

CATALOG YEAR 2015-2016COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: CONHS

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 (check all that apply) Change: Number ___ Title ___ SCH ___ Description ___ Prerequisite ___

Response Required: New course will be part of major ___ minor ___ as a required ___
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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.

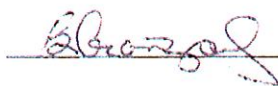
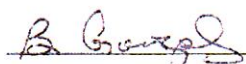
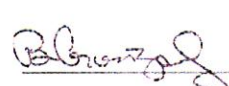

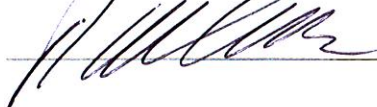
Program Learning Outcomes: Add: ___ Change: ___ Attach listing of program learning outcomes.

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: ___
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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 requirements for pre-nursing and BSN entry beginning 2015.
These are based on a plan of action sent to the Texas Board of Nursing.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee		<u>7-30-2014</u>
Chair Department		<u>7-30-2014</u>
Chair College Curriculum Committee		<u>7-30-14</u>
Dean		<u>8/4/2014</u>
Provost		<u>10/15/14</u>

Current policy:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS-BASIC NURSING STUDENTS

Students are eligible for admission to clinical nursing courses when the following requirements have been met:

1. Acceptance by Texas A&M International University and a declared nursing major.
2. Complete application and supporting documentation received by the School of Nursing by the first Monday in June, application must be accompanied by current updated transcript that includes spring grades.
3. Completion of pre-nursing courses in the Canseco School of Nursing: NURS 1302 Cultural Determinants of Health and enrollment in NURS 2212, NURS 2310, and NURS 2414 the spring semester prior to application submission.
4. Completion of all core and support area requirements with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for enrollment in spring pre-nursing coursework.
5. Completion of all four required science courses, with a minimum grade of "C" and a grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), for enrollment in spring pre-nursing coursework.
6. Prerequisite coursework in the sciences must have been completed within five years of the date of admission to the major. The assessment of dated credits and courses requiring updating will be made by the Admission and Progression Committee of the Canseco School of Nursing.
7. Students enrolled in pre-nursing coursework of NURS 2212, NURS 2310, NURS 2313 and NURS 2414 must obtain an overall GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in these courses to submit an application for admission to the school of nursing.
8. Score baseline proficiency on the Nurse Entrance Exam: Math, Reading, Vocabulary, and Grammar. The test is administered by the School of Nursing to students meeting criteria 1-7 above. Scores on the entrance exam will be considered in the admission process.
9. At student expense, verification of drug and criminal background screening by a company or agency designated by the School of Nursing and due no later than the first Monday in June.
10. Student must have documentation, no later than the first Monday in June, 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.

New Policy:

Nursing students pursue professional courses based on knowledge of physical, biological and social sciences, the humanities, and communication skills. Upon successful completion of prerequisite courses in these disciplines, students are eligible for admission to the upper-division clinical studies unit of the School of Nursing. Students are accepted into pre-nursing coursework in the spring of each year and admitted into the nursing program and clinical nursing

courses every fall.

PROCEDURE:

1. Students must be admitted by Texas A&M International University and must be declared nursing major.
2. In order to ensure quality advising, all students must see a CSON advisor. All students are required to use the following procedure:
 - a. Obtain a course equivalency evaluation or transcript from the Registrar Office.
 - b. Set up an appointment with the CSON advisor.
 - c. In collaboration with the CSON advisor, develop a degree plan.
3. Completion of all core and support area requirements with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for enrollment in spring pre-nursing coursework. (The average GPA of admitted nursing students is typically 2.9-3.2)
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5. Prerequisite coursework in the sciences must have been completed within five (5) years of the date of admission to the CSON. Students may petition the Admission and Progression Committee of the CSON for science courses greater than five (5) years.
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 - a. Students must have completed pre-nursing courses NURS 2212 Foundations, NURS 2310 Nutrition, NURS 2313 Basic Skills and NURS 2414 Patho/Pharm prior to CSON application submission.
 - b. No pre-nursing course may be taken more than twice to make a C or better. This includes any of the pre-nursing courses (NURS 2212 Foundations, NURS 2310 Nutrition, NURS 2313 Basic Skills and NURS 2414 Patho/Pharm), that were taken at another school within the last five years.
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9. The CSON must receive student's completed application and supporting documentation (listed below) due by the first Monday in June, at the close of

business.

- a. **CSON Application to Clinical Nursing Courses.**
 - b. **Current updated transcript.**
 - c. **A current physical examination (less than one year old) and must meet the Clinical Guidelines specified in Section VIII, 10-C Student Health Requirements for Clinical Nursing Courses in the CSON student handbook.**
 - d. **A current American Heart Association Health Care Provider Certification.**
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 - f. **At student expense, verification of drug screen by a company or agency designated by the CSON.**
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12. **If at any time the number of qualified applicants should exceed the CSON faculty and facilities available, the CSON Admission and Progression Committee will determine the final selection of students based upon the completion and grade point average on prerequisite core curriculum and support area courses, sciences, pre-nursing courses and ^{proficiency score} ~~grades~~ on the Nurse Entrance Exam. Students not accepted must reapply the next admission cycle.** ("grades" replaced with "proficiency score" per revised changes received 11/11/14.
17. **The TAMIU CSON has adopted the Core Performance standards for Admission and Progression in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**

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