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The School of Nursing offers two pre-licensure programs: a traditional 4-year baccalaureate program and a 2nd degree post baccalaureate program. Certificate Entry into Nursing/B.S. (CEIN/B.S.). The traditional undergraduate program provides an opportunity to combine a general education with professional preparation in nursing. This curriculum requires four academic years. The post baccalaureate program, CEIN/B.S., is a one-year program designed for individuals with baccalaureate degrees in other areas. The programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Connecticut State Board of Nurse Examiners.

Preclinical Requirements for Pre-Licensure Programs
In addition to pre-entrance University requirements, students admitted to the School of Nursing must present evidence of the following prior to clinical experiences: color blindness testing, tetanus immunization within the past ten years; one polio/myelitis booster following initial immunization; physical examination; tuberculin test (with chest x-ray for positive reactors); rubella, rubella, hepatitis B titers (with vaccine if titer is negative); and varicella titer, an annual flu vaccine and any other requirements of affiliating agencies.

It is mandatory that all students carry comprehensive health insurance when they are involved in practice in clinical areas.

A current certificate in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (professional level: covering infant, child, adult, and two-person) is a prerequisite for entry into the clinical courses and must be current through graduation.

Students who fail to provide written documentation that they have met the above stated health requirements will not be allowed in the clinical areas.

Clinical practice experiences in healthcare and other agencies are a required component of program completion and graduation with a pre-licensure credential or baccalaureate nursing degree. Students must meet all standards and requirements necessary to complete required clinical placements including, but not limited to health requirements, drug testing, fingerprinting and/or criminal background checks. Failure to do so will result in an inability to complete the program.

The School of Nursing requires all students to have a criminal background check prior to the start of each academic year in which clinical placement is a required component of the program. The School of Nursing contracts with an outside entity to obtain relevant background check information. The ‘satisfactory’ or ‘needs further follow-up’ outcome of the background check will be released to the School and to the agencies where clinical experiences are planned. Students must apply directly to the outside entity and pay all associated costs. The outside entities’ contact information, as well as the costs associated with the criminal background check, can be found in the student handbook.

It is important to note that the results of a student’s criminal background check may prevent a student from completing a clinical placement. The agency of clinical placement will make the determination whether a student can receive experiences within that site. The School cannot guarantee that a student will be accepted into any required clinical placement sites. Failure to complete all required clinical activities will prevent a student from graduating from the School of Nursing.

The following is a partial list of crimes and offenses that may negatively impact a student’s ability to complete required clinical placements: any sexual crime, any crime of violence, any drug crime, any weapon crime, property crimes, theft, robbery, burglary, embezzlement or fraud, public intoxication or substance abuse, other felonies or serious offenses which would not be appropriate in a healthcare/patient care environment.

Faculty reserve the right to recommend a student’s withdrawal from the program for reasons of health.

Transportation. Students must furnish their own transportation and cover cost of travel and parking to the clinical agencies.

Computers. All students are required to have their own laptop computer with wireless capability prior to the start of second semester sophomore year for baccalaureate students and prior to the start of the CEIN/B.S. program.

Licensure. Under the provisions of N 19a-14(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 86-365, (http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/pub/chap368a.htm#Sec19-14.htm) the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services of the State of Connecticut may deny licensure to applicants who have been convicted of a felony or are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Copies of this law are available in the School of Nursing Admission and Enrollment Services Office. Students are responsible for being aware of what the licensure requirements are in the State in which they intend to apply for a license.

Books, Uniforms and Professional Equipment. All pre-licensure students are expected to purchase books, uniforms, and the professional equipment required before beginning the clinical experiences. All traditional undergraduate students pay a fee of $10.00 per semester for the last five semesters. This fee is assessed upon enrolling in NURS 3120, 3234, 3334, 3664 and 4292 and represents laboratory supplies and consumables. Another fee of $10 per course is applied to NURS 3120, 3234, 3334, 3664 and 4292 and covers malpractice insurance. In addition, all undergraduate students enrolling in NURS 3234 (first clinical course) are assessed a one-time fee of $75.00. Students receive medical-surgical supplies which are utilized in simulation lab learning exercises. Students are required to complete standardized testing during curriculum to prepare for NCLEX licensure exam. A fee of $75 is applied to the following courses: NURS 3444, 3554, 3664 and 4292. This fee covers testing resources, standardized exams and NCLEX review.

Admission Requirements
See Admission to the University. Student applications for admission to the School of Nursing are accepted only for the Fall semester. Qualified students are admitted directly to the School of Nursing as freshmen. See Freshmen Admission. Admission is competitive and applicants should have credentials placing them in the upper range of their high school graduation class. Freshman, transfer, and petition students must have completed a high school (or college) course in chemistry, physics, and algebra for admission consideration.

Transfer students should see Transfer Admission. Such students should have made substantial progress toward completing the freshman 1000-level requirements, particularly those courses that are an indication of their academic ability in math and science. Number of credits earned, grade point average in all courses taken, and space availability are key considerations in the school’s admission decision.

Students not admitted into the School of Nursing at the time of entry to the University may apply for admission through the School of Nursing School Change procedures. Such students should submit a completed School Change Petition form as well as a statement as to why they desire the School change to the School of Nursing, Admission and Enrollment Services Office, Storrs Hall Widmer Wing, Room 17. Change of School petitions are due by February 1st for fall acceptance consideration. Decisions will be based on several criteria including the applicant’s academic record, courses taken and space availability. School Change applicants are expected to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 as well as a math/science GPA that is equal or higher than a 3.0 in two or more math/science prerequisite courses and physics in high school or college to be competitive in the petition or transfer process.

Students taking non-degree course work in a non-matriculated fashion may petition for a change of classification to degree-seeking matriculated status.

Admission requirements for CEIN/B.S.
Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree with cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better. The following required science courses must be completed prior to admission with B or better grades in each: Human Anatomy and Physiology (PNB 2264 and 2265 or equivalent), Chemistry (CHEM 1122 or equivalent), Biology (BIO 1107 or equivalent), Genetics (MCB 2400 or equivalent and must be taken within five years of enrollment in the program), Microbiology (MCB 2610 or equivalent). An undergraduate statistics course and a formal undergraduate research methods course must be completed with grades of C or better.
Curricula in Nursing for the Traditional Undergraduate

I. University General Education Requirements

The University has adopted General Education requirements, which must be satisfied as part of every bachelor’s degree program. These requirements are listed in the “Academic Regulations” section of this Catalog.

II. School Requirements

Nursing students must complete the following courses (38 credits). Students should note that some of these courses may also fulfill University General Education requirements.

BIOI 1107; CHEM 1122; HDFS 1070; MATH 1020Q, 1030Q, 1040Q or 1060Q; MCB 2400 or 2410; PHIL 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, or 1106; PNB 2264 and 2265; PSYC 1100; SOCI 1251 or SOCI 1001 or ANTH 1000 or ANTH 1006 or COMM 1000 or HRTS 1007 or SLHS 1150 or WGSS 1124; STAT 1000Q or 1100Q

Writing in the Major. All students in the School of Nursing are required to pass NURS 3715W.

Information Literacy. All students in the School of Nursing fulfill this area of competency by the successful completion of NURS 3130, 3205, and 4292.

Computer Technology Competency. Students in the School of Nursing fulfill this area of competency with the following courses:

NURS 3130; NURS 3715W; NURS 3234, 3334, or 3554, or 3664, or 4292

Quantitative Competency. Students in the School of Nursing fulfill this area of competency with the following courses: MATH 1025Q or higher and STAT 1000Q or 1100Q. Quantitative competency is also met by successful completion of math competency exams in each clinical course.

III. Baccalaureate Student

Nursing students must complete the following nursing courses (79 credits):

NURS 1110, 1130, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3205, 3220, 3225, 3234, 3334, 3444, 3554, 3664, 3715W, 4235, 4265, 4292

IV. Additional Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in NURS 3234 (first clinical course) in the fall semester, students must have completed the following coursework by the end of the preceding spring semester:

CHEM 1122; BIOI 1107; PSYC 1100; SOCI 1001, 1251 or ANTH 1000 or ANTH 1006; or COMM 1000 or HRTS 1007 or SLHS 1150 or WGSS 1124; PNB 2264 and 2265; MCB 2400 or 2410; ENGL 1010 or 1011; HDFS 1070; one course in Philosophy 1101-1106; MATH 1020Q, 1030Q, 1040Q, 1060Q or higher; STAT 1000Q or 1100Q; NURS 1110, 1130, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130.

If a grade of C– or less is earned in PNB 2265, MCB 2400 or 2410, NURS 3110, 3120 or 3130, the student may still be considered for NURS 3234 enrollment in the fall if the course is retaken and a grade of C or better earned by July 1.

V. Program Requirements: Registered Nurses

Registered nurses who graduated from an approved associate degree or diploma program in nursing, who enroll in the School of Nursing and earned a C or higher in all nursing courses, may earn 30 transfer credits in nursing under the Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Education Mobility.

Registered nurses must complete the following nursing courses: NURS 3130, 3205, 3225, 3715W, 4265, 4292 (Capstone Practicum in Community), 5012, 5020 and 6 credits of electives.

Supplementary Scholastic Standards

In the following courses: BIOI 1107; CHEM 1122; ENGL 1010 or 1011; MCB 2400 or 2410; PNB 2264, 2265; MATH 1020Q, 1030Q, 1040Q or 1060Q; STAT 1000Q or 1100Q; PSYC 1100; SOCI 1001, 1251 or ANTH 1000 or ANTH 1006 or COMM 1000 or HRTS 1007 or SLHS 1150 or WGSS 1124; HDFS 1070; PHIL 1101-1106; NURS 1110, 1130, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130 a student in the School of Nursing must have a grade of C or better. Students admitted to the School of Nursing must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 at the end of the semester in which they have completed 26 calculable credits of graded coursework at the University of Connecticut. In order to progress in the 3000-level nursing courses, students must complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better. In order to progress, a cumulative GPA of 2.7 is required prior to enrollment in NURS 3220, 3234. Students lacking a 2.7 total grade point average at this point in the program will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

Students must earn a C (2.0) or better in all nursing courses (those with NURS designation) in order to earn credit toward graduation. No student may take a course in the nursing curriculum without having completed prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher. No courses required for graduation as a nursing major may be taken more than twice before achieving a passing grade. Students may be dismissed if there is more than one semester in which they earn a semester grade point average below 2.5 in required nursing courses. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above in all required nursing courses is required for graduation.

Students are permitted to repeat only one required nursing course once throughout their nursing education and remain in the School of Nursing when all other standards are met.

Bachelor’s Degree Requirements

Upon the recommendation of the faculty the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing is awarded by vote of the Board of Trustees to students who have met the following requirements: (1) earned a total of 127 degree credits, (2) earned at least a 2.5 grade point average for all calculable course work, (3) met all the requirements of the School of Nursing and University General Education Requirements. (See Scholastic Standing Requirement.)

VI. CEIN/BS: B.S. Certificate Entry into Nursing

A one-year program designed for individuals with baccalaureate degrees in other areas. Students complete up to 45 credits: 36 credits of didactic and clinical experience and 6 credits of graduate coursework in research and statistics. In order to progress in the program, students must complete the following coursework with a C or better: NURS 4301, 4304, 4414, 4424, 4434, 4544, 4554, 5020 and 5030. Students may be exempt from 1 or more graduate courses if prior coursework is determined to meet the course requirements.

A second baccalaureate degree in nursing is awarded at the successful completion of the CEIN/BS program.