;
- (b) a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in science courses;
- (c) a grade of "C" or better in all required prenursing courses;
- (d) completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aid training program;
- (e) for applicants whose first or primary language is not English, a minimum TOEFL score of 90, with minimum scores of 26 in speaking, 22 in listening, 20 in writing, and 22 in reading.

In addition, any or all of the following information may be evaluated as part of the admission application:

- (f) a writing exercise based on criteria established by the CON;

(g) two letters of reference from individuals who can assess potential for success (e.g. teacher, employer);

(h) an interview with members of the Admissions and Progression Committee, or their designees.

**B. Criteria for Admission to the 4-year BSN Program for Transfer Students Include:**  
[US: 4/13/98; US 4/10/2000; US 4/10/2006]

1. for transfer students with less than 24 hours of college credit, meeting the criteria for entering freshman and a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions;
2. for transfer students with more than 24 hours of college credit, maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on all college work attempted, and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in science courses, as computed by the Office of Admissions;
3. for applicants whose first or primary language is not English, a minimum TOEFL score of 90, with minimum scores of 26 in speaking, 22 in listening, 20 in writing, and 22 in reading;
4. grades of "C" or better in all courses required for CON curriculum;

In addition, any or all of the following may be requested as part of the application:

5. a writing exercise based on criteria established by the CON;
6. two letters of reference from individuals who can assess potential for success (e.g., teacher, employer, etc.); and
7. completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aid training program;
8. an interview with members of the Admission and Progression Committee or their designee.

**C. Students will be eligible to apply for readmission the College of Nursing** after suspension from the College when they meet criteria as stated in Section B 1 and 2 of this policy.

**D. 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 [US: 3/18/2013].** 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

NOTE: 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-May 1 for the fall semester; ~~however, applicants will be considered on a space available basis until August 1 for the fall semester.~~ For spring semester, applications must ~~and be received by December 1~~ October 15 for spring semester.  
[SC: 4/24/95; US 4/10/2000; SC: 10/30/06; US: 5/4/2009]