

## **Curricular Approval Matrix (CAM)**

### **Executive Summary**

### **Nursing**

#### **Registered Nursing Program (RN)**

- Currently, Barton's RN Program is approved by KBOR for 69 credit hours.
- The Nursing Program is planning to add a three hour course entitled: RN Leadership & Management.
  - This course is designed to enhance our students' knowledge of leadership and management skills. This course will assist students with NCLEX questions targeted towards leadership knowledge.
- The RN Leadership & Management course has already been approved by LICC.
- The Nursing Program will also add Public Speaking as a pre-requisite course.
  - Public Speaking will be added to meet TEA alignment requirements. This course will also provide a skill base for communication which is critical for today's nurse.
- Basic Nutrition will be removed as a pre-requisite.
  - Similar content has been integrated into other nursing courses to correlate with specific disease processes.
- Computer Concepts and Applications will be added as a pre-requisite.
  - The Computer Concepts and Applications course will assist the student to meet clinical competencies in regards to documentation in the electronic medical record. Electronic medical records are being utilized at almost all healthcare facilities across the country.
- With these changes, the revised RN program will be offered for 76 credits.
- With the proposed changes, the RN student will be full-time each semester of the nursing program and potentially be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.
- The Nursing program plans to initiate these changes for the fall 2012 semester.

#### **Credit Hour Calculations**

**69 credits** Currently, Barton's RN Program is approved by KBOR for 69 credit hours.

**+3 credits** The Nursing Program is planning to add a three hour course entitled: RN Leadership & Management.

- This course is designed to enhance our students' knowledge of leadership and management skills. This course will assist students with NCLEX questions targeted towards leadership knowledge.
- The RN Leadership & Management course has already been approved by LICC.

- +3 credits** The Nursing Program will also add Public Speaking as a pre-requisite course.
- Public Speaking will be added to meet TEA alignment requirements. This course will also provide a skill base for communication which is critical for today's nurse.
- 3 credits** Basic Nutrition will be removed as a pre-requisite.
- Similar content has been integrated into other nursing courses to correlate with specific disease processes.
- +3 credits** Computer Concepts and Applications will be added as a pre-requisite.
- The Computer Concepts and Applications course will assist students to meet clinical competencies in regards to documentation in the electronic medical record. Electronic medical records are being utilized at almost all healthcare facilities across the country.
- +1 credit** PN Leadership course added in Practical Nursing program (previous CAM)
- 76 Credits** The revised RN program will be offered for 76 credits.
- With the proposed changes, the RN student will be full-time each semester of the nursing program and will potentially be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.
  - The Nursing program plans to initiate these changes for the fall 2012 semester.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Dr. Kathleen Kottas

Executive Director of Nursing & Healthcare Education

August 24, 2011, Revised September 29, 2011