

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: BS program, Nursing

Date: 10-4-16

**A. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**1. Name of institution**

University of Rhode Island

**2. Name of department, division, school or college**

Department:

College: Nursing

**3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

Initiation date: Fall 2017

First degree date: Spring2020

**4. Intended location of the program:** Kingston

**5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**

The CON is requesting a change to the BS program plan, switching 3 NUR courses to different semesters but not changing the courses themselves. All changes are being done to strengthen our curriculum with no negative impact on students and no program credit change. Students have been included as members of the Curriculum Committee and support these changes. The College believes that these changes will improve our students understanding of the concepts and help to improve their success on the HESI and NCLEX examinations. Briefly stated:

Move NUR 213 from semester 4 to semester 3

Move NUR 253 from 4 to 5

Move NUR 243 from 5 to 4

Move STA 220 from 3 to 4

Semester 3, 4, and 5: only changes are in placement in curriculum

1. Move NUR 213 from semester 4 to semester 3 (*purpose: patho better understood with system assessment which is taught in NUR 203*)

2. Move NUR 253 from semester 4 to semester 5 (*purpose: research better understood with clinical experience so moving this course further along in the curriculum enhances this*)

3. Move NUR 243 from semester 5 to semester 4 (*purpose: need pharm content earlier due to clinical demands in semester 4 and 5, and the need for students to know content that is tested on the HESI during these semesters*)
4. Move STA 220 from 3 to 4 (*purpose: keep workload reasonable and credit loads at 15/16 per semester*)

**6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.**

See attached

**7. Signature of the President**

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## Curriculum Requirements

**Prerequisite Courses.** The following courses are required before transfer from University College for Academic Success: BIO 121 (4), 242 (3), BIO 244 (1); CHM 103 (3), 124 (3); NUR 100 (3); WRT 104 or 106 (3). Students must have a 3.0 overall GPA and a grade of C or better in each of these courses.

In addition, some NUR courses will require other prerequisites courses: CMB 201 (4); NFS 207 (3); STA 220 (3). ~~These~~ CMB and NFS must be completed before the traditional fourth semester, STA before the fifth, and students need to have earned a C or better in each.

**Required Nursing Courses.** The following 63 credits are required: NUR 100, 203, 213, 233, 234, 243, 253, 323 (6 credits), 324, 333, 334, 343, 344, 433, 434, 443, 444, 463, 464, and 474.

A total of 120 credits is required to earn a B.S. in Nursing. An example of the curriculum plan follows. (Individual programs may vary.)

## Freshman Year

First semester: 14 credits

BIO 121 Human Anatomy (4)  
CHM 103 Introductory Chemistry Lecture (3)  
URI 101 Freshman Seminar (1)  
General Education requirement (3)  
General Education course (3)

Second semester: 16 credits

BIO 242 Human Physiology (3)  
BIO 244 Human Physiology Laboratory (1)  
CHM 124 Introduction to Organic Chemistry (3)  
NUR 100 Foundations of Professional Practice (3)  
General Education requirement (3)  
General Education course (3)

## Summer Session

3-6 General Education may be taken to reduce junior year requirements

## Sophomore Year

First semester: 16 credits

MIC ~~CMB~~ 201 Introductory Medical Microbiology (4)  
NFS 207 General Nutrition (3)  
NUR 203 Comprehensive Health Assessment (3)  
~~NUR 213, Pathophysiology (3)~~  
~~STA 220 Statistics in Modern Society (3)~~  
General Education course (3)

Second semester: 15 credits

~~NUR 213 Pathophysiology (3)~~  
NUR 233 Foundations of Nursing Practice with Older Adults (3)  
NUR 234 Practicum in Foundations of Nursing with Older Adults (3)  
~~NUR 243, Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing (3)~~  
~~NUR 253 Nursing Research (3)~~  
~~STA 220 Statistics in Modern Society (3)~~  
General Education course (3)  
~~General Education course (3)~~

Junior Year

First semester: 15 credits

~~NUR 243 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing (3)~~  
~~NUR 253 Nursing Research (3)~~  
NUR 323 Medical-Surgical Nursing (6)  
NUR 324 Practicum in Medical-Surgical Nursing (3)  
General Education Course (3)

Second semester: 15 credits

NUR 333 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (3)  
NUR 334 Practicum in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (3)  
NUR 343 Nursing in Childbearing and Reproductive Health (3)  
NUR 344 Practicum in Childbearing and Reproductive Health Nursing (3)  
General Education course (3)

Senior Year

First semester: 15 credits

NUR 433 Nursing of Children (3)  
NUR 434 Practicum in Nursing of Children (3)  
NUR 443 Community Health Nursing (3)  
NUR 444 Practicum in Community Health Nursing (3)  
General Education course (3)

Second semester: 15 credits

NUR 463 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (3)

NUR 464 Practicum in Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (3)

NUR 474 Leadership in Professional Nursing [capstone] (3)

General Education courses (6)

<u>Semester 1</u>		<u>Semester 2</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BIO 121*	4	BIO 242* & 244*	4
CHM 103*	3	CHM 124*	3
WRT or <del>GEN ED</del> <u>NUR 100</u>	3	<del>GEN ED</del> <u>NUR 100</u> or	3
URI 101	1	WRT	3
GEN.ED. or NUR 100	3	GEN. ED.	3
		<del>NUR 100</del> or GEN ED	
	<b>Total of 14</b>		<b>Total of 16</b>
<u>Semester 3</u>		<u>Semester 4</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NUR 203	3	<del>NUR 213</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>MIC CMB</del> 201*	4	NUR 233	3
NFS 207*	3	NUR 234	3
<del>STA 220 OR</del> PSY 200 (4 cr)	<del>3</del>	<u>NUR 243</u>	<u>3</u>
<del>GEN ED</del> <u>NUR 213</u>	3	<u>NUR 253</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>GEN ED</u>	<u>3</u>	GEN. ED.	3
	<b>Total of 16</b>	<del>GEN ED</del>	<del>3</del>
		<u>Sta 220</u>	<u>3</u>
			<b>Total of 15</b>
<u>Semester 5</u>		<u>Semester 6</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NUR 323	6	NUR 333	3
NUR 324	3	NUR 334	3
<del>NUR 243</del>	<del>3</del>	NUR 343	3
<u>NUR 253</u>	<u>3</u>	NUR 344	3
GEN.ED	3	GEN. ED.	3
	<b>Total of 15</b>		<b>Total of 15</b>
<u>Semester 7</u>		<u>Semester 8</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NUR 433	3	NUR 463	3
NUR 434	3	NUR 464	3
NUR 443	3	NUR 474	3
NUR 444	3	GEN. ED.	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	<b>Total of 15</b>		<b>Total of 15</b>

Current plan to go to CAC