



To: Stockton University Senate Committee on Academic Programs and Planning

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Re: Intent to establish a Transfer/Accelerated (Transcel) option for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program

Date: 04/25/2016

In accordance with University Procedure 2040: The Life Cycle of Degree Programs, this memorandum serves as an official notification that the faculty of the Nursing program in the School of Health Sciences has voted to approve a new option for students who wish to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Program: Nursing
Stockton acronym: NURS
Degree/level: BSN
CIP Code: 51.3801
Faculty proposer: Mary Padden, Coordinator of the Undergraduate Nursing program
Program approval: 03/25/2016
Title: Transcel BSN option
Implementation: Fall 2016

The current prelicensure BSN curriculum is open to incoming freshmen only. The program is not accessible to internal or external transfer students because of the lock-step nature of the curriculum. Nursing courses begin in the second semester of the freshman year and are offered across all four years of the baccalaureate degree. In response to requests from current students in other majors, community members holding baccalaureate degrees, and our healthcare partners who struggle to hire qualified nurses, the faculty has proposed an alternate option for students that is based on the prelicensure curriculum. This new option will offer the same courses as the current BSN program but in a condensed timeframe of four

semesters. An additional section of each Nursing course will be opened for the Transcel students. The prelicensure students will continue to study as a cohort and follow a four-year course of study. The Transcel option will be offered to internal or external transfer students and those holding a bachelor's degree in another discipline who seek to earn the BSN.

The faculty plan to begin the new option in the fall of 2016 with a small cohort of students (10 - 12) holding a baccalaureate degree. The program will be expanded in fall 2017 to a full cohort of 24 students. Internal and external transfer students who meet admission requirements will begin to be accepted for the fall 2017 cohort. Admission to the program will be made once per year in the fall. The admission criteria for the Transcel students will remain the same as for the prelicensure students.

No new faculty lines are needed for this program. Current faculty are available to teach the Transcel course sections within load with little additional reliance on adjuncts. Additional clinical instructors will be hired as adjuncts to supervise clinical experiences in the hospitals and other healthcare settings. The nursing faculty plan to modify other current offerings in the coming year, e.g. the RN – BSN program, which will enable the current faculty to teach the additional didactic sections needed for the Transcel option. The Nursing faculty have a plan to eventually phase out the RN – BSN program which will allow for fulltime faculty to teach the Transcel sections (if they choose). The program will need to hire additional adjuncts if full time faculty choose not to teach in the summer.

The didactic portion of the program will be offered at the Manahawkin instructional site. Lab courses will be held on the main Galloway campus in existing instructional spaces assigned to the Nursing program. Clinical practicum experiences take place at hospitals and community health facilities in Southern New Jersey. Students must provide their own transportation. The majority of the Transcel course sections are offered in opposite semesters from the prelicensure schedule, so faculty anticipate that they will be able to use the same clinical sites in both semesters. Additional sites will be needed as the cohort expands to full capacity (24) so the faculty will develop additional sites in the Manahawkin area over the next academic year.

Admission requirements: Accelerated applicants with an earned bachelor's degree must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or above. Internal/external transfer students must have a GPA of 3.5 or above. Students are required to earn B or higher in all science courses taken outside of Stockton. A grade of C in a required science course is accepted if the course is taken at Stockton. Applicants must pass a criminal background check and urine drug screen and meet technical standards. Students must have completed the following courses: English I & II (or Writing equivalent), Intro to Psych, Life Span Development, Statistics, Nutrition, Chemistry I & II with lab, Microbiology with lab, Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab, and Ethics.

Transcel Curriculum

Note: The BSN curriculum has been recently revised and will become effective fall 2016. The courses listed below are the same courses as will be offered to the prelicensure (four-year) BSN students effective fall 2016. The only variation in the Transcel curriculum is the compressed timeframe. All students in the Transcel option will complete their Nursing courses in four semesters.

Fall 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits
NURS 1905 Foundations of Nursing (lab)	5	NURS 3905 Adult I	6
NURS 2422 Pathophysiology	4	NURS 3902 Psychosocial Nursing	6
NURS 2901 Health Assessment (lab)	5	NURS 3335 Nursing Research Methods	4
NURS 2505 Pharmacology	4		
Total	18	Total	16
Summer		Fall 2	
NURS 4912 Adult II	6	NURS 4916 Adult III	8
NURS 3903 Childbearing/Childrearing Nursing	6	NURS 4935 Population Health	6
Total	12	NURS 4335 Professional Nursing Issues	4
		Total	18
		Total Credits - Transcel	64