

Academic Council Minutes

June 2024

Midwestern State University

The Academic Council did not meet, but an electronic vote for agenda items was requested of the voting members of the council. The following items were adopted by electronic vote.

Voting Members:

Dr. Sarah Cobb, Interim Dean, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Ms. Leah Gose, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts (absent from meeting)

Dr. Leann Curry, Dean, Gordon T. and Ellen West College of Education

Dr. Jeff Killion, Dean, Robert D. and Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration

Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Tiffany Ziegler, Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School

Approval of Minutes

All deans approved the May 2024 minutes via electronic vote.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Undergraduate Course and Catalog Changes – by college

New Business

Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services – Dr. Killion

Nursing - RN Transition Program, B.S.N. (Post-licensure)

Admission into the BSN Program (RN Transition/Post-licensure)

The RN Transition program is streamlined to provide the student who has completed all the core and prerequisites to complete the courses leading to a BSN in as little as 3 semesters. Students may enter the program in either the Fall, Spring, or Summer I semester. Courses are delivered online to enable students to maintain full-time employment while completing the course of study. The faculty is prepared to create an outstanding online experience; students engage in a collaborative supportive environment, receiving support from classmates and mentorship from faculty members.

To increase the opportunity for nurses to progress their education from ADN to BSN, the Wilson School of Nursing has signed Articulation and/or Consortium for Advancing Baccalaureate Education in Texas (CABNET) Agreements with many Texas Community Colleges. This assists with a pathway for nurses to achieve their baccalaureate degrees and removes economic and curriculum barriers. This will promote a seamless transition between associate degree graduates seeking to achieve a BSN.

The student must

1. complete an application for admission to the RN Transition and/or BSN Program;
2. hold licensure as a Registered Nurse (Texas or designated State), this is required for the RN Transition program;
3. have official transcripts from all colleges/universities and/or diploma school of nursing sent to MSU Admissions;
4. all Nursing pre-requisite and Texas Core courses must be completed before starting the RN Transition Program. Must meet requirement of 30 advanced hours at Midwestern State University for this degree. A student can select an elective course at the 3000-4000 level;
5. eligible RN Transition students may receive up to 38 hours credit awarded for completion of Associate Degree Program;
6. provide documentation of the following prior to enrollment in clinical courses:
 - a. professional liability insurance;
 - b. completion of physical examination;
 - c. health insurance;
 - d. compliance with State or program mandated immunizations;
 - e. current licensure (GNs may enroll in one semester of nursing courses with the stipulation that they must pass the NCLEX-RN prior to completion of the course. If

- they do not pass NCLEX, no further progression in the RN Transition program will be permitted until successful completion of NCLEX is accomplished.);
- f. American Heart Healthcare Provider CPR;
 - g. criminal background check; and
 - h. ten panel urine drug screen.

The RN Transition program:

1. See university undergraduate catalog for progression and readmission policies.
2. All ~~core~~ and nursing pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to taking any of the courses in the RN Transition curriculum. The core and nursing pre-requisite courses can be taken at any community college or university. The applicant to the RN Transition program must be Texas Core Curriculum complete at the institution of choice.
3. Applicants applying to the RN Transition program must meet MSU residency requirements (30 hours at Midwestern State University) including completion of the writing proficiency exam or enroll in and pass ENGL 2113 at Midwestern State University.
4. RN Transition students must complete all nursing courses within a two (2) (24 months) year period of time beginning with the first nursing course.
5. RN Transition students must maintain enrollment in at least two (2) courses per semester. Students who do not maintain enrollment for one (1) semester will be placed on inactive status and will need to submit a letter to the RN Transition Coordinator at the Wilson School of Nursing (WSON). The letter will be reviewed by the Coordinator in collaboration with the WSON Student Affairs Committee. The RN Transition Coordinator/Academic Advisor will discuss and create a new degree plan in order to continue.
6. RN Transition students are eligible to apply to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program during or upon completion of the BSN. See graduate catalog for application deadline, admission requirements and further details on the MSN programs available.

General

(See General Requirements for all Bachelor's Degrees)

Academic Foundations and Core Curriculum - 42 semester hours

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Core Curriculum Specifics and Additional Requirements

- BIOL 1133 - Anatomy & Physiology I for Health Sciences 3
- OR
- BIOL 1134 - Anatomy and Physiology I 4

- BIOL 1233 - Anatomy & Physiology II for Health Sciences 3
- OR
- BIOL 1234 - Anatomy and Physiology II 4
- BIOL 2144 - Fundamental Clinical Microbiology **or 4-hour Science Course**
- PSYC 1103 - General Psychology
- PSYC 3233 - Developmental Psychology **or 3-hour General Elective**
- SOCL 1133 - Introductory Sociology **or 3-hour General Elective**
- Chemistry - 3 hours (no lab required) **or 3-hour Science Course**
- Data Analysis (NURS 4123 recommended)

Nursing Courses Required for the RN to BSN Degree - 27 semester hours plus 3 hour advanced elective - 30 semester hours

- NURS 3713 - Transitions to the BSN Role 3
- NURS 3721 - Leadership Roles Clinical 1
- NURS 3723 - Leadership Roles 3
- NURS 3733 - Foundations of Comprehensive Pathophysiology in Nursing 3
- NURS 3743 - Introduction to Evidence-based Practice 3
- NURS 4703 - Ethics in Healthcare 3
- NURS 4711 - Comprehensive Health Assessment Clinical 1
- NURS 4713 - Comprehensive Health Assessment 3
- NURS 4723 - Healthcare Organizations and Informatics 3
- NURS 4733 - Population Focused Community Health 3
- NURS 4741 - Capstone Project 1 (final course - must be taken during the final semester of coursework)
- Advanced Elective - 3 hours (A student must take an elective to meet the 30 semester credit hour residency requirement. The elective should be at the 3000-4000 level if the student has no prior 3000/4000 level credit from any institution. A total of 120 hours is required for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. See your advisor prior to selection of elective.)
- NURS 4743 - Care Coordination Across the Continuum of Care (Recommended)

Credit Awarded for ADN - up to 38 hours

Major Hours including Articulation Agreement - up to 68 hours

~~Electives and Writing Proficiency Requirement~~

Approved electives to bring total to 120 semester credit hours, if needed. May need to be advanced (3000- or 4000-level) to meet requirement of 30 advanced hours for this degree.

~~Writing Proficiency Requirement (Pass exam or take and pass ENGL 2113)~~

Respectfully submitted,
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