

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

POLICY # C-19

TITLE: **Accelerated BSN (ABSN) PLACEMENT POLICY**

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.

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.

The nursing pre-requisite courses are:

CHMY 121 -Introduction to General chemistry with a face to face lab	NUTR 221 -Human Nutrition
CHMY 123 - Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Principles with a face to face lab	FCS 101 Individual and Family Development & Wellbeing –Across the Lifespan* OR PSYX 230 Development Across the Lifespan* *Must include infancy through death.
BIOH 201 -Anatomy and Physiology I. with a face to face lab (human)	PSYX 100 -Introduction to Psychology
BIOH 211 - Anatomy and Physiology II. with a face to face lab (human)	SOC 101 -Introduction to Sociology

BIOM 250 -Microbiology for Health Sciences (no lab required)	STAT 216 -Introduction to Statistics
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- A. All required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better (C- grades are not acceptable).
- B. The ABSN applicant may not have more than 9 credits of the pre-requisite course(s?) in process during the semester of application (i.e. Fall Semester Application for the following Summer Semester placement).
- C. 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.
- D. 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. (I.e. **maximum of 2 retakes** in the pre-requisites—regardless of the grade earned).

Reviewed/Approved by:

Level I: UAAC (March, 2017)

Level II: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs (April, 2017)