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ACADEMIC POLICIES AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (APCC)

Initiated and Submitted to APCC

Signature ____________________________ Date 9-24-19

Dean Approval:

____________________________ Date Oct.1, 2019

APCC Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature of Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chair

Comments:

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APCC Chair submits to Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature of Faculty Senate President

Comments:

__________________________________________ Date 11/6/19

Faculty Senate President sends to EGSC President and to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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PRESIDENT

President's (or designee's) Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature ____________________________ Date 11-07-2019

Comments:

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APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED NEW COURSE

Submitted by: Dr. Linda Upchurch  Date: 9/24/2019

Full Title of Proposed Course: NURS 3000: Nursing Escrow Credit

Abbreviated Course title if applicable (cannot exceed 30 characters including spaces Do not use the ‘&’ or ‘/’ symbols when creating titles, hyphens are OK): N/A

Course will be added to the EGC Course Schedule effective (Term/Year): Fall 2019

Suggested Course Number: 3000  Course Level: Upper  Area(s) For Course Use: Major Required

Hours Per Week Lecture: n/a  Hours Per Week Laboratory: 0  Total Credit Hours: 30.00

Prerequisites: Successful completion 7 hours  Estimated Enrollment (Headcount) Per Term Offered: 20

Available Texts: n/a

Approximate Cost of Text: n/a

Divisions Chairman’s Signature: __________________________

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED FOR THE COURSE: (narrative)

The East Georgia State College (EGSC) RN-BSN Bridge Program encompasses a total of 120 credit hours, including 60 core credit hours, 30 credit hours from an associate degree or diploma registered nurse program (held in escrow for the first semester at EGSC), and 30 nursing credit hours from EGSC. Upon successful completion of the first 7 hours of the EGSC RN-BSN Bridge Program, students will be awarded credit for the previous nursing credit hours held in escrow. After successful completion of the EGSC nursing courses, students will be eligible to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

The EGSC RN-BSN Bridge Program does not offer equivalent courses for which to articulate the transferred nursing courses. Therefore, it is necessary to create a course so that the Registrar/Records Office can grant the 30 escrowed hours.

According to the USG Policy 2.3.5, “a baccalaureate degree program must require at least 21 semester hours of upper division courses in the major field and at least 39 semester hours of upper division work overall.” In order to meet the overall upper level credit requirement, the EGSC RN-BSN Bridge Program must transfer the escrowed courses as upper level courses (3000-4000 level). Therefore, the Department of Nursing requests permission to create a course titled NURS 3000: Nursing Escrow Credit (30 credit hours).
ESTIMATED BUDGET TO SUPPORT THIS COURSE:

A) OPERATING COSTS: 0
B) CAPITAL OUTLAY: None
C) ADDITIONAL LIBRARY RESOURCES:

None

INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFERING SIMILAR COURSES (include course titles and numbers)

All nursing institutions who follow the State of Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model must articulate previous nursing courses to their programs. If they do not have equivalent courses to articulate, they create a course for which to articulate the escrowed 30 credit hours.

COURSE SYLLABUS ATTACHED: (a reasonably complete outline of the main points of the course)

n/a
MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED (BY WEEKS)

n/a

OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE:

In accordance with the State of Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model, this course awards credit for the registered nurse articulating to the baccalaureate level. These credits will be held in escrow until the student successfully completes the first 7 hours of the RN-BSN Bridge Program. The 30 credit hours will be placed on the student’s transcript with a grade of K.

Will the course replace another, or is this an additional course?

This is an additional major required course that will allow the Registrar/Records to articulate the escrowed nursing courses from the student’s previous nursing program.

What effect will this course have on the enrollment in other courses?

None

INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES WHICH MAKE THE OFFERING DESIRABLE (including qualification of available instructors):

n/a
Purpose
The purpose of the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model is to enable registered nurses to advance their education and is "designed to attain and maintain educational integrity and program quality."*

Procedures
The registered nurse articulating to the baccalaureate level will be awarded a minimum of one year of nursing course credits (minimum of 25 semester/42 quarter hours). These credits will be held in escrow until the baccalaureate candidate has demonstrated prior nursing knowledge by successfully completing 6.67 semester (10 quarter) hours of nursing credit. Credits held in escrow will then be placed on the transcript. The Articulation Model does not address non-nursing credits. Thus, the transfer of non-nursing credits will be according to the policy of the receiving institution.

Students who are required to test, according to the Georgia Articulation Model, must meet the testing standards established by the receiving institution. The model is further explained below and is depicted in the flow diagram.

For entry into a participating program the registered nurse applicant must:
- meet the program's admission requirements.
- meet the program's general education entry requirements.
- meet testing requirements if applicable.
- hold a current and valid license to practice as a registered nurse within the United States and be eligible for Georgia licensure (The Georgia Board of Nursing requires a current Georgia license for any RN to BSN student enrolled in a clinical nursing course).

For progression through a participating program the RN student:
- will be required to complete no more than 37 semester (56 quarter additional hours course credits) of nursing.
- will be required to have no more than 200 total quarter (450 semester) hours (program applicable) for the baccalaureate degree.

*AACN, Educational Mobility, 2002
ADN & Diploma Graduates of Nursing Programs in Georgia

- 0-4 years after graduation: No testing required/no clinical practice required
- >4 years after graduation with >1000 clinical practice hours in previous 3 years: No testing required
- >4 years after graduation with <1000 clinical practice hours in previous 3 years: Must be tested

ADN & Diploma Graduates of Non-NLAC-Accredited Programs Outside Georgia

Testing may be required for all graduates of these programs. Includes programs outside the USA.

Participating Institutions

Through the collaborative efforts of faculty of the A.D.N. and BSN nursing programs in Georgia and the Georgia Board of Nursing, this statewide RN-BSN Articulation Model has been formulated to facilitate the educational mobility of registered nurses who elect to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

The Model is a cooperative and voluntary arrangement between academic institutions. Each nursing program participating operates as an integral part of its parent institution, thereby affirming the autonomy and diversity of each individual program.

- Albany State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Brenau University
- Clayton College & State University
- Columbus State University
- Emory University
- Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University
- Georgia College and State University
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia Southwestern State University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- LaGrange College
- Medical College of Georgia
- North Georgia College & State University
- Piedmont College
- State University of West Georgia
- Thomas University
- Valdosta State University

*Red denotes AD Programs
*Blue denotes BSN Programs*
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Date: September 24, 2019
Subject: Creation of new course for nursing escrow credit hours

Explanation of the need for the recommended change:
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The following is the proposed Course Description to be used by the Registrar/Records Office for articulation:

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Thank you for your support of the RN-BSN Bridge Program.

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