

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

DATE: 25 April 2023

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and RPN  
to BScN Bridge

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

With a change in policy at the University allowing students to withdraw from a course (receiving a W until the last day of classes), the Faculty proposed an update to progression requirements for withdrawals to be in line with that of failures within the professional program of nursing.

As a professional program the withdrawal of a student at the last moment could alter what would have been a failure in a practicum or theory course, and thereby not uphold the values of a professional program in terms of accountability.

The Faculty proposed a change to progression requirements to indicate that a student who has two withdrawals from a single NURS course and/or a total of three withdrawals from a combination of required HLSC or NURS courses will be program dismissed.

The faculty also proposed the following changes specific to the RPN to BScN Bridge:

- Replace NURS 2705U with NURS 2605U which will focus on advancing RPN judgement to the expected of a BScN graduate, focusing on the adult with complex health challenges and will support program efforts to further enhance students' knowledge and ability to successfully pass the NCLEX exam post graduation.

- Replace an open elective in Year 1 with a new required course, NURS 2600U which will focus on expanded baccalaureate nursing knowledge in the area of child and family health and theory.

**TRANSITION PLAN:**

Students will be made aware of these changes to progression requirements upon approval so that they are fully aware of the implications.

Changes to course offerings in the RPN to BScN Bridge will begin the Fall of 2023 and will impact students currently enrolled in the program who have not completed NURS 2705U successfully. As NURS 2705U will be discontinued, students will be notified of the changes in advance of the 2023/2024 academic year. This communication will take place via email, as well as in person at both sites of the program. Students who are currently in the program and are slated to complete NURS 2705U in the spring/summer of 2023 and are unsuccessful will now be required to take both NURS 2600 and NURS 2605 in the Winter and Spring/Summer of 2024 in order to proceed.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

N/A

**CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

Undergraduate Studies Committee: 21 March 2023

Faculty Council: 4 January 2023

Curriculum Committee: 20 December 2022

**NEXT STEPS:**

After presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#)
- [RPN to BScN - Bridge](#)
- [Additional changes to the RPN to BScN - Bridge](#)  
New Courses: [NURS 2600U](#), [NURS 2605U](#)  
Course Changes: [NURS 3700U](#), [NURS 4700U](#)