TITLE: REVIEW OF THE RN/BSN PROGRAM VALIDATION PROCESS

POLICY: The College of Nursing will review the RN/BSN Program every 4 years.

RATIONALE: The validation process should reflect the current faculty philosophy and represent appropriate processes for validation of specified course work. Nursing knowledge and health care are changing at a rapid rate; therefore, it is important to review and select the most up-to-date standardized examinations for use in validation. Additionally, portfolio validation should reflect trends in professional achievement of each specialty. This will permit smooth transition into the current system.

PROCEDURE:

1. RN students may validate experience/knowledge by either paper-and pencil examination or the portfolio process. In compliance with other College of Nursing policies, RN’s will complete junior level work before beginning senior level work.

2. The level of proficiency (decision score) for passing the challenge examination is 100 points on the NLN Mobility Exam.

3. Data from validation by examination and portfolio will be sent to the Assistant to the Dean on completion of the process for each individual student. These data will be compiled by the Assistant to the Dean and forwarded to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee for annual review.

4. Every 4 years, the RN-BSN advisors will begin the review process. This will consist of reviewing the standardized tests, the examination passing rate and the portfolio data. Advisors are convened by the Associate Dean.

5. The appropriate specialty groups will send recommendations relative to use of the standardized examinations and portfolio to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee.

6. The Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee will forward recommendations, after committee action, to the faculty for approval.

Approved by:

Academic Affairs Committee: 5/15/87; 12/4/92; 3/11/99
Faculty: 6/11/87; 2/8/93; 5/6/99
Dean: 7/8/87;