

North-central/east Region

Baker University

Cloud County Community College

Emporia University

Highland Community College

Kansas Wesleyan University

Manhattan Area Technical College

Ottawa University

Washburn University

Purpose: Identify & clarify common pre-requisite/general education courses required by nursing programs.

Documents referenced:

- KAC Summit minutes of November 2013
- KACN RN-BSN Survey
- Comparison of BSN programs non-nursing course requirements for RN-BSN programs and “generic” BSN programs.

This is not a simple task!



Uniqueness of each institution's requirements

- College X does not grant credit for humanities course taken at College Y because course not taught at College X
- Only courses listed for the major count toward credit hours required for financial aid
- Requiring biology/lab as pre-requisite for microbiology
- Requiring courses from both natural and physical sciences

Where is the evidence to support selection of pre-requisites?

- Antidotally college algebra has not shown to be helpful in solving medication calculation problems
- How will elimination of chemistry impact understanding of pharmacology/pathophysiology?
- How will the elimination of microbiology effect the understanding of new infectious diseases?
- What is/are the goal(s) of educating those who are already registered nurses to obtain the value of a baccalaureate degree?

Recommendations

- A & P with lab (5 – 8 cr)
- English Comp I and II (3 cr each)
- General Psychology (3 cr)
- D Psych or Human G & Dev (3 cr)
- Speech or oral comm or public speaking or interpersonal comm (3 cr)
- *College Algebra (3 cr)
- Statistics (3 cr)
- **Sociology (3 cr)
- Nutrition
- Chemistry with lab (4-5 cr)
- ***Microbiology with lab (4-5 cr)

Additional Recommendations

- Differentiate between “pre-requisite” and “general education” and “support” requirements.
- Develop a glossary of terms used for the articulation process.
- The ADN Aligned Courses document that is posted on the KSBN website be expanded to include the “common” courses required for the RN-BSN degree.
- This document could also include a section that provides examples of courses that would be considered Humanities credits.

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