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Dear Randy,

Please accept the attached proposal to change prerequisite course requirements for admission to the RN-to-BSN Program in the College of Nursing. Upon recommendation by faculty in the College who oversee and teach in the program, we are seeking your approval to implement the new prerequisites for SU08 enrollment.

I appreciate your careful review of the proposal and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth R. Lenz".

Elizabeth Lenz, PhD, RN
Dean
College of Nursing

To: Randy Smith, Vice-Provost of Academic Programs

From: Sandy Cody, Asst. Dean for Student Affairs, College of Nursing

Date: June 28, 2007

RE: Proposal to change prerequisite requirements for the RN-to-BSN Program

The RN-to-BSN Nursing Program is designed for students who have an associate degree in nursing and are licensed registered nurses. Didactic and clinical courses lead to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The College of Nursing is proposing a reduction in the overall number of required credit hours, courses, and simplification of the manner in which prerequisites are applied to the program requirements for the following reasons:

1. Faculty have determined that current prerequisites for entry are not predictive of success in the program.
2. Prerequisite evaluations conducted by the Office of Professional Admissions on applicant transcripts have been problematic and unnecessarily complex.
3. Prospective students find it difficult to interpret the prerequisite requirements in relation to their own transcripts.

Table one contains the current prerequisite requirements for admission to the RN-to-BSN Program.

TABLE 1

Current RN to BSN Prerequisites	Hours
Chemistry 101 and 102 level or higher	8-10
English 110	3-5
Sociology 101	3-5
Biology 101	5 (waived if credit for Anatomy and Physiology)
Anatomy 199	5
Microbiology 509	3-5
Intro to Psychology 100	3-5
Statistics 135,145	3-5
Nursing 337 (Growth and Development)	3-5
Human Nutrition 310	3-5
Total	39-55 hours

Table two contains the proposed changes to the prerequisite requirements

TABLE 2

Proposed RN to BSN Prerequisites	Hours
Chemistry 101 level or higher	5 (1 course and decrease to 5 hours) passed by faculty on 4/5/07
English	3
Intro Sociology	3
Biology/Anatomy/or Physiology (any combination)	10 (passed by faculty on 4/5/07)
Microbiology	3
Intro to Psychology	3
Intro to Statistics	3
Nursing 337 (Growth and Development)	Eliminate (passed by faculty on 3/1/07)
Introductory Human Nutrition	3
Total	33

Most RN-to-BSN students enter the program with over 100 college credit hours. In addition, they have professional work experience as registered nurses. The RN-to-BSN Program has grown in size over the past few years. (See table three.) We would like to encourage and support its continued growth while strengthening program.

TABLE 3

YEAR	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	NUMBER ADMITTED
2003	29	18
2004	39	20
2005	42	29
2006	57	30
2007	70	52

These proposed changes take into consideration professional requirements for licensure and accreditation.

Thank you for your review of this proposal. I look forward to receiving your response.

C: E. Lenz