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February 5, 2009

TO: Heidi Anderson, Chair  
Health Care Colleges Council

FROM: Jane Kirschling, Dean   
Patricia V. Burkhardt, Associate Dean 

RE: New Course

Attached please find an application for a new course. In collaboration with the UK Chandler Hospital, the College of Nursing is proposing a course for a summer clinical experience for student nurses. Students must be within 2 semesters of graduation from an accredited nursing program to participate. The course will be a clinical practice format with the students assigned to preceptors who are staff nurses at UK Chandler Hospital. Students from other nursing programs may participate as visiting students.

Courses like this are common among colleges of nursing across the country. The collaboration between hospital and college/university is important to allow students the maximum opportunity to apply nursing knowledge in a clinical setting and the seminars provide the context for feedback from faculty as students reflect on their experiences.

APPLICATION FOR NEW COURSE

1. Submitted by the College of Nursing Date: 2/2/9

Department/Division proposing course: Nursing

2. Proposed designation and Bulletin description of this course:

a. Prefix and Number NUR 896

b. Title Student Nurse Academic Practicum

If title is longer than 24 characters, offer a sensible title of 24 characters or less: Stu Nurs Acad Practicum

c. Courses must be described by at least one of the categories below. Include number of actual contact hours per week..

- (x) CLINICAL ( ) COLLOQUIUM ( ) DISCUSSION ( ) LABORATORY ( ) LECTURE ( ) INDEPEND. STUDY ( ) PRACTICUM ( ) RECITATION ( ) RESEARCH ( ) RESIDENCY ( ) SEMINAR ( ) STUDIO ( ) OTHER - Please explain: 30 hrs per week for 10 wks.

d. Please choose a grading system: ( ) Letter (A, B, C, etc.) (x) Pass/Fail

e. Number of credit hours: 3

f. Is this course repeatable? YES ( ) NO (x) If YES, maximum number of credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_

g. Course description:

a 10 week clinical practicum (summer only) that allows student nurses to apply in clinical setting what they have learned to date. Emphasis will be placed on critical thinking, management of responsibilities, and professionalism in the clinical setting.

h. Prerequisite(s), if any:

Currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, within 2 semesters of graduation with either BSN or ADN. CUM GPA of 2.75 and GPA of 2.75 in all NUR courses; current American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification and meet current immunization requirements of the UK Chandler Hospital as determined by University Health Service.

i. Will this course also be offered through Distance Learning? YES ( ) NO (x)

If YES, please check one of the methods below that reflects how the majority of the course content will be delivered:

- Internet/Web-based ( ) Interactive video ( ) Extended campus ( )

3. Supplementary teaching component: ( ) N/A or ( ) Community-Based Experience ( ) Service Learning ( ) Both

4. To be cross-listed as: MORTORIUM ON APPROVAL OI / Prefix and Number printed name Cross-listing Department Chair signature

5. Requested effective date (term/year): Summer 1 2009

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6. Course to be offered (please check all that apply):  Fall  Spring  Summer
7. Will the course be offered every year?  YES  NO  
If NO, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Why is this course needed?  

*To provide student with additional experience for application of knowledge in clinical settings.*
9. a. By whom will the course be taught? College of Nursing Faculty  
b. Are facilities for teaching the course now available?  YES  NO  
If NO, what plans have been made for providing them?  
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10. What yearly enrollment may be reasonably anticipated?  
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11. a. Will this course serve students primarily within the department?  Yes  No  
b. Will it be of interest to a significant number of students outside the department?  YES  NO  
If YES, please explain.
12. Will the course serve as a University Studies Program course<sup>†</sup>?  YES  NO  
If YES, under what Area? \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>†</sup>AS OF SPRING 2007, THERE IS A MORTORIUM ON APPROVAL OF NEW COURSES FOR USP.
13. Check the category most applicable to this course:  
 traditional – offered in corresponding departments at universities elsewhere  
 relatively new – now being widely established  
 not yet to be found in many (or any) other universities
14. Is this course applicable to the requirements for at least one degree or certificate at UK?  Yes  No
15. Is this course part of a proposed new program?  YES  NO  
If YES, please name: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Will adding this course change the degree requirements for ANY program on campus?  YES  NO  
If YES<sup>‡</sup>, list below the programs that will require this course:

<sup>‡</sup>In order to change the program(s), a program change form(s) must also be submitted.

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17.  The major teaching objectives of the proposed course, syllabus and/or reference list to be used are attached.
18.  Check box if course is 400G or 500. If the course is 400G- or 500-level, you must include a syllabus showing differentiation for undergraduate and graduate students by (i) requiring additional assignments by the graduate students; and/or (ii) the establishment of different grading criteria in the course for graduate students. (See SR 3.1.4)

19. Within the department, who should be contacted for further information about the proposed new course?

Name: Patricia V. Burkhart Phone: 3-6253 Email: pvburk2@email.uky.edu

20. Signatures to report approvals:

December 5, 2008  
DATE of Approval by Department Faculty

Patricia V. Burkhart Patricia V. Burkhart  
printed name Reported by Department Chair signature

December 11, 2008  
DATE of Approval by College Faculty

Jane Kirschling Jane Kirschling  
printed name Reported by College Dean signature

3/24/09  
\* DATE of Approval by Undergraduate Council

SHARON GILL Sharon Gill  
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\* DATE of Approval by Graduate Council

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2/17/09  
\* DATE of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

Heidi Anderson Heidi Anderson  
printed name Reported by Health Care Colleges Council Chair signature

\* DATE of Approval by Senate Council

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Reported by Office of the Senate Council

\* DATE of Approval by University Senate

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Reported by Office of the Senate Council

\*If applicable, as provided by the University Senate Rules

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University of Kentucky College of Nursing

**NUR 896:**

**Student Nurse**

**Academic Practicum**

**(SNAP)**

### **Pre-requisites:**

To be considered for the selective process, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing.
- Have satisfactorily completed the Junior year of a BSN program or the 1<sup>st</sup> year of AND. program nursing courses with expected graduation the December or May following the SNAP experience.
- Have a 2.75 minimum nursing course grade point average (GPA) and 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- Have a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification and meet the immunization requirements of the University Hospital as determined by University Health Services.

### **Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course the student will:

1. Safely apply acquired nursing skills and classroom theory into clinical practice using scientific principles.
2. Demonstrate an increased ability to analyze and synthesize client data so as to think critically and anticipate client needs.
3. Exhibit an increased ability to organize and prioritize client care.
4. Demonstrate purposeful communication and responsibility in the clinical setting, and exhibit professional behavior as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the health care system as a result of working with the interdisciplinary team.

### **Teaching Methods:**

1. Opportunities to care for clients with RN preceptor supervision on in-patient units at UK Chandler Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital, or Kentucky Children's Hospital.
2. Completion of a minimum of 300 hours of clinical practicum completed during the 10-week SNAP experience.
3. Completion of two 4-hour Clinical Reflections Seminars; one at midterm and one at the end of the experience.

### **Grading Criteria:**

This is a pass-fail course.

### **Evaluation Methods:**

1. Satisfactory midterm and final evaluations by both the clinical faculty mentor and the student's nurse preceptor. An instrument which addresses each of the course objectives will be utilized for this evaluation process.
2. Satisfactory attendance and active participation in the Clinical Reflections Seminars.

### **Criteria for Evaluation:**

In order to receive credit for this course, the student must:

1. Satisfactorily complete all of the objectives on the evaluation tool (see attached).
2. Satisfactorily complete all specified course objectives.
3. Attend and actively participate in both Clinical Reflections Seminars.

### **Utilization of Blackboard:**

This course utilizes the Blackboard Learning System. Students must have an active directory account to log in to Blackboard. Students needing assistance with their AD account can log onto

### **Clinical Reflection Seminars:**

The purpose of the Clinical Reflection Seminars is to allow time for students to share and reflect upon their experiences thus far in the externship and to take part in group discussion and analysis of client scenarios that have occurred over the summer. This discussion will also include how critical thinking, management of responsibilities and professionalism have been demonstrated during that timeframe. The UK clinical instructors will be the facilitators during these seminars. There will be two (2) required 4-hour Clinical Reflection Seminars held in the College of Nursing throughout the summer (Weeks 5 & 9). Students will need to work their scheduled time with the preceptor around these times to be able to attend these sessions. Students will be paid the same for attending these seminars as they are working on the floor. The two dates for these seminars are:

- July 2 (Thur) 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- July 30 (Thur) 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Teacher/Course Evaluations:**

The University policy on faculty performance review requires that faculty obtain student evaluations of teaching for every course every semester. To meet the requirement, the College of Nursing uses a web-based course evaluation. All students enrolled in this course are required to visit the Course Evaluation website to fill out evaluations or to decline the opportunity within the designated time frame. Students who don't visit the website within the designated time will receive an incomplete in the course that will remain until the website is visited. Students should take this opportunity to provide serious input regarding faculty performance and course evaluation. These evaluations are used by the College of Nursing to improve the curriculum and enhance faculty teaching. Evaluations are completely anonymous. The information is compiled and shared with individual faculty members, associate dean, and dean only after final grades are submitted.

11/30/08 JCowley/PBurkhart

12/5/08 Approved by UK Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC)

12/17/08 Approved by UK Undergraduate Faculty

**Davis, Joanne**

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**To:** Teachey, Peggy C  
**Subject:** RE: approval of SNAP program

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**From:** Teachey, Peggy C  
**Sent:** Monday, December 22, 2008 4:33 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Debra; Ashford, Kristin H; Brockopp, Dorothy Y; Burkhart, Patricia V; Butler, Karen M; Cowley, Jennifer; Diebold, Claudia M; Gordy, Carrie; Hall, Julia J; Hardin-Fanning, Frances; Hensley, Vicki; Kral, Paula R; Lovitz, Wanda F; Lowry, Regina; Miller, Mary J; Mudd, Gla; Pierce, Melanie H; Riker, Carol A; Scott, Leslie K; Staten, Ruth R; Wagner, Kathleen D; Walmsley, Lee A; Welsh, J. Darlene; Wilson, Jessica L  
**Subject:** approval of SNAP program

UPC recommended at its December 5, 2008 meeting, approval of the SNAP program and to send the call for a vote electronically to full time undergraduate faculty. The vote has been completed and SNAP program has been approved. There are 24 full time faculty eligible to vote. We received 18 votes "YES", and did not received any "NO" votes. Thanks.  
Peg

*Peg Teachey*

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