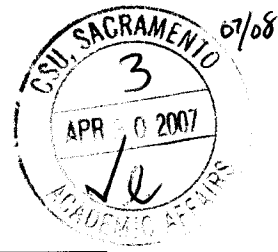




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Program Proposal Form B



Academic Group (College): Health & Human Services	Date of Submission to College Dean: January 5, 2007
Academic Organization (Department): Nursing	Requested Effective: Fall_07__, Spring__, 20__.
Department Chair: Ann D. Stoltz	Contact if not Department Chair:
Title of the Program: Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program	
Type of Program Proposal:	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Modification in Existing Program:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Substantive Change</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Substantive Change</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Deletion of Existing Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Regular Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Certificate Program</p>	
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm</p>	

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

The Division of Nursing is requesting a change in the course repetition admission criteria for the BSN program. Currently there is no limit to the number of times that a prerequisite course may be taken and the highest grade attained in the course is used for calculating the admission ranking. The change in the repeat policy states: If a prerequisite course has been taken more than once, the higher grade will be included in the GPA calculation used to rank candidates. However, if an individual prerequisite course has been taken more than twice within the seven-year period preceding the first day of the Supplemental Nursing Application filing period, a five-point deduction per course will be taken from the candidate's final score in the ranking for admission to the clinical nursing program.

The nursing program is an impacted program with approximately 300 qualified applicants for 70 positions. The change in the repeat policy is intended to further refine the selection criteria to ensure that students selected for positions in the nursing program are successful, not only in the program, but in licensure as well. The Board of Registered Nursing published a report in 2000 titled: *NCLEX-RN task force report: The problem and the plan*. The following recommendation was suggested: "Limit the number of times pre nursing students can retake required prerequisite courses" (p.15). Several of the CSU programs have followed suit and therefore there is a precedent throughout the CSU system for limitations on repeating prerequisite courses considered for entry into impacted nursing programs.

Link to BRN Report: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/forms/pdf/taskforce00.pdf>

Approvals:

Department Chair: Ron D. Holt Date: 4-23-07

College Dean: Marilyn Hopkins Date: 4-27-07

University Committee: _____ Date: _____

Associate Vice President and Dean
for Academic Affairs: _____ Date: _____

Current 2006/2008 Catalog Wording:

Silent on the issue of repeat policy for pre-requisite courses.

Information given in group pre-nursing advising states:

Prerequisite and co-requisite courses may be repeated. The highest grade for each prerequisite and co-requisite course will be used when calculating the Nursing GPA; the units and grade points from repeated courses will be excluded. If a student is "in progress" of repeating one or more prerequisite or co-requisite courses at the time of application, the units and grade points from the repeated courses will be excluded. The In-Progress Policy above applies to repeated courses [Two science and two non-science prerequisite courses, four total, may be in progress during the semester prior to enrollment. When applying for fall admission, prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the previous spring term.] If you are considering applying to other institutions, we recommend you contact each institution for advisement regarding their repeat policy.

Proposed change to repeat policy:

If a prerequisite course has been taken more than once, the higher grade will be included in the GPA calculation used to rank candidates. However, if an individual prerequisite course has been taken more than twice within the seven-year period preceding the first day of the Supplemental Nursing Application filing period, a five-point deduction per course will be taken from the candidate's final score in the ranking for admission to the clinical nursing program.