

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: RN to BSN 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).

All courses have updated descriptions and course outcomes.

Credit hours were not changed in any course.

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 Hite*

-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, RN to BSN Emphasis

Course Prefix	Course Num.	Course Name	Cr. Hr.
Core Courses -			30
NURS	304	Advancing Careers: Transitioning to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS	321	Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse	4
NURS	340	Nurse's Role in Health Promotion	2
NURS	407	Gerontology for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS	484	Evidence-Based Research for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS	503	Population Based Healthcare for the Registered Nurse	4
NURS	505	Leadership and Management for the Registered Nurse	4
NURS	665	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse	3
NURS	668	Health Care Policy Today and in the Future for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS	670	Family Health Care Nursing	4
Support Courses -			24
PSYCH	155	General Psychology (Bucket 5) HRS COUNTED IN GEN ED	
MATH	113	College Algebra (Bucket 3) HRS COUNTED IN GEN ED	
BIOL	257/258	Anatomy & Physiology Lecture & Lab	5
FCS	203	Nutrition & Health (Bucket 7)	3
PSYCH	263	Developmental Psych	3
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology (Bucket 5)	3
BIOL	371/372	Microbiology Lecture & Lab	5
BIOL	111/112	General Biology & Lab (Bucket 4)	5
Emphasis Courses -			0
Elective Courses -			32
		Credit by Examination	32

		Total Credit Hours -	86
		Minor -	
		General Education, 34-35 hours -	34
		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!



Outlook

Fw: question

From Amy Hite <ahite@pittstate.edu>**Date** Wed 1/14/2026 4:14 PM**To** Christopher Childers <rchilders@pittstate.edu>; Janet Kingman <jakingman@pittstate.edu>; Karen Johnson <kajohnson@pittstate.edu>

Hello, see Melinda's response below. Amy

Amy Hite, EdD(c), DNP, APRN, FNP, FAAN
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Director and Professor

From: Melinda Roelfs <mroelfs@pittstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 5:13:27 PM
To: Jody Neef <cneef@pittstate.edu>
Cc: Amy Hite <ahite@pittstate.edu>
Subject: Re: question

Hi Jody,

We may have added to some of the confusion, unfortunately, based on the instructions we provided to Nursing in regard to completing the form. The standard form that was created was not designed to allow required Gen Eds since only a very small group of programs have been provided exceptions from KBOR.

I am hoping what I've noted below helps. There are three courses listed in support courses where the credit hours are being counted in the Gen Ed, not in the support courses total. The three courses are MATH 113, BIOL 111/112 and PSYCH 155. I've removed the hours from the list below to better illustrate the courses being counted in the support courses total hours.

		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) HRS COUNTED IN GEN ED	
BIOL	111/112	General Biology/General Biology Lab (Bucket 4) HRS COUNTED IN GEN ED	
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology (Bucket 5)	3
PSYCH	155	General Psychology (Bucket 5) HRS COUNTED IN GEN ED	

In the Gen Ed listing below, you can see that MATH 113, BIOL 111/112 and PSYCH 155 are being counted in the Gen Ed. Not to create more confusion, but if a student were to take SOC 100 as their other Gen Ed Bucket #5 course, then the student would have 3 additional hours of open electives needed to get to 120 since SOC 100 would then be included in the Gen Ed hours in place of XXX.

General Education, 34-35 hours -		35
	Bucket 1	6
	Bucket 2	3
	Bucket 3 - College Algebra	3
	Bucket 4 - General Biology/General Biology Lab	5
	Bucket 5 - XXX & General Psychology	6
	Bucket 6	6
	Bucket 7	6

It's a bit of a shell game when dealing with Gen Eds that are also major course requirements.

Let me know if you still have questions. These are always confusing conversations!

Thanks,
Melinda

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From: Jody Neef <cneef@pittstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 11:31 AM
To: Melinda Roelfs <mroelfs@pittstate.edu>
Cc: Amy Hite <ahite@pittstate.edu>
Subject: question

Hi Melinda,

Can you please clarify something for me concerning the planning Academic Planning Document for Nursing? I understand that they have an exception and can choose the gen eds. But it seems as if some gen eds are being counted twice.

Some of the gen-ed courses that count for the 35 hrs of gen-ed are also being listed and counted as support courses. This seems to be counting courses twice. To illustrate my point, I have listed the gen ed courses that comprise the 35 hrs (under gen ed) and highlighted the courses that seem to be listed twice. Please enlighten me because I am somewhat confused.

Amy: My apologize for being a pain. I am not trying to be a pain, but I think that it is coming off that way.

Jody Neef

Professor of Chemistry

Vice-Chair ACS POLY Regional Meetings Committee

Pittsburg State University



Fwd: Exemptions for KBOR Gen Ed

From: Christopher Childers <rchilders@pittstate.edu>
Date: Tue 1/13/2026 3:11 PM
To: Janet Kingman <jakingman@pittstate.edu>

Dr. Christopher Childers
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melinda Roelfs <mroelfs@pittstate.edu>
Date: January 13, 2026 at 3:09:14 PM CST
To: Amy Hite <ahite@pittstate.edu>
Cc: Christopher Childers <rchilders@pittstate.edu>
Subject: Re: Exemptions for KBOR Gen Ed

Hi Amy,

Because Nursing is identified as a systemwide transfer associate degree, Nursing programs across the system have been given a permanent exception allowing specific pre-req courses in the Gen Ed. When I reviewed your curriculum changes, I compared them to KBOR's systemwide Nursing degree and they were in compliance.

The list of approved exceptions for the KBOR Gen Ed along with all the systemwide transfer associate degrees can be found at https://www.kansasregents.gov/academic_affairs/general-education/general-education-exceptions

Hope this helps. Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Melinda

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From: Amy Hite <ahite@pittstate.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 5:40 PM
To: Melinda Roelfs <mroelfs@pittstate.edu>
Cc: Christopher Childers <rchilders@pittstate.edu>
Subject: Fw: Exemptions for KBOR Gen Ed

Melinda, as we took our Pre Licensure and RN to BSN revised curricula to CAS Curriculum committee today, it was brought up that we have courses that are pre-reqs and general education. I had forgotten about the exemption that was approved for Nursing to have the Pre Requ exemption in 2023. Cheryl is searching her email for the final approval from KBOR. If she doesn't have this, I will look at KBOR minutes from Summer/Fall 2023.

Can you remind me, how long is this exemption in place? And does it continue with a Curriculum Revision? We are not making any changes to Gen Ed or Pre-Reqs.

Thanks, Amy

From: Melinda Roelfs <mroelfs@pittstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 8:17 AM

To: Bobby Winters <bwinters@pittstate.edu>; Mary Carol Pomatto <mpomatto@pittstate.edu>; Cheryl Giefer <cgiefer@pittstate.edu>
Subject: Exemptions for KBOR Gen Ed

Hi all,

Below is a summary of the COAS programs considered for a KBOR Gen Ed exemption.

COAS	Exp Type 1	Details	Exp Type 2	Details
Biology - Biology Education	Pre-Req	CHEM 215 and CHEM 216		
Chemistry - Pharmaceutical Chemistry	ON HOLD, MAY NEED TO FILE LATER			
Nursing	Pre-Req	BIOL 111 and BIOL 112	Buckets	Reduce bucket 7 by 3 credit hours

Biology Education is a pre-req exemption and should be straightforward. We will need to further discuss Pharmaceutical Chemistry, but for now, we can wait on this one. We will have an opportunity to file additional exemptions in the future if necessary.

Nursing has a pre-req exemption and will also need to modify bucket #7 by reducing it to 3 hours in order to make room for all the courses in the curriculum. With this type of request, we also need to submit a program guide. Please see attached. Cheryl, please review this guide for accuracy. This guide reflects the new KBOR Gen Ed.

I plan to submit all PSU requests on Friday, July 28th. (I am meeting with Dr. Smith on Thursday morning, July 27th to review all our submissions.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by next Wednesday the 26th.

Thanks,
 Melinda

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