**Executive Summary**

**Practical Nursing/Registered Nursing Program Changes**

**Rationale:**

Due to changes in the requirements of the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Barton Community College nursing programs need to change their overall credit hours of its Practical Nursing (PN) program and its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

The changes for the PN program involve increasing the overall credit hours to a minimum of 45 credit hours to be classified as a Certificate 3 or C, by the KBOR. The changes for the ADN program involve decreasing the overall credit hours to be a maximum of 70 credit hours to achieve compliance with ACEN and HLC requirements.

**Curriculum:**

Changes for the PN program include:

* Eliminating Medical Terminology as a pre-requisite course
* Eliminating Computer Concepts and Applications as a pre-requisite course
* Including English Composition I as a pre-requisite course
* Including Public Speaking as a pre-requisite course
* Increasing Fundamentals of Nursing from four credit hours to five credit hours
* Increasing Medical Surgical Nursing I from four credit hours to five credit hours
* Increasing Pharmacology for Nurses from two credit hours to three credit hours
* Increasing PN Transition into Nursing Practice from one credit hour to two credit hours

Changes for the ADN program include:

* All of the PN program changes
* Eliminating Introduction to Sociology as a co-requisite course
* Decreasing RN Leadership and Management from three credit hours to two credit hours

**Admission and Graduation Requirements:**

* The general admission requirements for the program will stay the same with the exception of the pre-requisite and co-requisite course changes as described in the curriculum section of this summary.
* The AAS in Nursing will change as described in the curriculum section of this summary. The requirements for the Associate of Applied Science will be met with these changes.

**Facilities:**

* No facility changes would need to take place.

**Resources:**

* There would be no additional funding required for these changes. However, there would be a decrease in revenue due to the credit hour decrease.

**Faculty:**

* No additional faculty will be required for implementation of the proposed changes.

**Approvals:**

* These recommendations have been approved by the BCC Nursing Faculty.
* These recommendations have been approved by the BCC Nursing Advisory Board on April 4, 2014.
* The changes will need to be approved by the KSBN. This will be presented to the Education Committee at KSBN on June 17, 2014.
* The changes will need to be approved through the college’s CAM process.
* These changes will need to be finally approved by ACEN.
* Once final approval is received, the changes will be implemented in August 2015.

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**Practical Nursing Program**

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| **Current** |  | **Proposed** |  |
| **Requirements (Pre-Requisites)** LIFE 1408 Anatomy & Physiology MDAS 1672 Medical Terminology PSYC 1000 General Psychology PSYC 1014 Developmental Psychology BSTC 1036 Computer Concepts & App. **Total General Education**  | **Credit**53333**17** | **Requirements (Pre-Requisites)** LIFE 1408 Anatomy & Physiology PSYC 1000 General Psychology PSYC 1014 Developmental Psychology ENGL 1204 English Composition I COMM 1230 Public Speaking **Total General Education**  | **Credit**53333**17** |
| **Required PN Nursing Courses** NURS 1206 Fundamentals of Nursing NURS 1255 Medical Surgical Nursing I NURS 1207 Mental Health Nursing I NURS 1228 Pharmacology for Nurses NURS 1258 Maternal Child Nursing I NURS 1210 Gerontological Nursing NURS 1256 Medical Surgical Nursing II NURS 1265 PN Transition into Nursing  Practice **Total Nursing Courses**  | **Credit**44223261**24** | **Required PN Nursing Courses** NURS 1206 Fundamentals of Nursing NURS 1255 Medical Surgical Nursing I NURS 1207 Mental Health Nursing I NURS 1228 Pharmacology for Nurses NURS 1258 Maternal Child Nursing I NURS 1210 Gerontological Nursing NURS 1256 Medical Surgical Nursing II NURS 1265 PN Transition into Nursing  Practice **Total Nursing Courses**  | **Credit**55233262**28** |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **41** | **Total Credit Hours** | **45** |

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**Associate Degree Program**

**Associate in Applied Science**

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| **Current** |  | **Proposed** |  |
| **Requirements (Pre-Requisites)** LIFE 1408 Anatomy & Physiology MDAS 1672 Medical Terminology PSYC 1000 General Psychology PSYC 1014 Developmental Psychology BSTC 1036 Computer Concepts & App. **Total General Education**  | **Credit**53333**17** | **Requirements (Pre-Requisites)** LIFE 1408 Anatomy & Physiology PSYC 1000 General Psychology PSYC 1014 Developmental Psychology ENGL 1204 English Composition I COMM 1230 Public Speaking **Total General Education**  | **Credit**53333**17** |
| **Required Co-Requisite**ENGL 1204 English Composition I COMM 1230 Public Speaking SOCI 1100 Intro to Sociology LIFE 1412 Principles of Microbiology | **Credit**3335 | **Required Co-Requisite**LIFE 1412 Principles of Microbiology | **Credit**5 |
| **Required ADN Nursing Courses** NURS 1206 Fundamentals of Nursing NURS 1255 Medical Surgical Nursing I NURS 1207 Mental Health Nursing I NURS 1228 Pharmacology for Nurses NURS 1258 Maternal Child Nursing I NURS 1210 Gerontological Nursing NURS 1256 Medical Surgical Nursing II NURS 1265 PN Transition into Nursing  Practice NURS 1257 Medical Surgical Nursing IIINURS 1259 Maternal Child Nursing IINURS 1264 RN Leadership &  ManagementNURS 1208 Mental Health Nursing IINURS 1261 Medical Surgical Nursing IV**Total Nursing Courses**  | **Credit**4422326163345**51** | **Required ADN Nursing Courses** NURS 1206 Fundamentals of Nursing NURS 1255 Medical Surgical Nursing I NURS 1207 Mental Health Nursing I NURS 1228 Pharmacology for Nurses NURS 1258 Maternal Child Nursing I NURS 1210 Gerontological Nursing NURS 1256 Medical Surgical Nursing II NURS 1265 PN Transition into Nursing  Practice NURS 1257 Medical Surgical Nursing IIINURS 1259 Maternal Child Nursing IINURS 1264 RN Leadership &  ManagementNURS 1208 Mental Health Nursing IIINURS 1261 Medical Surgical Nursing IV**Total Nursing Courses**  | **Credit**5523326263245**48** |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **76** | **Total Credit Hours** | **70** |