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To the Academic Senators:

The LMC Nursing Department is requesting the approval of the Academic Senate to add RNURS 22, *Fundamentals of Nursing Practice*, as a General Education Requirement in the Area of Natural Sciences for the Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing.

RNURS 22 (LMC Catalog, 2015-2016, p. 210) covers the content that is described in BIOSC-005, *Biology of Health*, and (LMC catalog, 2015-2016, p. 104).

RNURS 22 is a 9.5 unit class that includes 72 hours of lecture and 297 hours of lab; BIOSC-005 includes 54 hours of lecture and 18 hours of lab. According to the LMC Catalog (2015-2016), BIOSC-005 covers “the basic functions of the human cardiovascular, respiratory, nervous, digestive, immune, and reproductive systems; and the effects of diet, exercise, prescription, illicit drugs, and stress on the systems.”

RNURS-22 teaching content includes, “the process of homeostasis in adults and children; includes the nursing process, nutrition, developmental levels, cultural diversity, therapeutic communication, and the professional role of the nurse. “ (p. 210). Additionally, the RNURS 22 Syllabus (2015) includes a list of the lectures, including Physical assessment, (part 1 and 2); Oxygenation; Nutrition; Bowel and Urinary Elimination, Wound care and Skin Integrity; Sexuality; Pain management; and Stress and Coping (see attached RNURS 22 Lecture Schedule).

The Lab content in RNURS 22 includes 16 hours per week in an acute care hospital. Nursing students are providing supervised hands on direct care to patients which includes: review of blood and body fluid lab values, provide physical assessments, providing patient education and therapeutic communication and giving medications to patients in a local hospital. Therefore the RNURS 22 students have direct experience in the Biology of Health

In the 2011-2012 LMC Catalog, it states that Registered Nursing satisfied the General Education requirement in Health Education for BIOSC-005 (p. 39).

Therefore since RNURS-22 covers virtually the same content as BIOSC-005, the Nursing Department is requesting permission from the Academic Senate to include RNURS 22 to be added to the General Education Requirements in Natural Sciences in the upcoming LMC Catalog. Thank-you.

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**RN 22 Foundations of Nursing Practice  Fall 2015 Lecture Schedule**

 **Dates: Tuesday 12:30-13:50 and Wednesday 9:00-10:50, RM CC3-361**

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| **Week** | **Date** | **Lecture Topic** | **Instructor** |
| Week 1 11 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Tue | 8/18 | **Intro/Books/Schedule/ Desire 2 Learn/** **RN 22: Syllabus** | M/J/S |
| Wed | 8/19 | Intro to Nursing Theory and Critical thinking. (Ch. 1,2 ,4) | J |
| Fri | **8/21** | FRIDAY: Nursing Student Handbook Review (tested) | J |
| Week  | 2 |  |  |
| Tue | 8/25 | RN22: Nursing Process Part 1: Assessment and Diagnosis (CH 5,6,7) | J |
| Wed | 8/26 | **RN 22 Nursing Process Part 2: Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (CH 8,9)** | J |
| Fri | 8/28 | **FRIDAY: RN 22 Physical Assessment Part 1 (tee shirts) (CH 20)** | M |
| Fri | 8/28 | **RN 22: Conceptual Framework & Class Officer Info (not tested)** | J |
| Fri | 8/28 | **Vital signs Check-offs and skills practice** | J |
| Week  | 3 |  |  |
| Tue | 9/1 | **12:30 RN 22: Documentation and SBAR (Ch. 10)** | M |
| Wed | 9/2 | **RN22: Health, Wellness, and Safety( Ch. 25, Ch. 16)** | S |
| Week 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Tue | 9/8 | RN 22 Test 1 at 12:30 Library room L213 | M/J |
| Wed | 9/9 | Asepsis and Standard Precautions (Ch. 26) | M |
| Week | 5 |  |  |
| Tue | 9/15 | Communication (Part 1) Developing Therapeutic Relationships (Ch.3) | J |
| Wed | 9/16 | Communication (Part 2) Chain of Command and Dependent & Manipulative Client | J |
| Week 6 | 6 |  |  |
|  | **9/22** | **Nursing across the Lifespan (Ch. 17,18)** | M |
|  | 9/23 | Oxygenation (Ch. 38) | M |
| Week | 7 | **9-25-15—Native American Day Holiday-** |  |
|  | 9/29 | RN 22 Test 2 at 12:30 Library room L213 | J/M |
|  | 9/30  | Sensory Alterations (Ch. 31)  | J |
| 8 |  |  |  |
|  | 10/6 | Focused Physical Assessment (Ch20) | M |
|  | 10/7 |  Activity, immobility and safe movement (Ch. 28)  | M |
| 9 |  |  |  |
|  | **10/13** | **Comfort and pain management (Ch. 36)** | J |
|  | 10/14 |  Culture, Ethnicity and Spirituality(Ch. 21, 22) | J |
| 10 |  |  |  |
|  | 10/20 | Fluid & Electrolytes (Ch. 39) (on Test 4) | M |
|  | 10/21 | RN 22Test 3 (Written ***Care Plan #1 due ?*** | J/M |
| 11 |  |  |  |
|  | 10/27 |  Nutrition (CH 30)(Wound Care case study due ) | M |
|  | 10/28 | **Bowel Elimination (40)** | M |
| 12 |  |  |  |
|  | **11/3** | **Sleep & Level of Consciousness (LOC) (Ch. 33** | BS |
|  | 11/4 | Ethical and Legal Considerations (Ch. 11) (10 –after Pharm test) | S |
| 13 |  |  |  |
|  | 11/10 |  Test 4 | J/M |
|  | 11/11 | Urinary Elimination (Ch. 41) ***Self-Nutritional Assessment due?*** | M |
| 14 |  |  |  |
|  | 11/17 |  Wound Care and Skin Integrity (Ch. 29) | M |
|  | 11/18 |  Sexuality (Ch. 24) | S |
| 15 |  |  |  |
|  | 11/24 | Diagnostic testing and Specimen collection (Ch. 34 | M |
|  | 11/25 | Stress and Coping (Ch. 32)  | S |
| 16 |  | Thanksgiving Holiday 11-26 to 11-30 |  |
|  | 12/1 | Test 5 | J/M |
|  | 12/2 | Death & Loss (Ch. 42) ***Written Care Plan #2 due*** | J |
| 17 |  |  | J |
|  | 12/8 | Child, Elder and Partner Violence (*Essentials of Psychiatric Nursing*, Ch. 21) | J |
|  | 12/9 | Public Health, Community and Home Health (Ch. 23) | S |
| Mon | **12/14** | Comprehensive Theory Final Exam | J/M |
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 **8-16-15 J= Joanne Bent, M= Mel Herman, S= Dr. Snyder**