UPPER DIVISION 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.

Additionally, the MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing Caring for Our Own Program (CO-OP) has a total of seven reserved placements each year (one in fall and one in spring in Billings; one in fall in Bozeman; one in fall and one in spring in Great Falls; and one in fall and one in spring in Missoula). The MSU-Bozeman ARMY ROTC program has up to five reserved placements for cadets each academic year on any non-Bozeman campus.

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. Every effort is made to maximize the number of placements which may vary each placement round according to available resources. The reserved placements for CO-OP and ROTC students are available to facilitate the progression of these students through the program in a timely manner.

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.

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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