POLICY # C-16
See Procedure C-16

TITLE: TRADITIONAL BSN PLACEMENT POLICY

POLICY: Placement of students on upper division campuses is based on the following principles:
1) Maximal placement of the most qualified students;
2) Optimal use of resources (e.g. clinical, faculty, financial); and
3) Increasing the supply of baccalaureate prepared nurses.

All students applying for placement must meet minimal the qualifications as outlined in the criteria for placement within this policy. In addition, MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing considers requests for reserved seats from the following programs:
1) Caring for Our Own Program (CO-OP) up to 5 reserved placements per semester-one at each campus
2) MSU-Bozeman ARMY ROTC up to 5 reserved seats per AY for placement on the Billings campus
3) MSU-Bozeman AIR-FORCE ROTC up to 2 reserved seats per AY for placement on the Bozeman Campus
4) MSU-Bozeman Athletics and Music up to 2 reserved seats per AY for each program for students who are scholarship supported / fully affiliated students in those programs on the Bozeman Campus

If the reserved seats are not utilized by these programs, the reservation is returned to the College and those seats are filled as per C-16 procedures. Students who withdraw from ROTC or COOP or who are no longer scholarship supported/affiliated with the programs for Music and Athletics, will be required to forfeit their reserved placement, but may apply to the program on their own merit.

RATIONALE: The College of Nursing placement policy provides for the screening of applicants to the nursing program based on established criteria that demonstrate best potential for student success. Limited resources (e.g. clinical, faculty, and financial) make judicious use of available upper division placements essential. The reserved placements for affiliated CO-OP, ROTC, Music, and Athletic students are made available to facilitate access of critical program supports and to serve the larger campus community.

Criteria for Pre-Nursing and Transfer Students applying for Upper Division Placement:
A. A calculated GPA of 3.0 or higher in required prerequisite courses (or their equivalents) is required to apply to the nursing program. Those courses are: BIOH 201, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121, CHMY 123, CLS 101, FCS 101, NUTR 221, PSYX 100, SOCI 101, STAT 216, and WRIT 101.

In the case of a tie in pre-requisite Nursing Course GPA, the following will be evaluated in this order: 1-GPA in sciences; 2-Number of sciences completed at application (3/5 required at application); 3-Number of Pre-Requisite courses completed at application.

B. All required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better (C- grades are not acceptable) and no more than two (2) of the required prerequisite courses in A. above may be repeated one (1) time to earn a grade of C or better, regardless of the grade earned.

C. At least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to apply to the nursing program. Those courses are: BIOH 201, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121, and CHMY 123. BIOH 201 must be one of the 3 completed, in order to apply.

D. A MSU-Bozeman cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is required prior to enrolling in the first semester of the junior year of upper division coursework.

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