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

Course: Add: ___ Delete: ___
(check all that apply) Change: Number ___ Title X 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.

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College Introductory Pages: Add information: ___ Change information: ___
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Change of course description and objectives, to meet requirements for alignment with Texas Board of Nursing Differentiated Competencies for Registered Nurses.

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NURS 4263 Ethical/Legal Issues in Nursing. Two semester hours, theory only. This course focuses on legal and ethical issues in professional nursing to include discussions of the ethical and legal underpinnings of nursing practice. Utilizing case studies, students will have the opportunity to analyze actual legal and ethical situations and dilemmas faced by professional nurses and formulate options for resolving them in accord with ethical and legal standards for healthcare. The course will focus also on the intersection and the interrelationship of law and ethics as it relates to the practice of nursing.

NURS 4263 Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing

Course Description: This course provides an overview of legal and ethical issues for nursing professionals. The student will explore the American Nurses' Association professional code of ethics as well as local, state and federal laws applicable to the professional nurse. The Texas Nurse Practice Act (TNPA) and principles of ethical decision making are applied to nursing practice.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will have had the opportunity to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Texas Nurse Practice Act and the Texas Board of Nursing Rules that emphasize safety. (6, 8)
2. Demonstrate knowledge of safety requirements and standards of federal, state, and local government, and accreditation organizations. (6, 8)
3. Discuss standards of professional nursing, nursing code of ethics and statutory and case law in relation to professional nursing practice. (6, 7, 8)
4. Participate in the legislative advocacy process. (6, 7, 10)
5. Discuss the role of the Texas Board of Nursing. (6, 8, 9)
6. Describe professional characteristics and values such as altruism, human dignity, truth, justice, freedom, equality, and esthetics. (6, 8)
7. Analyze implications of the mandatory reporting requirements of the Texas Board of Nursing. (6, 8, 9)