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**NEW OR MODIFIED COURSE PROPOSAL FORM**

**[X] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

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| **[X]New Course, [ ]Experimental Course (1-time offering), or [ ]Modified Course (Check one box)** |

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1. **Proposed starting term and Bulletin year for new course or modification to take effect**

Spring 2022

**Instructions:**

*Please complete all sections unless otherwise noted. For course modifications, sections with a “Modification requested?” prompt need not be completed if the answer is “No.”*

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|  | **Current (Course Modifications Only)** | **Proposed (New or Modified)**  *(Indicate “N/A” if no modification)* |
| **Prefix** |  | **NRS** |
| **Number\*** |  | **4003** |
| **Title** |  | **Issues in Healthcare Policy** |
| **Description\*\*** |  | **Introduction to the importance of healthcare policy and its influence on nursing practice while examining the nurse’s role in developing, implementing and improving health policy at all levels.** |

***\**** (Confirm with the Registrar’s Office that number chosen has not been used before and is available for use. For variable credit courses, indicate variable range. *Proposed number for experimental course is 9*.)

\*\*Forty words or fewer as it should appear in the Bulletin.

1. **Proposed prerequisites and major restrictions** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(Indicate all prerequisites. If this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

1. **Yes** Are there any prerequisites?
   1. If yes, which ones?

Prerequisites, Admission to the RN-BSN program, C or better in NRS 3713 and NRS 3723.

* 1. Why or why not?

Program plan of study sequence

1. **Yes** Is this course restricted to a specific major?
   1. If yes, which major? Nursing
2. **Proposed course frequency [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer; if irregularly offered, please indicate, “irregular.”) *Not applicable to Graduate courses.*

Fall, Spring, Summer

1. **Proposed course type [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity (e.g., physical education), dissertation/thesis, capstone, independent study, internship/practicum, seminar, special topics, or studio? Please choose one.

Lecture

1. **Proposed grade type [Modification requested? Yes/No]**

What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental, or other [please elaborate])

Standard

1. **No**  Is this course dual-listed (undergraduate/graduate)?
2. **No** Is this course cross-listed?

*(If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. Submit appropriate documentation for requested changes. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross-listed course.)*

1. **No** Is this course in support of a new program?

a. If yes, what program?

Enter text...

1. **No** Will this course be a one-to-one equivalent to a deleted course or previous version of this course (please check with the Registrar if unsure)?

a. If yes, which course?

Enter text...

**Course Details**

1. **Proposed outline** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.)

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| **Date** | **Topics** | **Activities** |
| Week 1 | Informing Public Policy: An Important Role for Registered Nurses | * PowerPoint Slides * Readings, Chapter 1 * Introduction * Discussion Board – Policy Process vs Nursing Process |
| Week 2 | Agenda Setting: What Rises to a Policymaker’s Attention? | * PowerPoint Slides * Readings, Chapter 2 * Professional Nursing Organization Paper Due |
| Week 3 | Government Response: Legislation | * PowerPoint Slides * Readings, Chapter 3 * Discussion Board – NCNR legislation * Exam #1 |
| Week 4 | Government Regulation: Parallel and Powerful | * PowerPoint Slides * Chapter 4, * **Healthcare Issue Paper Due** |
| Week 5 | Public Policy Design  Policy Implementation | * PowerPoint Slides * Readings, Chapters 5 & 6 * Discussion Board – Proposed Health Policy * Exam #2 |
| Week 6 | Health Policy and Social Program Evaluation  Overview: The Economics and Finance of Healthcare | * PowerPoint Slides * Readings, Chapters 7 & 10 * **Policy Critique Paper Due** |
| Week 7 | The Impact of Globalization & An Insider’s Guide to Engaging in Policy Activities | * Discussion Board – Global activism and Policy course value * Exam #3 Due by noon Friday of Week 7 * The course closes at **NOON** |

1. **Proposed special features** **[Modification requested? Yes/No]**

(e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

None

1. **Department staffing and classroom/lab resources**

RN-BSN faculty will teach this course. No additional lab/classrooms are needed for this online course.

1. Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?

No

1. No Does this course require course fees?

*If yes: please attach the New Program Tuition and Fees form, which is available from the UCC website.*

**Justification**

**Modification Justification (Course Modifications Only)**

1. Justification for Modification(s)

**New Course Justification (New Courses Only)**

1. Justification for course. Must include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

To meet changing needs for effective patient care and to prepare nurses for career growth and enhanced opportunities within the field of healthcare. “Preparing nursing students to engage in health policy is critical to ensuring the nursing workforce can influence the structure and financing of health care” (Thomas et al., 2020, p. 12). In NRSP 4793 RN to BSN Capstone, the only clinical course in this program, students complete a process improvement project. Instructors for this course must take time to explain that these are most often related to policy issues (creation, modification, education, management). The students in this program are all registered nurses but few are aware of how policies are managed in their facility, much less at the local, state, and national levels. With this course, we can better prepare our students to use life experience to be active participants in policy at these multiple levels. “Nurses who are knowledgeable in health policy at the local, state, and national level are capable of shaping the health policies of the United States (Thomas et al., 2020, p. 19). Thomas, T., Martsolf, G., $ Puskar, K. (2020). How to engage nursing students in health policy: Results of a survey assessing students’ competencies, experiences, interests, and values. *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice*, (21)1, 12-20.

b. How does the course fit with the mission of the department? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

This course aligns with the School of Nursing mission to educate, enhance and enrich students for evolving nursing practice by expanding knowledge of current healthcare policy creation and implementation. This course will serve to educate students regarding the creation, modification, and management of health policy at the facility, local, state, and national level. Their current competencies, experiences, interests, and values will be enhanced by exposure to the new information presented in this course. Students will be enriched as they are challenged with new insights in this course to become more active participants in the healthcare policies that affect them as persons, citizens and professional nurses.

c. Student population served.

RN-BSN students

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

This course replaces course NRS 4713 Chronic Illness Nursing in the degree plan. After a review of NRS 4713 Chronic Illness Nursing and a review of Associate Degree Nursing curriculum, the faculty in the RN to BSN Program found that much of the information was repetitive. It was felt that information regarding healthcare policy was lacking. Students need foundational knowledge of healthcare practice to understand the creation and management of healthcare policy. This new policy course will expose students to a higher level of nursing function inside and outside of the clinical arena and enhance patient student and patient outcomes through the knowledge they acquire in this course.

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**Assessment**

**Assessment Plan Modifications (Course Modifications Only)**

1. **Yes / No** Do the proposed modifications result in a change to the assessment plan?

*If yes, please complete the Assessment section of the proposal*

**Relationship with Current Program-Level Assessment Process (Course modifications skip this section unless the answer to #18 is “Yes”)**

1. What is/are the intended program-level learning outcome/s for students enrolled in this course? Where will this course fit into an already existing program assessment process?

I. Create a culture of safety in all aspects of professional practice.

II. Integrate the nursing process and concepts from sciences, liberal arts, research, and evidence-based practice into patient-centered care.

III. Formulate verbal, nonverbal, and written communication with emerging technologies while teaching and collaborating with the patient, their support system, and the health care team.

IV.  Integrate principles of leadership and management into professional nursing practice to deliver patient-centered healthcare.

V. Exemplify professional standards and ethics at all times.

This course will be assessed at the conclusion of each semester by the RN-BSN Faculty, RN-BSN Program Coordinator, BSN Chair, and the Associate Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions utilizing the standard process approved by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Central record keeping is maintained within the School of Nursing repository accessible to all faculty and administrators.

1. Considering the indicated program-level learning outcome/s (from question #19), please fill out the following table to show how and where this course fits into the program’s continuous improvement assessment process.

*For further assistance, please see the ‘Expanded Instructions’ document available on the UCC - Forms website for guidance, or contact the Office of Assessment at 870-972-2989.*

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| **Program-Level Outcome 1 (from question #19)** | Create a culture of safety in all aspects of professional practice. |
| Assessment Measure | End of Program Survey, Completion of NRSP 4793 RN - BSN Capstone |
| Assessment  Timetable | Fall, Spring, Summer at the end of each course  Each course is assessed at the end of each academic year by the BSN Faculty |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | RN-BSN Faculty, RN-BSN Program Coordinator, BSN Chair, and the Associate Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions |

*(Repeat if this new course will support additional program-level outcomes)*

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| **Program-Level Outcome 2 (from question #19)** | Integrate the nursing process and concepts from sciences, liberal arts, research, and evidence-based practice into patient-centered care. |
| Assessment Measure | End of Program Survey, Completion of NRSP 4793 RN - BSN Capstone |
| Assessment  Timetable | Fall, Spring, Summer at the end of each course  Each course is assessed at the end of each academic year by the BSN Faculty |
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| **Program-Level Outcome 3 (from question #19)** | Formulate verbal, nonverbal, and written communication with emerging technologies while teaching and collaborating with the patient, their support system, and the health care team. |
| Assessment Measure | End of Program Survey, Completion of NRSP 4793 RN - BSN Capstone |
| Assessment  Timetable | Fall, Spring, Summer at the end of each course  Each course is assessed at the end of each academic year by the BSN Faculty |
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| **Program-Level Outcome 4 (from question #19)** | Integrate principles of leadership and management into professional nursing practice to deliver patient-centered healthcare. |
| Assessment Measure | End of Program Survey, Completion of NRSP 4793 RN - BSN Capstone |
| Assessment  Timetable | Fall, Spring, Summer at the end of each course  Each course is assessed at the end of each academic year by the BSN Faculty |
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| **Program-Level Outcome 5 (from question #19)** | Exemplify professional standards and ethics at all times. |
| Assessment Measure | End of Program Survey, Completion of NRSP 4793 RN - BSN Capstone |
| Assessment  Timetable | Fall, Spring, Summer at the end of each course  Each course is assessed at the end of each academic year by the BSN Faculty |
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**Course-Level Outcomes**

1. What are the course-level outcomes for students enrolled in this course and the associated assessment measures?

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| **Outcome 1** | Explore the principles of safety utilized in public policy formation and implementation. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Policy Critique Paper |
| Assessment Measure | **The average score for students will be 80% or higher.** |

*(Repeat if needed for additional outcomes)*

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| **Outcome 2** | Discuss the policy development process and how it compares with the nursing process used for patient-centered care. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Week 1 Discussion Board - Policy Process vs Nursing Process |
| Assessment Measure | **The average student score for this Discussion Board will be 20/24 or higher** |

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| **Outcome 3** | Analyze the impact of politics, culture, economics, technology, and social variables for the development of health policy. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Healthcare Issue Paper |
| Assessment Measure | **The average score for students will be 80% or higher.** |

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| **Outcome 4** | Review the role of nurses in engaging in health policy at the local, state, and federal level. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Professional Nursing Organization Paper |
| Assessment Measure | **The average score for students will be 80% or higher.** |

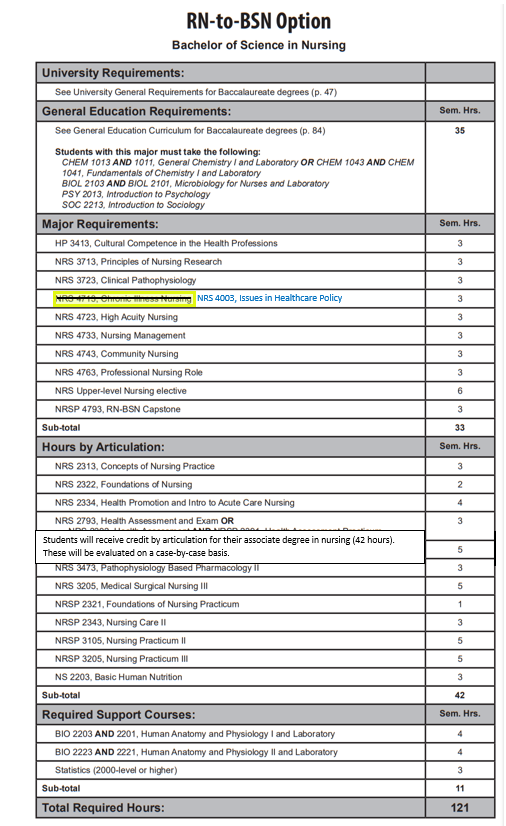
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| **Outcome 5** | Examine the impact of health policy ethics on the nursing profession and the health care delivery system. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Discussion Board – NCNR Legislation (National Center for Nursing Research) |
| Assessment Measure | **The average student score for this Discussion Board will be 20/24 or higher.** |

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
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NRS 4312. Chronic Illness and Rehabilitation Nursing Focus on clients with chronic illness throughout the lifespan. Concepts of gerontology and rehabilitation are integrated. Corequisites, NRS 4343, NRS 4362, and NRSP 4336. Fall, Spring.

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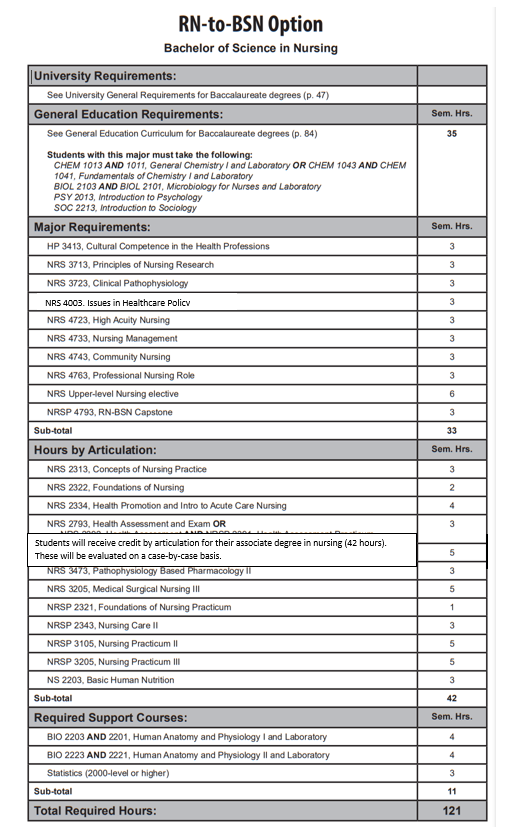
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