CATALOG YEAR 2011

(Please use separate form for each add/change)

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Course: Add: ___ Delete: ___
(check all that apply)
Change: Number __X__ Title ___ SCH ___ Description __X__ Prerequisite ___
New course will be part of major ___ minor ___ as a required ___
or elective ___ course
New course will introduce ___, reinforce ___, or apply ___ concepts

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, Measurable Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Delete: ___ Add: ___ Change: ___ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Minor: Add: ___ Delete: ___ Change: ___ Attach new/changed minor. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Faculty: Add: ___ Delete: ___ Change: ___ Attach new/changed faculty entry. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

College Introductory Pages: Add information: ___ Change information: ___
Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Other: Add information: ___ Change information: __X___ Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red. New Course number changed from NURS 2413 to NURS 2313, slight change in description, course objectives unchanged.

Approvals:

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Change both Foundations of Nursing and Nursing Skills to pre-requisite courses. Due to high attrition rate (>20% in these courses) and maximize the potential of success for those students who actually enter the program these course must be successfully completed before actually entering the school of nursing. In addition there are always a percentage of students entering nursing who discover after being introduced to the reality and demands of the role that they do not want to be a nurse. In addition since once accepted into the program if students fail two courses they are automatically out of the program. If these courses three courses status is changed to pre-nursing students will actually be provided additional opportunities to be successful.

**NURS 2313 Basic Nursing Skills.** Three semester hours, 3 hour simulated clinical lab. This 3-credit hour laboratory course providing an introduction to the psychomotor skills involved in providing basic nursing care to a culturally diverse population. Students are exposed to a variety of psychomotor skills applicable to nursing and other disciplines; such as body mechanics, vital signs, patient transport, range of motion exercises, hot and cold therapies, hygiene, skin and wound care, medication administration, dosage calculations and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In addition, through laboratory assignments students gain competence in nursing techniques, including comfort measures, positioning and transporting, asepsis and sterile procedures, and therapeutic modalities related to preoperative and postoperative care. Students will be expected to apply critical thinking to their mastery of basic nursing skills. (Advanced standing for Registered Nurses; opportunities for challenge exams available for active currently licensed vocational or practical nurses.)