

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
POLICY C-16**

TITLE: ADMISSION & PLACEMENT INTO THE TRADITIONAL BSN PROGRAM

POLICY: All students applying for admission to Nursing must meet the qualifications as outlined in A – D. Students will be asked to rank the five campuses by their preference. Preferences are honored in descending order by academic 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 (CO-OP) (5 reserved placements per semester), 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 clinical 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:

- A.** 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, 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 and no more than two of the required prerequisite courses may be repeated one 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, 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.

Approved by:

Level I: Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee - UAAC (December, 2019)

Level II: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (January 14, 2020)