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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

Addition of the Paramedic to AASN Program track

1. **Effective Date**

1/1/2022

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Employment Projections 2019-2929](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm), Registered Nursing is listed among the top occupations in terms of job growth through 2029. The Bureau projects 175,900 openings for RNs each year through 2029 when nurse retirements and workforce exits are factored into the number of nurses needed across the United States. Additionally, according to the [US Registered Nurse Workforce Report Card and Shortage Forecast: A Revisit](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29183169/), a shortage of registered nurses is projected to spread across the country between 2016 and 2030.

To combat the registered nursing shortage, the School of Nursing currently provides multiple pathways for individuals to access our program options, but none for the Paramedic. We wish to provide an additional opportunity for individuals who have completed a Paramedic Certificate and are eligible to sit for the National Registry Certification Exam, and Paramedics who have an unencumbered Paramedic License to complete our registered nursing (AASN) program.

Therefore, we are seeking an additional pathway to access the AASN program, and a new plan of study was created using the courses which are currently in place.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
| **Please visit** **http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot** **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.** **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  |

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**Add Bulletin Page 393 (highlighted):** *(LPN to AASN Online moved to pg 394)*



**Appendix A, 8-Semester Plan**

(**Referenced in #2** - **Undergraduate Proposals Only)**

*Instructions: Please identify new courses in italics*.

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| **Arkansas State University-Jonesboro****Degree: AASN****Major: Nursing****Year: 2021-2022** |
| Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. **Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.** A minimum of 45 hours of upper division credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree. |
| **Year 1** |  | **Year 1** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| BIO 2203 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 3 | X |  | NRS 1214 | Introduction to Nursing  | 4 |  |
| BIO 2201 | Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory | 1 | x |  | NRSP 1222 | Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum | 2 |  |
| ENG 1003 | Composition I | 3 | X |  | NRS 2392 | Health Assessment | 2 |  |
| MATH 1023 | College Algebra (or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as prereq) | 3 | x |  | NRSP 2391 | Health Assessment Practicum | 1 |  |
| PSY 2013 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | x |  | BIO 2223 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 3 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | BIO 2221  | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 1 |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 13 |  |  | **Total Hours** |  | 13 |  |
| **Year 2** |  | **Year 2** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| NRS 1313 | Nursing I Medical Surgical | 3 |  |  | NRS 2323 | Nursing III Medical Surgical | 3 |  |
| NRS 1312 | Role Development I | 2 |  |  | NRS 2321 | Role Development III | 1 |  |
| NRSP 1331 | Clinical Practicum I | 1 |  |  | NRSP 2341 | Clinical Practicum III | 1 |  |
| NRS 1323 | Nursing II Medical Surgical | 3 |  |  | NRS 2312 | Nursing IV Mental Health | 2 |  |
| NRSP 1341 | Clinical Practicum II | 1 |  |  | NRS 2331 | Role Development IV | 1 |  |
| NRS 1321  | Role Development II | 1 |  |  | NRSP 2351 | Clinical Practicum IV | 1 |  |
| ENG 1013 | Composition II | 3 | x |  | BIO 2103 | Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health | 3 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | BIO 2101  | Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health Lab | 1 |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 14 |  |  | **Total Hours** |  | 13 |  |
| **Year 3** |  | **Year 3** |
| **Summer Semester Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
| HIST 2763 (**OR** HIST 2773 **OR** POSC 2103) | US Hist to 1876 (**OR** US Hist since 1876 **OR** Intro to US Govt) | 3 | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRS 2332  | Nursing V Maternal Child | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRS 2341 | Role Development V | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRSP 2361 | Clinical Practicum V | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRS 2333 | Nursing VI Medical Surgical | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRSP 2371 | Clinical Practicum VI | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NRSP 2382 | AASN Capstone \* | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Hours** |  | 13 |  |  | **Total Hours** |  |  |  |
| **Year 4** |  | **Year 4** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
| **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |  | **Course No.** | **Course Name** | **Hrs** | **Gen Ed** |
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