

**York University  
Faculty of Health Council**

**Notice of Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building**

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Faculty of Health meetings support our mission to provide an innovative and supportive environment for learning, discovery and engagement. To ensure our common value of diversity is fully reflected, our events, publications and meetings make every effort to be accessible to all.

**2014-2015 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building:**

- February 4, 2015
- March 4, 2015
- April 1, 2015
- May 6, 2015

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**Faculty of Health  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014  
Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** C. Ardern, A. Belcastro, F. Bernabe, J. Connolly, M. Dastjerdi, M. Fox, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, W. Heinrichs, J. Jeffrey, E. Jensen, I.K. Maimets, M. Mongrain, S. Murtha, C. O'Grady, B. Oraziatti, A. Perry, H. Skinner, G. Ross, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, P. Zare-Zadeh.

Guests: W. Anderson, R. Bishop, R. Nariani, L. Sadhwani.

**1. Chair's remarks**

Chair B. Oraziatti welcomed Council members. She reminded Council members and guests to sign the attendance book and note dates and times of the 2014-2015 Council meetings.

Members of Council were encouraged to raise name cards when voting and use microphones when addressing Council.

Members were encouraged to attend an Open Forum on Academic Priorities: Contexts, Planning and Implementation on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 9am.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting October 1, 2014**

In the absence of quorum a motion was sought via email.

Professor N. Richardson, moved, seconded by Professor A. Perry, that the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting of Council be approved.

The motion carried.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Dean's Remarks**

Dean Skinner discussed various events underway to raise funds for United Way. He encouraged members to donate as numerous agencies and communities benefit.

Dean Skinner is meeting with units to discuss student enrolment. This is the first year, since the Faculty was created, that enrolment targets have not been met. As part of Health's enrolment strategy the Faculty is developing certificates and building experiential education initiatives into courses.

Finally, Dean Skinner noted that the results of the Academic and Administrative Program Review will be released early November; the Shared Accountability and Resource Planning budget model will come to fruition in 2015-16; and, the University is preparing its 2015-2020 academic plan.

**5. Task Force on Sustainability**

Dr. Foster, Chair, Task Force on Sustainability Research, presented, "Task Force on Sustainability Research".

Dr. Foster provided examples of sustainable research impacting economy, equity, and environment. The Task Force will survey and collect an inventory of sustainability research at York and will report findings Spring 2015.

## **6. Data Management Services**

N. Ruest, Digital Assets Librarian, presented “Sharing and Preserving Your Research Data”. He discussed library resources including the Research Data Management guide.

Utilizing a grant from Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Scholars Portal is creating the Ontario Library Research Cloud. It will be a high capacity, geographically distributed storage and computing network using proven and scalable open source cloud technologies.

## **7. Senator’s Report**

Senator W. Heinrichs summarized key points of the October 23, 2014 meeting of Senate.

He noted that the Libraries have launched the Student Papers & Academic Research Kit (SPARK). SPARK is an online application which assists students with research, writing and learning.

The Division of Continuing Education was renamed School of Continuing Studies and will be housed with the York University English Language Institute.

The Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee transmitted sessional dates for Summer 2015 and Fall-Winter 2015-16.

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.

**2014-2015 Faculty of Health Council Meetings,  
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Building:**

December 3, 2014

January 7, 2015

February 4, 2015

March 4, 2015

April 1, 2015

May 6, 2015

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R. Bishop, Secretary

**Report of the Curriculum Committee  
Faculty of Health Council  
December 2014**

**ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**1. Proposal for changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) Program**

The Curriculum Committee recommends the proposal to revise the number of credits for the upper-level requirement from 51 to 48 in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-RN IEN Program be approved, effective Fall 2014.

**2. Proposal for changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) Program**

The Curriculum Committee recommends the proposal to replace AP/ADMS 3740 3.00 with HH/NURS 3750 3.00 and HH/NURS 3400 3.00 with HH/NURS 2513 3.00 as major credits in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-RN IEN Program be approved, effective Fall 2014.

**Rationale:**

When the IEN Program course numbers changed a few years ago the number of credits that students needed at the 3000/4000 level was not changed in the calendar copy. HH/NURS 3400 3.00 became HH/NURS 2513 3.00 which resulted in students only requiring 48 credits versus 51 credits to fulfill their upper-level requirements.

Additionally, AP/ADMS 3740 3.00 and HH/NURS 3400 3.00 were required courses that counted as major credits. The courses were changed and became HH/NURS 3750 3.00 and HH/NURS 2513 3.00 respectively, but this was not changed in the calendar copy.

<b>Existing Calendar Copy (Change From):</b>	<b>Proposed Calendar Copy (Change To):</b>
<p data-bbox="142 184 565 218"><b>Post-RN IEN BScN Program</b></p> <p data-bbox="142 260 747 378">These requirements are for students in the Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) program.</p> <p data-bbox="142 420 779 537"><b>Admission requirements:</b> entry procedures include the following academic and professional criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 583 803 701">a. International education assessed by the College of Nurses of Ontario as “diploma equivalent”.</li> <li data-bbox="191 709 716 785">b. Minimum overall average of C+ in previous nursing studies.</li> <li data-bbox="191 793 781 911">c. Proof of language proficiency for applicants who do not meet one of the following criteria:</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="142 953 626 987">1. their first language is English or</li> <li data-bbox="142 1037 803 1318">2. they have completed at least one year of full-time study at an accredited university in a country (or institution) where English is the official language of instruction. Proficiency in English is demonstrated by a minimum TOEFL score of computer: 230, paper: 573, iBT: 88 or equivalent.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="142 1360 732 1520"><b>Qualifying period:</b> once admitted, the students will enter a conditional qualifying period comprised of the following York University degree level courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 1566 727 1684">a. AP/WRIT 3900 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Essentials of Professional Writing;</li> <li data-bbox="191 1692 803 1810">b. HH/NURS 3902 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Providing Culturally Competent Care;</li> <li data-bbox="191 1818 740 1936">c. HH/NURS 3901 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Pharmacotherapeutics.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="833 184 1255 218"><b>Post-RN IEN BScN Program</b></p> <p data-bbox="833 260 1437 378">These requirements are for students in the Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) program.</p> <p data-bbox="833 420 1469 537"><b>Admission requirements:</b> entry procedures include the following academic and professional criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="881 583 1494 701">a. International education assessed by the College of Nurses of Ontario as “diploma equivalent”.</li> <li data-bbox="881 709 1409 785">b. Minimum overall average of C+ in previous nursing studies.</li> <li data-bbox="881 793 1474 911">c. Proof of language proficiency for applicants who do not meet one of the following criteria:</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="833 953 1317 987">1. their first language is English or</li> <li data-bbox="833 1037 1494 1318">2. they have completed at least one year of full-time study at an accredited university in a country (or institution) where English is the official language of instruction. Proficiency in English is demonstrated by a minimum TOEFL score of computer: 230, paper: 573, iBT: 88 or equivalent.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="833 1360 1422 1520"><b>Qualifying period:</b> once admitted, the students will enter a conditional qualifying period comprised of the following York University degree level courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="881 1566 1417 1684">a. AP/WRIT 3900 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Essentials of Professional Writing;</li> <li data-bbox="881 1692 1494 1810">b. HH/NURS 3902 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Providing Culturally Competent Care;</li> <li data-bbox="881 1818 1430 1936">c. HH/NURS 3901 3.00 - three credits University 3000-level course - Pharmacotherapeutics.</li> </ul>

Successful completion of the qualifying period requires a minimum overall average of 5.00 (C+) at the end of each session to be eligible to continue in the Post-RN IEN BScN program.

**Residency requirement:** a minimum of 30 course credits and at least half (50 per cent) of the course credits required in each undergraduate degree program major/minor must be taken at York University.

**Graduation requirement:** all graduates must complete a total of at least 120 credits with a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 5.00 (C+), including a minimum grade of 5.00 (C+) in all nursing (NURS) courses.

**120 credits including:**

- 60 transfer credits for recognition of diploma equivalent education and successful completion of nine credits from the pre-qualifying session.

**Major credits:** students must complete a minimum of 51 major credits as follows:

~~AP/ADMS 3740 3.00~~

HH/NURS 2300 3.00

HH/NURS 2731 6.00

HH/NURS 3010 3.00

HH/NURS 3130 3.00

HH/NURS 3300 3.00

~~HH/NURS 3400 3.00~~

HH/NURS 3770 3.00

HH/NURS 4120 6.00

HH/NURS 4131 6.00

HH/NURS 4150 6.00

HH/NURS 4710 3.00

HH/NURS 4910 3.00

**Upper-level requirement:** a minimum of **54** credits must be taken at the 3000 level or 4000

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**Upper-level requirement:** a minimum of **48** credits must be taken at the 3000 level or 4000

level, including at least 24 credits at the 4000 level.

**Note:** HH/NURS 2731 6.00, HH/NURS 4120 6.00 and HH/NURS 4131 6.00 have practicum components. If the grade for the practicum component is “fail” then the overall final course grade will be “F”. HH/NURS 4150 6.00 is graded as "credit/no credit". Successful completion of the practicum course, as indicated by achieving a credit, is a requirement in the BScN program.

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<u><b>Program Course</b></u>	<u><b>Course Substitutes</b></u>
<u>HH/NURS 3750 3.00</u>	<u>AP/ADMS 3740 3.00</u>
<u>HH/NURS 2513 3.0</u>	<u>HH/NURS 3400 3.0</u>

**Report of the  
Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards  
of the Faculty of Health Council  
December 2014**

**ITEM FOR ACTION:**

**1. Proposal for changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2nd Degree Entry Program**

The Committee on Examination and Academic Standards recommends the proposal to revise the admission requirements in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2nd Degree Entry Program be approved, effective Fall 2015.

**Rationale:**

This proposal seeks to make the following changes in the admission requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2nd Degree Entry Program:

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of C+ for the last 60 credits be increased to B, and the minimum GPA of B for the last 30 credits be increased to B+
2. Minimum grade for all prerequisite courses to be set at B, rather than York's current pass for courses of C

The first change would harmonize the admission requirement for the Collaborative BScN program where the admission cutoff is B+.

The number of applications in recent years has increased to over 800 for 150 positions in the program. Those admitted all had a minimum of B for the last 60 credits and B+ or higher for the last 30 credits. Having to evaluate so many additional files does not change the actual number of students offered admission.

Having a lower than required cut off may have a deleterious effect on recruitment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Entry BScN program, as the program may be seen to be less rigorous/less attractive to students who have higher averages. Comparative schools of nursing in the GTA, Hamilton have more rigorous admission requirements ranging from B+ to A.

**With regard to #2 above,** Current York Nursing students must receive a grade of at least C+ in all NURS courses in order to continue and graduate in the program. Allowing students to apply to NURS with pre-requisite grades lower than the minimum grade required of current students in the program is counter-intuitive to the School's high standards.



Existing Requirements (Change From):	Proposed Changes (Change To):
<p><b>Admission Requirements</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> To be eligible for this program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits at a recognized university prior to admission (equivalent to at least ten (10) university full courses), with a cumulative grade point average of at least a <del>C+ (5.0)</del> on the York Scale) and a <del>B (6.0)</del> average in the last 30 credits.</p> <p>Please be advised that the 2nd Entry BScN program at York University is designed and intended for students with no previous nursing experience. Transfer credits are not awarded for nursing courses completed previous to your admission. Students enrolled in another BScN program at York are not permitted to transfer into the 2nd Entry BScN program.</p> <p>Admissions Criteria Of the 60 or more credits completed, the following must be included at the 1000 or above level:</p> <p>6 credits in psychology (equivalent to 1 full or 2-half courses) 6 credits in Human Anatomy and Physiology OR 3 credits in Human Anatomy and 3 credits in Human Physiology (1 full or 2-half courses). 3 credits in Statistics (1-half course). 3 credits in Microbiology* (1-half course) 3 credits in Philosophy (1-half course) 3 credits in Humanities (e.g. English, arts, history, literature, religion, philosophy, classics, drama, linguistic) (1-half course)</p> <p>Student must have completed 9 credits at the 3000 (year three) level. This can be accounted for by any course completed at the 3000 level including those identified above.</p>	<p><b>Admission Requirements</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> To be eligible for this program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits at a recognized university prior to admission (equivalent to at least ten (10) university full courses), with a cumulative grade point average of at least a <b>B (6.0)</b> on the York Scale) and a <b>B+ (7.0)</b> average in the last 30 credits.</p> <p>Please be advised that the 2nd Entry BScN program at York University is designed and intended for students with no previous nursing experience. Transfer credits are not awarded for nursing courses completed previous to your admission. Students enrolled in another BScN program at York are not permitted to transfer into the 2nd Entry BScN program.</p> <p>Admissions Criteria Of the 60 or more credits completed, the following must be included at the 1000 or above level <b>with a minimum GPA of B (6.0 on the York Scale)</b>:</p> <p>6 credits in psychology (equivalent to 1 full or 2-half courses) 6 credits in Human Anatomy and Physiology OR 3 credits in Human Anatomy and 3 credits in Human Physiology (1 full or 2-half courses). 3 credits in Statistics (1-half course). 3 credits in Microbiology* (1-half course) 3 credits in Philosophy (1-half course) 3 credits in Humanities (e.g. English, arts, history, literature, religion, philosophy, classics, drama, linguistic) (1-half course)</p> <p>Student must have completed 9 credits at the 3000 (year three) level. This can be accounted for by any course completed at the 3000 level including those identified above.</p>