

CATALOG YEAR 2013
(Please use separate form for each add/change)

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

Course: Add: X Delete: _____
(check all that apply) Change: Number _____ Title _____ SCH _____ Description _____ Prerequisite _____
New course will be part of major X minor _____ as a required X
or elective _____ course
New course will introduce _____, reinforce X, 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: _____
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Other: Add information: _____ Change information: X Attach new/changed information. *Change in course number and description. All RN to BSN courses will now have a change in course prefix from NURS to NURN, to clarify that it is for the RN to BSN track specifically.*

NURN 4263 Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing ; course description and objectives were developed to be in line with the Texas Board of Nursing requirements for nurses returning to school to obtain a bachelor's degree

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee		<u>01-04-12</u>
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NURN 4263 Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing (2 hour, theory only)

Course Description: This course provides an overview of legal and ethical issues for practicing nursing professionals at the baccalaureate level. The nurse will explore the American Nurses' Association professional code of ethics as well as local, state and federal laws applicable to the profession of nursing. The Texas Nurse Practice Act and principles of ethical decision-making are applied to current nursing practice. The legislative process and health care policies related to public safety and welfare as they relate to the development of the future nursing practice environment will be examined. (Core complete or permission of instructor.)

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 ethical and legal nursing practice. (1, 6, 8)
2. Articulate knowledge of safe, ethical, and legal principles and standards of federal, state, and local government, and accreditation organizations. (6, 8)
3. Examine standards of professional nursing, nursing code of ethics and statutory and case law in relation to professional nursing practice. (7, 8)
4. Examine strategies that influence legislative action processes and public policy. (6, 7, 10)
5. Discuss your role as a nurse at the baccalaureate level in advocating for standards of practice utilizing professional and legislative processes. (6, 8, 9)
6. Examine 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)
8. Utilize scholarly resources to address ethical and legal concerns that include past, present, and future issues affecting health care policies. (3, 6)
9. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability for independent learning and self-evaluation. (9)