**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**POLICY C-16**

**TITLE:** ADMISSION & PLACEMENT INTO THE BSN and ABSN PROGRAMS

**POLICY:** All studentsapplying for admission to the traditional or accelerated programs must meet the qualifications as outlined below. Campus placement honors student preferences in descending order by rank in the applicant pool. The College of Nursing considers requests for reserved seats using a qualitative process to allocate placement for students in academic and scholarship or waiver-based programs, including the Caring for Our Own Program, ROTC, Athletics, Music/Band/Orchestra, Hilleman Scholars, and Rodeo.The process used to place students is further described in the companion document “C-16 Procedure.” Students must maintain their standing within any of the above programs to keep a reserved placement, otherwise students will be placed according to their general application.

**RATIONALE:** The College of Nursing admission and placement policy provides for the screening of applicants to the nursing program based on criteria that demonstrate best potential for student success. The reserved placements for students in MSU-affiliated programs are made available to facilitate access to critical program supports and to serve the larger MSU campus community.

# Criteria for Pre-Nursing and Transfer Students applying for Admission:

1. A calculated GPA of 3.0 or higher in nursing prerequisite courses is required. Those courses are: BIOH 201, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121, CHMY 123, US Core, HDFS 101, NUTR 221, PSYX 100, SOCI 101, STAT 216, and WRIT 101. University Seminar (US)
2. ABSN applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree prior to the beginning of the nursing program and are exempt for WRIT 101 and US Core.
3. All required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better. No more than two repeats of the required prerequisite courses are allowed unless they are taken more than 5 years ago as of the application deadline date/semester. Students may contact their advisor for information on an appeal process for this rule.
4. At time of application, at least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better of which one must be BIOH 201. Those courses are: BIOH 201, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121, and CHMY 123.

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# Approved by:

**Level I: Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee - UAAC (May 11, 2020)**

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