

Curriculum Revision Form

Effective Date: FALL 2026

Submission Date: September 15, 205

Department: Nursing

College of: Arts & Sciences

Contact Person: Amy Hite

Minor Required? No

Revision

Major/Minor/Emphasis/Certification Name:

Bachelor Of Science in Nursing: Pre Licensure Emphases

If selection is "Deletion" complete questions 2, 3, & 4, then complete signatures.

Revision to Curriculum – REQUIRES ACADEMIC PLANNING EXCEL ATTACHED.

Used to change program name and/or curriculum, effective the upcoming academic catalog.

Removes Major/Minor/Emphasis/Certificate from upcoming catalog.

1. Describe ALL Changes:

PSU School of Nursing has adopted new Program Outcomes for the BSN curriculum, reviewed and updated course descriptions and outcomes to align with the Program Outcomes, adjusted course credit hours to align with "The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education" (AACN, 2021).

NURS 322: Change from 3 to 2 credit hours

NURS 318: Change from 5 to 6 credit hours

NURS 452: Change from 4 to 3 credit hours (remove 1 hour clinical Spring 2027)

NURS 462: Change from 4 to 3 credit hours (remove 1 hour clinical Spring 2027)

NURS 457: re-activate for 2 credit hours (clinical from 452 and 462 Spring 2027)

NURS 499: Change from 4 to 2 credit hours

NURS 600: Change from 2 to 3 credit hours

NURS 601: Change name to Capstone and from 1 to 2 credit hours.

Total Upper Division Nursing hours is unchanged (62 credit)

2. Rationale for change, including changes to curriculum objectives:

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) developed "The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education" in 2021. Schools of nursing were encouraged to begin the transition to meet these guidelines. In 2024, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) adopted "The Essentials" for accreditation of nursing programs "Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs." The PSU School of Nursing completed a thorough review of our curriculum, attended national conferences, requested student input, utilized student evaluations, and developed the new curriculum with updated Course Descriptions, Course Objectives, and Assessment Strategies to align with "The Essentials" and Accreditation Standards.

3. Will this change affect any education majors? *If "yes," this requirement will need approval of the Council for Teacher Education before upload to "College Curriculum Legislation" in SharePoint.*



Yes



No

4. If this change affects any other department on campus, **please attach all email notifications between departments.**

5. Does the revision meet University catalog definitions for majors, minors, emphases, and certificates as appropriate?

Yes No

6. Will additional resources or costs will be required?

Yes No

If so, what will be needed?

Definition of an Emphasis

Area of Emphasis is a specific subject area that exists within an approved degree program and major. At Pittsburg State University a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 24 credit hours are expected for an area of emphasis in a baccalaureate degree program.

Definition of a Minor

Minors at Pittsburg State University may range from 15 to 24 credit hours. When selected to accompany a degree that requires a minor there must be at least nine unique credit hours in the minor that are not found in the student's major in order to meet graduation requirements. In instances where the major requires a minor (not the degree type), academic departments/schools may specify minors that best achieve the learning objective for their students.

Definition of Certificate Program

A certificate program can be undergraduate or graduate in course content and provides a specific body of knowledge for personal or career development or professional continuing education. Certificates may be taken while also pursuing a degree or independent from any other studies at Pittsburg State University. It is recommended that if the student is only pursuing a certificate and not in conjunction with a degree and wishes to apply for federal financial assistance that they visit with personnel in the Student Financial Assistance office regarding the eligibility for aid for the certificate of interest. At Pittsburg State University a certificate can range from 12 credit hours to 24 credit hours.

Authorization Sign-Off Sheet

Checklist: Check once verified.



- Program guide from current catalog.
- Academic Planning Excel attached.
- 120 Credit hours met.
- Course Id's match Course names.
- Course hours are correct.
- Listed courses are currently active.
- Needed Documentation attached.

-Approved: Department Chair/Director

Date: 10/10/25

Signature: Amy Hiltz

-Approved: College Curriculum Committee

Date: 1/14/26

Signature: Christopher Gilders

-Approved: Dean of College

Date: 1/14/26

Signature: Christopher Gilders

-Approved: Council for Teacher Education (if applicable)

Date: _____

Signature: _____

-Approved: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: _____

Signature: _____

-Approved: Faculty Senate

Date: _____

Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate: _____

Following final College Curriculum Committee approval, please apply the appropriate signatures, and send them to your College Administrator.

Originating Department: After completing this form, please upload it to the SharePoint, within the appropriate College folder, "Preliminary Legislation", to allow for review and questions. Any modifications should be saved as "original file name.v2.pdf" and uploaded as well.

Make sure to attach the program guide from current catalog! (For Revised Curriculum)

<https://www.pittstate.edu/registrar/catalog>

Academic Planning Document for 2025-2026

Major/Emphasis/Minor/Certificate - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pre Licensure Emphasis

Course Prefix	Course Num.	Course Name	Cr. Hr.
		Core Courses -	61
NURS	265	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	2
NURS	318	Nursing Fundamentals	6
NURS	320	Health Assessment	3
NURS	322	Professional Nursing	2
NURS	390	Pathophysiology	3
NURS	405	Geronotological Nursing	3
NURS	410	Nursing the Adult Medical Surgical Client	7
NURS	442	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS	452	Nursing the Childbearing Family	3
NURS	457	Nursing the Child and Childbearing Practicum	2
NURS	462	Nursing the Child and Family	3
NURS	470	Nursing the Psych/Mental Health Client	4
NURS	482	Evidenc Based Practice and Research	2
NURS	499	Concepts of Leadership in an Evolving Healthcare System	2
NURS	502	Community Health Nursing	5
NURS	525	Advanced care of the Med-Surg Client	6
NURS	600	Transitions in Nursing Practice	3
NURS	601	Capstone	2
		Support Courses -	23
CHEM	105/106	Intro to Chem and Lab	4
BIOL	257/258	Anatomy and Physiology and Lab	5
BIOL	371/372	General Microbiology and Lab	5
FCS	203	Nutrition and Health	3
PSYCH	263	Developmental Psych	3
MATH	113	College Algebra (Bucket 3)	
BIOL	111/112	General Biology/General Biology Lab (Bucket 4)	
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology (Bucket 5)	3
PSYCH	155	General Psychology (Bucket 5)	
		Emphasis Courses -	0
		Elective Courses -Select 1 course for 1-3 credits	1
		Select	
NURS	303	Introduction to Public Health	3
NURS	314	Healthcare Terminology/ Drug Calc	3
NURS	370	Women's Health Issues	2
NURS	445	Transcultural Health Care	3

NURS	570	Special Topics in Nursing	6
NURS	580	Readings in Nursing	6
NURS	605	Independent Study	6
Total Credit Hours -			85
Minor -			
General Education, 34-35 hours -			35
Total Credit Hours:			120

Be sure all information is correct and courses are active before submitting.

Curriculum Revisions **REQUIRE** a program guide from the current catalog, 24/25.

Your legislation will be returned if either is found.

DO NOT SAVE AS PDF, Leave in Excel worksheet format!