

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation
- Decision
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

**DATE:** 27 February 2024

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee

**SUBJECT:** Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Collaborative Nursing program and RPN to BScN Bridge program.

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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:

The Faculty proposed to add HLSC 3823U – Health and Indigenous People in Canada, to the Collaborative BScN program in Year 3 semester 2, and to the RPN to BScN Bridge program in Year 2 semester 2. This will result in the deletion of an open elective in each program.

The Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) accreditation process requires that: “The curriculum addresses Action 24 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission programs of nursing to integrate the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, human rights, the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada, Indigenous teachings and practice, intercultural competency and anti-racism.”

A number of courses in the BScN Program already include important content related to nursing and care of Indigenous persons. However, the addition of this required course will enable learners to build a stronger foundation from which they can practice nursing in the context of direct patient care, advocacy, and leadership.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

An additional section of HLSC 3823U to accommodate the additional students will be required for each of the nursing programs.

### TRANSITION PLAN:

The change will be reflected in program maps for the 2024-2025 academic year. Current students will not be affected.

**CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

- ✓ FHS Curriculum Committee: 23 November 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 6 December 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (Approval): 16 January 2024
- Academic Council (Information): 27 February 2024

Extensive consultation was completed within the Faculty, Nursing and Health Sciences programs as well as with the current course instructor.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Following presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Minor Program Adjustment – Collaborative Nursing](#)
- [Minor Program Adjustment – RPN to BScN Bridge](#)
- [HLSC 3823U Course Change](#)