

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING

POLICY # C-19

TITLE: ADMISSION & PLACEMENT INTO THE ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM

POLICY: Placement of students in the ABSN option 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.

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 ABSN placements essential. Every effort is made to identify appropriate placements.

All students applying for placement must meet minimal qualifications as outlined in the criteria for placement within this policy. In addition, MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing considers requests for reserved seats from the Caring for Our Own program (CO-OP) to reserve up to 3 reserved placements **per application round**

Criteria for Students applying for ABSN Placement:

- A. A calculated GPA of 3.00 or higher in required prerequisite courses (or their equivalents) is required to apply to the ABSN nursing option. Those courses are: BIOH 201, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121, CHMY 123, FCS 101, NUTR 221, PSYX 100, SOCI 101, and STAT 216. 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. The ABSN applicant may not have more than 9 credits of the pre-requisite courses in process during the semester of application (i.e. Fall Semester Application for the following Summer Semester placement).
- D. Official transcripts for pre-requisite courses in process at the time of application (see C above), must be completed, and transcripts must be posted to Nursing CAS by no later than January 15th following the application deadline.

Reviewed/Approved by: Level I: UAAC (March, 2018, December, 2019)

Level II: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (March, 2018, January, 2020)