LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: Accelerated Nursing Program; Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Hegis Number: 1203.00
Program Code: 02630
Effective Term: Spring 2016

1. Type of Change: Register Existing Program Track as a New Program
2. From:

Professional Nursing: The Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing for non-nurses and for Registered Nurses licensed in New York State. The upper-division Nursing program, which leads to a B.S. degree, is designed to prepare for a career and to build a foundation for graduate study in professional nursing. It fulfills the requirements of the New York State Education Department, is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and entitles its graduates to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a registered nurse. The clinical laboratory sections of the Nursing courses are conducted in diverse and culturally rich clinical facilities in the Bronx, Westchester, and other surrounding communities. Independent study and honors projects are available to qualified students.

Generic Nursing Students: Designed to be completed in four academic years, the generic program is a 75-credit major within a total of 120 credits required for graduation. Students must complete their general education, distribution, and prerequisite courses in the first two years of study and then embark on a concentrated study of professional nursing, supported by the liberal arts and sciences. The generic Nursing curriculum is designed for full-time study only. The program aims to help students gain the knowledge and experience needed to function independently, as well as in collaboration with other members of the healthcare team, and to help individuals and families achieve maximum levels of health. Graduates will have developed skills in critical thinking and the ability to provide competent and compassionate care to a diverse population.

B.S. for Registered Nurses: Graduates of Associate Degree programs in nursing and graduates of hospital schools of nursing (diploma programs) who are licensed as Registered Professional Nurses in New York State are eligible for admission to the program. R.N. students are required to complete a 37.5-credit major of the total 120 credits required for graduation. Graduates of Associate Degree programs should follow directions for transfer students when applying for admission to the College and then seek advisement in the Office of Academic Advisement, Shuster Hall, Room 280, in
addition to advisement in the Nursing Department. Graduates of hospital schools of nursing who have not earned previous college credits should follow directions for new applicants to the College and then see an adviser in the Adult Degree Program. Graduates of diploma nursing programs are encouraged to take the Excelsior College (formerly Regents College) exams in Adult Nursing, Maternal and Child Nursing, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing to earn advanced standing credits.

**Accelerated (Generic) Nursing Program:** The Department offers the Generic Accelerated Nursing Program. The Applicants must have a 4-year Bachelor's Degree (any discipline) and meet the admission requirements for the Nursing Department. Applicants will follow the Generic Nursing path, conditions, and application procedures as described in the Department of Nursing's "Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing-Generic." Applicants for the accelerated component of the Generic Nursing Program must meet all of the same eligibility requirements outlined in the Generic program for prerequisite courses, testing, legal status, and any other College and Department requirements and deadlines, in order to submit a Generic Nursing application. Generic Nursing is a full-time program. Accelerated nursing courses will be held every semester: Fall, Winter, Spring, and both Summer sessions. If accepted into the Accelerated Program-Generic, this program must be completed in one (1) year.

**Requirements for Entrance into the Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing (Generic)**

To enter the Nursing Program, students must earn a minimum grade of "C" or better in each of the science courses listed below, with a minimum cumulative index of 2.75 in these courses, or their equivalents, and a cumulative index of 2.0 or greater for all college work.

- CHE 114: Essentials of General Chemistry (3 credits)
- CHE 115: Essentials of General Chemistry (lab, 1.5 credits)
- CHE 120: Essentials of Organic Chemistry (3 credits)
- CHE 121: Essentials of Organic Chemistry (lab, 1.5 credits)
- BIO 181: Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIO 182: Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- BIO 230: Microbiology (4 credits)

Students must also pass the HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam. The department will schedule exams for students applying to Lehman's nursing program during Winter Recess and early spring semester. The dates and times will be posted in the Nursing Department. There is a non-refundable fee to sit for the exam. Students must pass the HESI A2 exam in order to be considered for admission to the nursing program.

The City University of New York has instituted the following requirement: Beginning in the Fall 2009 semester, all CUNY Nursing Departments will require applicants for admission into Nursing programs to provide documentation in one of the following categories: U.S. Citizenship, Permanent Residency, International student with F1 Status; or Granted Asylum, Refugee Status, Temporary Protected Status, Withholding
of Removal, or Deferred Action Status by the U.S. Government. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

A grade of "C" or better is required in the following Foundation courses:
HIN 268: Human Growth and Development (3 credits)
HIN 269: Analysis and Action for Community Health (3 credits)

Requirements for Entrance into the Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing for Registered Nurses (Licensed in New York State)
Graduates of Associate Degree programs in nursing and graduates of diploma programs who are currently licensed as Registered Professional Nurses in New York State are eligible to apply for admission to the B.S. program after completing 60 college credits with a cumulative index of 2.5 or greater and providing evidence of college courses in chemistry and human growth and development (or their equivalents). Some students may qualify to earn credits for the human growth and development course through a validation examination. Students must seek advisement in the Department of Nursing for this process. Registered nurses may pursue either full-time or part-time study.

Application to the Nursing Program
All applicants to the program must first apply for admission to the College. After being admitted to the College, applicants apply to the Department of Nursing for admission to the program.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits before being admitted to the Nursing program. Transfer students should submit a copy of their evaluation of transfer credits from the Admissions Office. Second-degree students must file a Second Degree Area of Concentration form in the Office of Academic Standards and Evaluation, Shuster Hall 280.

Generic students planning to enroll in NUR courses in the fall semester of their junior year must complete and submit an application to the Department of Nursing by March 15 of the previous spring semester.

Registered nurses may apply at any time during the academic year. Applications are available in the Department of Nursing Office (T-3 Building, Room 201) during College business hours and at the Department’s website at www.lehman.edu/deannss/nursing. Applicants must also submit official transcripts of all previous college work and a copy of the Transfer Credit Evaluation form if they are transfer students. All required prerequisite science and foundation courses must be completed prior to admission to the program. Students who have been dropped from another Nursing program for any reason are not admissible to the Nursing program at Lehman unless the student has subsequently passed the NCLEX exam and become a registered nurse.

**Nursing, B.S. (75 Credit Major)**
Prerequisite sciences (21 credits)
CHE 114: Essentials of General Chemistry (3 credits)
CHE 115: Essentials of General Chemistry, lab (1.5 credits)
CHE 120: Essentials of Organic Chemistry (3 credits)
CHE 121: Essentials of Organic Chemistry, lab (1.5 credits)
BIO 181: Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
BIO 182: Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
BIO 230: Microbiology (4 credits)

**Foundation Course (Prior to Admission)**
HIN 268: Human Growth and Development (credits)

**Foundation Course (Prior to or After Admission)**
HIN 269: Analysis and Action for Community Health (3 credits)

**Nursing Courses (48 credits)**
NUR 300: Nursing as a Human Science (3 credits)
NUR 301: Therapeutic Intervention I (6 credits)
NUR 302: Ways of Knowing (3 credits)
NUR 303: Therapeutic Intervention II (6 credits)
NUR 304: Therapeutic Intervention III (3 credits)
NUR 330: Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice (3 credits)
NUR 344: Altered Health States (3 credits)
NUR 405: Therapeutic Intervention IV (6 credits)
NUR 406: Clinical Decision Making (3 credits)
NUR 408: Trends and Issues in Nursing and Health Care (3 credits)
NUR 409: Therapeutic Intervention V (6 credits)
NUR 410: Professional Nursing Management (3 credits)

**Nursing, B.S. (37.5 Credit Major)**

**Prerequisite sciences (4.5 credits)**
CHE 114: Essentials of General Chemistry (3 credits)
CHE 115: Essentials of General Chemistry, lab (1.5 credits)

**Foundation Course (Prior to Admission)**
HIN 268: Human Growth and Development (3 credits)

**Foundation Course (Prior to or After Admission)**
HIN 269: Analysis and Action for Community Health (3 credits)

**Nursing Courses (27 credits)**
NUR 300: Nursing as a Human Science (3 credits)
NUR 302: Ways of Knowing (3 credits)
NUR 400: Professional Nursing Practice (6 credits)
NUR 406: Clinical Decision Making (3 credits)
NUR 408: Trends and Issues in Nursing and Health Care (3 credits)
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**Department Grade Requirement**
A minimum grade of C (73) or better is required in each of the prerequisite science courses, or their equivalents, to be eligible for admission to the generic Nursing program. If a prerequisite science course is repeated, the first grade will be counted when considering eligibility for admission to the Nursing program. A minimum grade of C (73) is required for a student to progress from one Nursing course to the next. Nursing students may repeat only one HIN or NUR course. Note: A student who does not achieve a grade of C or better in a NUR or HIN course may repeat the course only once.

**Time Limit to Complete the Nursing Program**
In addition to the College requirement for completion of the baccalaureate degree, the following time limit applies: Once admitted to the Nursing program, the student must complete the baccalaureate in Nursing within five years. Students who do not meet this time requirement may reapply to have the currency of their Nursing courses reevaluated. Students may be required to demonstrate current knowledge as evidenced by recent or present practice, portfolio, or certification.

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**Traditional Generic Nursing Program:** Designed to be completed in four academic years, the generic program is a 75-credit major within a total of 120 credits required for graduation. Students must complete their general education, distribution, and prerequisite courses in the first two years of study and then embark on a concentrated study of professional nursing, supported by the liberal arts and sciences. The traditional generic Nursing curriculum is designed for full-time study only. The program aims to help students gain the knowledge and experience needed to function independently, as well as in collaboration with other members of the healthcare team, and to help individuals and families achieve maximum levels of health. Graduates will have
developed skills in critical thinking and the ability to provide competent and compassionate care to a diverse population.

**Accelerated Generic Nursing Program:** The Department offers the Generic Accelerated Nursing Program. The Applicants must have a 4-year Bachelor’s Degree (any discipline) and meet the admission requirements for the Nursing Department. Applicants will follow the traditional generic nursing path, conditions and application procedures as described in the Department of Nursing’s “Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing-Generic.” Applicants for the Accelerated Nursing Program must meet all of the same eligibility requirements outlined in the Traditional Generic Nursing Program for prerequisite courses, testing, legal status, and any other College and Department requirements and deadlines, in order to submit an Accelerated Generic Nursing application. Including the Generic Nursing courses, this is a full-time program. Accelerated nursing courses will be held every month during: fall, winter, spring, and both summer sessions. If accepted into the Accelerated Generic Nursing Program, this program must be completed in one (1) year.

**Requirements for Entrance into the Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing (Generic Programs: Traditional & Accelerated)**

To enter the Nursing Program, students must earn a minimum grade of “C” or better in each of the science courses and foundation course listed below, with a minimum cumulative index of 2.75 in these science courses, or their equivalents, and a cumulative index of 2.0 or greater for all college work.

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- HIN 269: Analysis and Action for Community Health (3 credits; prior to or after admission)

*Students must also pass the HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam (see distance testing information under advisement & testing on Department’s Website). Students must pass the HESI A2 exam in order to be considered for admission to the traditional and accelerated generic nursing programs.*

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**RN to BS Nursing Program (Traditional):** Graduates of Associate Degree programs in nursing and graduates of hospital schools of nursing (diploma programs) who are licensed as Registered Professional Nurses in New York State are eligible for admission to the program. R.N. students are required to complete a 37.5-credit major of the total 120 credits required for graduation. Graduates of Associate Degree programs should follow directions for transfer students when applying for admission to the College and then seek advisement in the Office of Academic Advisement, Shuster Hall, Room 280, in addition to advisement in the Department of Nursing. Graduates of hospital schools of nursing who have not earned previous college credits should follow directions for new applicants to the College and then see an adviser in the Adult Degree Program. Graduates of diploma nursing programs are encouraged to take the Excelsior College (formerly Regents College) exams in Adult Nursing, Maternal and Child Nursing, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing to earn advanced standing credits.

**RN to BS Nursing Program (Online):**
Applicants for the RN-BS Online option must be graduates of Associate Degree programs in nursing who are licensed as Registered Professional Nurses in New York State and are eligible for admission to the program. R.N. students are required to complete a 37.5-credit major of the total 120 credits required for graduation. Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the Traditional RN-BS nursing program. All courses in this option will be offered online, including both nursing and liberal arts courses. The Professional Nursing Practice course (NUR 400) will be taught using virtual simulation. This virtual clinical experience is an interactive Internet-based approach. For NUR 409 (Therapeutic Intervention V: Nursing Synthesis), the clinical component of the course must be taken at a healthcare facility approved by the Department of Nursing. Applicants to the RN-BS Online program should follow directions for transfer students when applying for admission to the College and then seek advisement in the Department of Nursing.

**Requirements for Entrance into the Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing for Registered Nurses (Licensed in New York State)**

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**Application to the Nursing Program**

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4. **Rationale** *(Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):*

The changing of the existing accelerated nursing program track to a new program will not replace nor upgrade the generic course content. The Accelerated Nursing Program has been offered by the Department of Nursing as a track within the baccalaureate nursing generic program. However, in compliance with recommendations from the New York State Education Department, the accelerated nursing track is being registered as a stand-alone program. The changing of the accelerated track to a program does not replace nor upgrade generic course content.

1. **Date of departmental approval**: April 7, 2014