

TO: Registrar's Office  
Academic Advisement

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SUBJ: **Notification of Minor Curricular Change(s)**

The following adjustments have been identified as minor curricular changes and have been approved by the appropriate School Dean, effective Fall 2011.

**Changes in Graduate Curricula:**

<b><u>Curricular Change: Catalog Course Description</u></b>	
For the following courses; <i>Nursing 515, 521, 522, 523, 560, 633</i> – the course descriptions stay the same except for the reference to clinical hours.	
<b>Updated Description:</b> Reference hours should be deleted and replaced with “clinical component”.	
<b>Rationale:</b> Documentation of specific number of clinical hours for these courses is not essential or appropriate in the catalog course descriptions. Requirement of clinical hours is regulated by the PA State Board of Nursing as well as by appropriate national accrediting bodies. <b>Catalog course description will be reflected in the 2012-2013 MU catalog.</b>	
NURS 515 - Advanced Practice Nursing Clinical Internship	Delete “6 clinical hours/week” and replace with “clinical component”.
NURS 521 - Clinical Management of the Young Family	Delete “12 hrs. clinical/wk” and replace with “clinical component”.
NURS 522 - Clinical Management of the Mature and Aging Families	Delete “12 hrs. clinical/wk” and replace with “clinical component”.
NURS 523 - Family Nurse Practitioner Internship	Delete “12 hrs. clinical/wk” and replace with “clinical component”.
NURS 560 - School Nursing	Delete “7 hrs. clinical/wk” and replace with “clinical component”.
NURS 633 - Nursing Education Internship	Delete “6 clinical hours/week” and replace with “clinical component”.

**Changes in Graduate Curricula continued:**

<b>Course</b>	<b><u>Curricular Change: Catalog Course Description</u></b>
NURS 560 – School Nursing	<p><b>Current description:</b> Focus on the specialty of school nursing, examining the role of the school nurse in health promotion of school age youth. Management and evaluation of coordinated school health programs are discussed with an understanding for the need for outcome criteria. Clinical experiences provide the student an opportunity to participate in school health settings at both elementary and secondary levels.</p>
	<p><b>Updated Description:</b> Focus on the specialty of school nursing, examining the role of the school nurse in health promotion of school age youth. Health services, health education, and environmental health of the school community are explored. Legal issues of nursing in a school setting are identified. Individualized health and educational plans that address the special health needs of children in the school setting are developed. Management and evaluation of comprehensive school health program are explored with an understanding for the need of outcome criteria. Clinical experiences provide the student an opportunity to participate in school health settings at both elementary and secondary levels.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> Change in course content and assignments meet the PDE Chapter 49 Accommodations &amp; Adaptations guidelines. <b>Approval effective Fall 2011 - Catalog course description will be reflected in the 2012-2013 MU catalog.</b></p>	

<b>Post-Baccalaureate Certification in School Nursing - Current Curriculum</b>	<b>Proposed Changes</b>
Required Coursework (30 crs)	NONE
Required Related (8-14 crs) • <b>PSYC 505, 525, EDFN 545, NURS 560</b>	Required Related (8-14 crs) • <b>EDFN 545, NURS 560, SPED 601</b>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b> PDE Chapter 49 Accommodations &amp; Adaptations require program changes. Adding SPED 601 - Psychological Aspects of Individuals with Disabilities will provide the content requirements needed to meet the PDE Chapter 49 Accommodations &amp; Adaptations guidelines. The NURS 560 - School Nursing course content has also been revised to meet the necessary PDE guidelines and counseling strategies that PSYC 505 - Recent Developments in Psychology provided – allowing PSYC 505 to be deleted from the post-baccalaureate certification curriculum in school nursing. <b>Approval effective Fall 2011</b></p>	

CC: School Deans  
Department Chairs