TITeL: RN/BSN PORTFOLIOS FOR VALIDATION OF NURSING COURSES

POLICY: Validation by portfolio is an option for the Registered Nurse (RN) student to demonstrate successful attainment of course objectives for the following courses:

- N330 Nursing Care Aging Adult 3
- N340 Physiological Concepts 5
- N346 Family Child Nursing I 5
- N347 Family Child Nursing II 5
- N358 Medical-Surgical Nursing I 5
- N436 Psychiatric Nursing 6

RATIONALE: The College of Nursing provides the portfolio mechanism for RNs to document achievement of specific course objectives through previous academic course work, work experience, continuing education activities, and / or specialty certification as an alternative mechanism to validation by challenge examination. RN students, as adult learners, need options to demonstrate their knowledge of essential content in selected nursing courses.

PROCEDURE:

1. The RN/BSN student submits the portfolio to the Career Analysis and Development (CAD) course instructor or the RN Academic Advisor on his/her campus by the established deadline.

2. Specialty groups identify faculty members as content experts to review portfolios for each course.

3. In consultation with the RN Academic Advisor, the Associate Dean designates content experts from the pool of faculty to review a given portfolio.

4. Two content experts independently review a student’s portfolio and decide whether or not the portfolio successfully demonstrates achievement of the course objectives.

5. If both reviewers agree that the portfolio does or does not demonstrate attainment of course objectives, the student is awarded course credit by validation (Pass or Fail).

6. If the two reviewers are not in agreement about achievement of course objectives, a third content expert from the appropriate specialty area reviews the portfolio to make the determination.

7. In the event a student does not successfully validate by portfolio, the reviewers specify which objectives have not been met and provide this feedback to the RN/BSN student (via the student’s Academic Advisor) within six weeks of submission of the portfolio.

8. Options for students who do not successfully validate include:
   a) Take the appropriate challenge exam (if available) or
   b) Enroll in the MSU course for which validation was sought (pending available space).

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