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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.

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Other: Add information: ___ Change information: Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red. **Please clarify information for MSN program. This is not a change but rather a clarification and edit of current information.**

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Chair Department	<u>BGS</u>	<u>07-07-14</u>
Chair College Curriculum Committee	<u>BGS</u>	<u>07-07-14</u>
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DR. F. M. CANSECO SCHOOL OF NURSING

The purpose of the Master of Science in Nursing degree program in the Canseco School of Nursing of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is to produce culturally competent nursing leaders who are prepared with role specialization as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). The curriculum is designed to prepare nurses for an increasingly active role in evidence based practice to improve patient/client care outcomes by translating research into practice. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take national certification examinations in their specialty.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes coursework required by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) to be qualified as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN). The Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) defines APNs as:

"registered nurses who hold authorization from the board to practice as advanced practice nurses based on completing an advanced educational program acceptable to the Board. The term includes a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist, and a clinical nurse specialist. The advanced practice nurse is prepared to practice in an expanded role to provide health care to individuals, families, and/or groups in a variety of settings including but not limited to homes, hospitals, institutions, offices, industry, schools, community agencies, public and private clinics, and private practice. The advanced practice nurse acts independently and/or in collaboration with other health care professionals in the delivery of health care services." (<http://www.bne.state.tx.us/default.htm>)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

See Academic Regulations-Graduate Degrees for Specific TAMU regulations.

Admission: To be admitted to the School of Nursing, applicants must submit an application for Graduate Studies. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research receives, processes and forwards the application and any additional documentation to Graduate Admissions Committee and informs the applicant of the program admission decision. A complete application includes:

1. A valid RN license without restrictions in the State of Texas.
 2. A minimum of one year of work experience as a Registered Nurse.
 3. A baccalaureate nursing degree from a nationally discipline accredited college or university.
 4. Successful completion of an undergraduate statistics course.
 5. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) for all college work and a 3.0 in all upper division courses.
 6. A personal interview with a faculty member.
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7. Three academic and professional references indicating achievement and motivation for graduate study. At least one reference should be from a faculty member who taught in the applicant's baccalaureate degree.
8. Special conditions:
 - a. Degree-seeking students who are Registered Nurses with baccalaureate degrees in disciplines other than nursing and who meet all other requirements for admission into the MSN degree program are required to enroll in 27 hours of undergraduate nursing coursework, designated as follows: NURS 3314, NURS 3315, NURS 4375, NURS 4440, NURS 4470, NURS 4463 and NURS 4622.
 - b. Graduates of baccalaureate level foreign nursing schools may be eligible to enroll in collaborative MSN degree programs between TAMU and collaborating schools of nursing in Mexico and Latin America.

In addition, the following must be submitted separately to the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences:

1. Immunizations: DT (Diphtheria/Tetanus), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B vaccine or informed refusal, TB Skin Test, Varicella.
2. Verification of drug and criminal background screening by a designated company or agency at student expense.

Provisional Admission Requirements: If the requirements for full admission are not met, provisional admission may be available. The Admissions Committee of the School of Nursing will review any application for provisional admission.

Special Student Enrollment: Based on certain circumstances, it may be appropriate for an individual to enroll for coursework in Master of Science in Nursing courses as a special non-degree seeking student. Enrollment would be limited to selected courses and would not grant the student admission to the degree program.

Leave of Absence: Under unusual circumstances, a student may petition for a leave of absence. The student's Advisory Committee Chairperson and the Chair of the Department must approve the petition. If the petition is granted, the registration requirement will be set aside during the period of the leave and will not count towards the requirement that the student complete a master's degree within a period of five years or within the time specified for the particular program. Leaves will be granted only under conditions that require the suspension of all activities associated with the thesis.

PROGRESSION, RETENTION, SUSPENSION

1. Students must repeat a course in which they earn an F and will be placed on academic probation if their GPA falls below 3.0.
 2. Academic probation status will be removed in accordance with University policy.
 3. Students earning a grade of F, W or I (Incomplete) may not progress to courses for which that course is a prerequisite.
 4. Students who earn a third C or below in the program cannot progress further and will be required to
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withdraw from the program.

5. Administration and faculty reserve the right to dismiss students without previous warning for unsafe and/or unprofessional behavior. The conduct of nursing students should meet ethical standards as defined by the American Nurses Association (ANA) in Code for Nurses. Personal integrity is reflected in professional judgments. Consequently, the Canseco School of Nursing reserves the right to dismiss students from the program for unprofessional or unsafe behavior. (See Canseco School of Nursing Student Handbook for examples.)

6. Reapplication may be considered after 12 consecutive months following withdrawal or dismissal. Readmission is competitive and based upon availability of space in the program. Students must meet the standards for minimal performance and progression established by Texas A&M International University (See catalog section on Academic Regulations - Graduate).

REPETITION OF A COURSE

Repetition of a Course to Raise a Grade: A course in which the final grade is C may be repeated for a higher grade. A graduate student may retake a maximum of two courses during graduate study at the University. The student may repeat each course only one time. Only the final grade received for the course will be computer in the grade point average although the initial grade will remain on the transcript.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE WORK

Good Standing: Graduate students, including degree-seeking, certificate-seeking, and non-degree-seeking students, are considered in "good academic standing," making satisfactory academic progress, if they maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on all graduate course work; and earn a 3.0 semester average on all course work.

Minimum grade requirement: Only grades of A, B, C, S (Satisfactory), and CR (Credit) are acceptable for graduate credit. Grades of F, U (Unsatisfactory) or NC (No credit) are not accepted for graduate credit. No more than two grades of C earned at this University will be accepted as credit for any nursing graduate program.

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

Placement on Academic Probation: A nursing graduate student will be placed on academic probation if, at the end of any semester or term, the student's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 and/or the student's semester grade point average is below 3.0. A nursing graduate student receiving a second C grade or lower will be placed on academic probation.

Removal from Academic Probation: A student must achieve a cumulative 3.0 GPA while in the graduate nursing program to be removed from academic probation if academic probation was due to unsatisfactory GPA.

A student who receives two grades of C or less may be removed from academic probation if the student achieves a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

A student will not be placed on academic probation in a graduating semester if the cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher and there are no more than two C's for courses on the degree plan.

Placement on Academic Suspension: A student who is on academic probation will be placed on academic suspension if

- The student's grade point average for the subsequent semester falls below 3.0 or
- The student receives a third grade of C or lower.

Reinstatement: A student on academic suspension may not enroll in any graduate program for a

minimum of 12 consecutive months. A student must reapply, meet current requirements for degree-seeking students, and be accepted by the University and the program to enroll for graduate studies following the period of academic suspension. The application may be submitted prior to the requested enrollment date.

DR. F.M. CANSECO SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATE DEGREES

GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Administration

DR. F. M. CANSECO SCHOOL OF NURSING

The purpose of the Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Canseco School of Nursing is to produce culturally competent nursing leaders who are prepared with role specialization as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or Nursing Administrator (NADM). Such study, be it in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program or in the Nursing Administration Program, leads to greater breadth and greater depth of knowledge in the field selected. Emphasis is placed on (1) how to find knowledge, (2) how to evaluate and synthesize knowledge, (3) how to organize it, and (4) how to apply the knowledge.

The curriculum is designed to prepare nurses for an increasingly active role in evidence based practice to improve patient/client care and healthcare system outcomes by translating research into practice. Graduates of the program will be eligible to take national certification examinations in their specialty.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes coursework required by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and professional accrediting organizations. This coursework is competency based for both the FNP and the NADM programs. Core competencies utilized for the Family Nurse Practitioner program have been developed by The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). Competencies for the NADM program have been developed by the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE). The AONE competencies and the American Nurses Association (ANA) Nursing Administration: Scope and Standards of Practice, are the foundation for the NADM program. Both organizations, NONPF and AONE provide certification examinations for practice

in the chosen role. The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) defines Advanced Practice Nurse (APNs) as:

"registered nurses who hold authorization from the board to practice as advanced practice nurses based on completing an advanced educational program acceptable to the Board. The term includes a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist, and a clinical nurse specialist. The advanced practice nurse is prepared to practice in an expanded role to provide health care to individuals, families, and/or groups in a variety of settings including but not limited to homes, hospitals, institutions, offices, industry, schools, community agencies, public and private clinics, and private practice. The advanced practice nurse acts independently and/or in collaboration with other health care professionals in the delivery of health care services." (<http://www.bne.state.tx.us/default.htm>)

The NADM role definition and program competencies are derived from *The AONE Nurse Executive Competencies: Communication Knowledge, Leadership, Professionalism Business Skills* (AONE, 2005). The role of the nurse administrator is one of leadership; both the nurse executive and nurse manager(s) are leaders who promote shared governance, leverage those who s(he) supervises, identify the consumer of services as the focus of nursing services, identify budgeting and finance as integral to nursing services, and innovate to accomplish organizational goals while promoting quality and safety .

ANA defines (broadly) the nurse administrator as a registered nurse who orchestrates and influences the work of others in a defined environment to enhance the shared vision of an organization or institution. The nurse administrator role varies in and among institutions. Common themes that permeate all roles include advocacy, leadership, mentorship, shared vision, knowledge of business practices and processes, high quality and safe care, positive outcomes, and dedication to the profession (ANA, 2011).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

See Academic Regulations-Graduate Degrees for Specific TAMIU regulations.

Admission Requirement Policy

To be considered for admission, the nursing masters' student must meet both the general requirements listed at <http://www.tamiu.edu/catalog/current/acadreg-grad> and the specific requirements set by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Canseco School of Nursing.

1. Procedure:

- a. Submit an application to the Office of Graduate Studies by April 30th for Fall admission, Summer I and Summer II admissions. Spring semester
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deadline for application is October 1st.

- b. Comply with all requirements identified under Graduate Admission Requirements as defined in the catalog for the year of admission.
 - c. Registered Nurses seeking admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program must complete the on-line "Apply Texas" application at the following site: https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX. Admission to the University does not automatically guarantee admission to the School of Nursing. In addition to completing all requirements for general admission to the University, the student must submit/complete the following information to College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Canseco School of Nursing:
 - I. A valid RN license without restrictions in the State of Texas
 - II. Evidence of a minimum of one year of work experience as a Registered Nurse.
 - III. Evidence of a baccalaureate nursing degree from a nationally accredited college or university
 - IV. Evidence of successful completion of an undergraduate statistics course.
 - V. Official transcripts identifying a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) for all college work and a 3.0 in all upper division courses.
 - VI. A personal interview may be required during the interview process.
 - VII. Three academic and professional references indicating achievement and motivation for graduate study. At least one reference should be from a faculty member who taught in the applicant's baccalaureate degree.
 - VIII. Required immunizations and criminal and drug screening data must be submitted separately to the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - IX. Immunizations: DT (Diphtheria/Tetanus), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B vaccine or informed refusal, TB Skin Test, Varicella.
 - X. Verification of drug and criminal background screening by a designated company or agency at student expense. (Contact the admissions counselor or advisor for questions).
 - XI. Submit a signed release of information form for release of
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information to the Canseco School of Nursing. Contact the counselor or advisor for this form.

- d. Degree-seeking students who are Registered Nurses with baccalaureate degrees in disciplines other than nursing and who meet all other requirements for admission into the MSN degree program, are required to enroll in 26 hours of undergraduate nursing coursework. The required courses are:
 1. NURS 2414 (Pathopharmacology),
 2. NURS 3315 (Health Assessment)
 3. NURS 4263 (Ethics and Legal Issues)
 4. NURS 4340 (International/Global Health)
 5. NURS 4570 (Care of the Critically Ill Across the Life Span)
 6. NURS 3405 (Scholarly Inquiry/Research) and
 7. NURS 4522 (Community Public Health)
- e. Graduates of baccalaureate level foreign nursing schools may be eligible to enroll in collaborative MSN degree programs between TAMU and collaborating schools of nursing in Mexico and Latin America.
- f. Provisional Admission Requirements: If the requirements for full admission are not met, provisional admission may be available. The Admissions and Progression Committee of the School of Nursing will review any application for provisional admission.
- g. Special Student Enrollment: Based on certain circumstances, it may be appropriate for an individual to enroll for coursework in Master of Science in Nursing courses as a special non-degree seeking student. Enrollment would be limited to selected courses and would not grant the student admission to the degree program.
- h. Leave of Absence: Under unusual circumstances, a student may petition for a leave of absence. The student must petition the CSON Admission & Progression Committee for approval. If the petition is granted, the registration requirement will be set aside during the period of the leave and will not count towards the requirement that the student complete a master's degree within a period of five years or within the time specified for the particular program.

Academic Progression

Students must meet the standards for minimal performance and progression established by

Texas A&M International University and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Canseco School of Nursing.

1. Grading Policy

Alpha Grade	Numeric
A	90-100
B	81-89
C	75-80
F	74 and below

Graduates must maintain a GPA of B (80/100) or above to progress and graduate from a masters' program in the CONHS. Students must pass both clinical and theory components of a course in order to pass that course. A master's student in the CONHS may receive no more than two C's during the course of graduate study.

2. Procedures for students when GPA falls below 3.0, 2 C's are earned during the course of study, F, W, I grades are earned, or unprofessional conduct is evidenced.
- Students must repeat a course in which they earn an F and will be placed on academic probation if their GPA falls below 3.0
 - Academic probation status will be removed in accordance with University policy
 - Students earning a grade of F, W, or I (Incomplete) may not progress to courses for which that course is a prerequisite.
 - Students who earn a third C or below in the program cannot progress further and will be required to withdraw from the program.
 - Reapplication may be considered after 12 consecutive months following withdrawal or dismissal. Readmission is competitive and based upon availability of space in the program. Students must meet the standards for minimal performance and progression established by Texas A&M International University

Probation, Suspension, Dismissal, Expulsion Policy

The recommendation to suspend, dismiss or expel a student because of scholastic deficiency must be made in writing to the Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies by the College. These procedures emphasize support for the University procedures and extend beyond those of the University given the ethical issues surrounding nursing practice.

- a. A student is placed on probation if she/he does not maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00. The final grade report will carry official notice of academic probation.
- b. A GPA must be returned to minimum of 3.00 to remove probationary status.
- c. Students who fail to attain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average for two fulltime consecutive semesters will be suspended from the Canseco School of Nursing.
- d. Students may also be dismissed from graduate studies for any of the following reasons:
 - I. Academic misconduct such as any act of dishonesty involving academic work
 - II. Unsafe clinical practice.
 - III. Falsification of credentials
 - IV. Conduct unbecoming to a student as described in the University Student Conduct Code

Expulsion for Unprofessional/Unsafe Conduct Policy

Administration and faculty reserve the right to dismiss students without previous warning for unsafe and/or unprofessional behavior. The conduct of nursing students should meet ethical standards as defined by the American Nurses Association (ANA) in Code for Nurses. The Canseco School of Nursing and College of Nursing and Health Sciences faculty reserves the right to dismiss students from the program for unprofessional or unsafe behavior.

1. Procedure for expulsion for unprofessional/unsafe Conduct
 - a. Individual (faculty, preceptor, peer) witnessing the unsafe or unprofessional behavior by a student will report that behavior to the appropriate person (i.e. peer evidencing behavior to faculty advisor, preceptor to clinical faculty, etc.)
 - b. The unprofessional conduct will be reported to the CSON Admission and Progression Committee through the CONHS Office of the Dean.
 - c. The student will be contacted related to the event by CONHS Admissions and Progression Chair
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- d. The student has the option of submitting a written rebuttal statement to the CSON Admission and Progression Committee through the CONHS Office of the Dean.
- e. The committee meets to discuss the event and makes a recommendation to the Dean for continuation without reprimand, continuation with reprimand, removal from the program either permanently or for a period of time set by the committee. The Dean of the CONHS may approve or disapprove the recommendation of the committee. The Dean of the CONHS notifies the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research of the outcome.

Repetition of a Course Policy

A course in which the final grade is C may be repeated for a higher grade. A graduate student may retake a maximum of two courses during graduate study at the University. The student may repeat each course only one time. Only the final grade received for the course will be computed in the grade point average although the initial grade will remain on the transcript.



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