CATALOG YEAR 2014-2015

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION:  _CONHS_  

Course:  Add: ___ Delete: ___  
(check all that apply)  Change: Number ___ Title ___ SCH ___ Description ___ Prerequisite ___  
Response Required: New course will be part of major ___ minor ___ as a required ___ or elective ___ course  
Response Required: 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.

Program Learning Outcomes:  Add: ___ Change: ___  
Attach listing of program learning outcomes.

Minor:  Add: ___ Delete: ___ Change: ___  
Attach new/changed minor. 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. **Change in the admission to RN to BSN program policy beginning fall 2014. This is just a clarification of current policy and placed in a format that is consistent with other nursing policies.**

Approvals:  

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Current Policy

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS-RN/BSN STUDENTS
Registered Nurses seeking admission to the RN/BSN program apply directly to the School of Nursing. Admission to the University does not automatically guarantee admission to the School of Nursing. All students entering the RN/BSN track are considered transfer students and accepted into the BSN program on a space available basis. In addition to completing all requirements for general admission to the University, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Completion of a School of Nursing Application (in addition to the University application form).
2. Acceptance by Texas A&M International University.
3. Evidence of current licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse in Texas.
4. A 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or better cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all previous subjects taken.
5. A 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or better cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all previous nursing coursework.
6. All University core coursework completed before taking NURS Community Nursing
7. At student expense, verification of drug and criminal background screening by a company or agency designated by the School of Nursing by date of application.
8. Students must have documentation of a current physical examination with no restriction (less than 1 year old), American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification, and the following immunization: DTAP, Varicella or titer, MMR, TB skin test or chest x-ray (less than three years old), Hepatitis B vaccine or informed refusal by date of application.
9. RN/BSN students must enter in the fall.
10. Requests for exceptions from GPA or other admission requirements, supported by evidence of extenuating circumstances, will be considered by the School of Nursing Admissions and Progression Committee only after an official School of Nursing Application has been filed. Such consideration for exceptions will be based on the individual student’s work performance, academic record, and motivation to continue professional advancement.
11. At the time of entry, the student will be assigned a faculty advisor and be given a degree plan for completion of courses. Any change in degree plan must be made in writing and approved by the appointed advisor. All changes are subject to space availability.

STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL NURSING COURSES
In order to be eligible for coursework involving direct patient care experiences all students must provide evidence of current Rubella, Varicella, and DT immunization, PPD or chest X-ray, Hepatitis B vaccines or signed informed refusal, and current physical examination certifying good health/no restrictions.
New Policy

The CSON encourages Registered Nurses who have obtained degrees from a diploma or associate nursing program, to advance their educational attainment to improve the quality of care of patients, families and communities.

PROCEDURE:

1. Students must have been accepted by Texas A&M International University and must be a declared nursing major

2. Submit a complete admission application to the School of Nursing; (Application, two (2) letters of reference, physical examination form, current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR).

3. Provide evidence of current licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse in Texas. The CSON adheres to the Texas Board of Nursing, RN Nurse Licensure Compact agreement.

4. A 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or better cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all nursing core courses.

5. All University core coursework must be complete. Students seeking admission who are not core complete must submit a petition to the CSON Admission and Progression committee for special consideration for admission.

6. At student expense, verification of criminal background screening by a company or agency designated by the CSON and due no later than the 12th class day of the first semester.

7. At student expense, verification of drug screen by a company or agency designated by the CSON and is due no later than the 12th class day of the first semester.

8. RN to BSN students will enter full-time study in the spring semester with the initial course(s) being NURN 3302 Cultural Determinants of Health Behavior, NURN 3405 Scholarly Inquiry and NURN 3414 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology.

9. Students may enroll in a part-time sequence, if desired. Part-time students must petition the CSON Admission and Progression committee for this status.

10. No clinical nursing coursework may be taken until NURN 3590 Nurse Role & Practice Transition is successfully completed.

11. Requests for exceptions for admission requirements will be considered by the CSON Admissions and Progression Committee.

12. At the time of entry, the student will be assigned a faculty advisor and be given a degree plan for completion of courses.

13. Student must submit documentation, the 12th class day of the first semester, a current physical examination (less than 1 year old), American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification, and must meet the Clinical Guidelines specified in Section VIII, 10-C Student Health Requirements for Clinical Nursing Courses, in the handbook.

14. A student who is admitted to the CSON and declines admission to clinical nursing coursework for any reason must notify the CSON Admission and Progression Committee. Students declining the admission must reapply during the next admission cycle.

15. If at any time the number of qualified applicants should exceed the faculty and facilities available, the CSON Admission and Progression Committee will determine the final selection of students based upon prerequisite course completion and grade point average.

16. The Texas A&M International University Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing has adopted the Core Performance standards for Admission and Progression in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
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This entire statement concerning student health requirements for clinical nursing courses must be deleted. It is now in the policy itself.
To: [Name]

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☐ Appropriate Action
☐ Please Return with Comment
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Remarks: All of the above will go into effect immediately.

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Date