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**Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

**1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)**

New Course                       Course Prefix Change                       Course Deletion  
 Course Revision                       Course Number and/or Title Change                       Catalog Description Change

<u>Current</u> Course prefix, number and full title	<u>Proposed</u> course prefix, number and full title, if changing
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**2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate**

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.                       Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)  
 This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.

**3. Program Proposals**

New Degree Program                       Catalog Description Change                       Program Revision  
 New Minor Program                       Program Title Change                       Other  
 New Track

Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions	<u>Proposed</u> program name, if changing
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4. Approvals		Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Theresa Mropi</i>	11/9/09
Department Chair(s)	<i>Elizabeth Palmer</i>	2/19/2010
College Curriculum Committee Chair		
College Dean	<i>Parleen J. Zoni</i>	2/26/2010
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
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UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Schust</i>	4-1-10

\*where applicable

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**Liberal Studies**

# Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions Catalog Revision

## Part I. Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet

-see attached sheet

## Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. No course or credit revisions for program.
2. Summary of changes:

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### OLD

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The first two semesters are devoted mainly to Liberal Studies and science courses considered essential to the nursing major. Throughout the last six semesters, clinical experiences in patient care are provided in acute and long-term care facilities as well as community settings.

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing is offered for registered nurses who are graduates of accredited diploma or associate degree nursing programs and who have met IUP's admission requirements. The track for registered nurses awards advanced standing based on prior work completed in a nursing program. Registered nurse students will fulfill all degree requirements set by the university. The track is designed to prepare the professional nurse to function as a provider, designer, manager, and coordinator of care in a variety of health care settings.

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**Change of major applications and criteria are available in the Nursing Department Office. Change of majors are granted based on meeting the criteria and seat availability.**

**3. Justification/rationale for the change**

Seats for clinical courses in nursing are limited. Students are placed for clinical in local health-care agencies which limit the number of students that may be placed at the site.

The department receives a large number of change of major applications each year and frequently turns even qualified students away because of limited clinical seats.

A statement in the catalog provides fair notice to students that the nursing program cannot always accept change of major requests.

**Part III. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement**

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**Lisa Palmer**

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**From:** "Gail S Sechrist" <gailsech@iup.edu>  
**To:** "Lisa Palmer" <lpalmer@iup.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2009 4:11 PM  
**Subject:** Re: need for some guidance and advice

Lisa,

Sorry I did not get back you earlier. When I saw you last night I remembered that I still did not respond to your question. My reading of the statement is that this is curricular and should go through the UWUCC. It would only be a Program Catalog Description Change.

Include the current catalog description (the paragraphs only)(copy it from the electronic catalog) and then the proposed catalog description--the current paragraphs with the new sentence. Then include a rationale--you have fairly good rationale in this original email. This is a minor change in the text but it does have curricular implications. I know some background about this because a student who was displeased with this policy sought me out and told me her story (I'm sure you know who I mean). I will place it on our agenda as soon as I receive it. Let me know if you have any further questions about the layout of the proposal.

Gail

On Tue, 1 Sep 2009 17:07:11 -0400

"Lisa Palmer" <lpalmer@iup.edu> wrote:

> Gail

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> Good afternoon. I believe I discussed this with you last spring but  
 >wanted to put it in an email for clarification.

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> As a department, we have always had applicants each year for  
 >students wanting to change their major to nursing. The applications  
 >has changed several times over the years, and it seems there is not  
 >always an objective way to evaluate applicants. I discussed this  
 >with you and my desire to have something published in the  
 >undergraduate catalog that acknowledges the following:

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> "Specific change of major criteria for students wishing to change  
 >their major to nursing is available in the nursing department office.  
 > Change of major applications are granted based on the criteria and  
 >seat availability."

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> The problem is that it is not really a program change, but that is  
 >one way to get it published in the catalog. I spoke to Admissions  
 >about this during one of our meetings. (We are working with them on  
 >an enrollment management plan.) They suggested I talk to Kris  
 >Berezansky as well to be sure that we get the announcement published  
 >and do so in the correct chain of "order"? They thought Kris could  
 >just approve it to be published. Kris would like your ok on this

>first though.

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> So my dilemma is this; we aren't changing our program. Rather,  
 >since nothing is currently in the catalog to address change of  
 >majors, we as a department feel it is only fair to "inform" students  
 >that there are criteria and that seating is limited. So while the  
 >criteria has never been published (other than on the change of major  
 >application itself), we are trying to be fair. As a new chair, I  
 >find myself in the ethical dilemma of having several inroads to  
 >getting admitted to nursing: freshman traditional admissions,  
 >transfers, change of majors and second degree. We are setting a cap  
 >on the number of freshman admits. It seems that the transfer door is  
 >wide open so we have set criteria for that and that is published  
 >through recruitment materials with Bill Sands and Lori Roles and  
 >letters from admissions office. This has helped. However, last Dec.  
 >for example, I received 80 change of major applications. Dr. Jackie  
 >Beck and I worked hard to review these and found ourselves really  
 >struggling on who to take and who to exclude. We only had about 20  
 >seats available, and that has really stretched us to our maximum  
 >capacity. (In case you didn't know, nursing is flooded with  
 >applications right now and experiencing a huge demand for admission.)  
 >It is hard to keep the door open for transfers yet students who are  
 >here and paying IUP may not get to change their major due to lack of  
 >seats. (sigh...) And the dilemma is we only have so many seats  
 >available due to clinical agency availability and limits.

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> So, I know this sounds a bit disorganized but I am trying to be fair  
 >and set a cap on freshman admits, transfers, and change of majors.  
 > Part of that is to publish the fact that we only take change of  
 >majors based on seat availability and certain criteria (and now also  
 >Lori and Bill know they are working under a cap we set with Nicole  
 >Carrera, Jim, Lori and Bill). By the way, we also have strict  
 >admission criteria of 1000 SAT and 3.0 high school GPA.

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> What is my question? Can we allow Kris to just publish the above  
 >statement without submitting a program revision?

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> Gail, if you have time to discuss this please call me at  
 >724-357-2558. When we talked last spring, you thought it may only  
 >need to be published and not processed as a program change through  
 >senate, but I want to really cover my bases well here. (Of course, I  
 >prefer not to do a program change as it will open up a whole  
 >Pandora's box on why we don't take all change of majors, why a gpa  
 >requirement, etc. on the senate floor.) By the way, the criteria are  
 >that the student has completed 15 credits at IUP, has a 3.2 GPA, and  
 >granted based on seat availability. We only review applications once  
 >a year in Dec. after Fall semester grades are posted.

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> Can you help? Thank you for your time.

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