TITLE: ADMISSION TO UPPER DIVISION BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM

POLICY: The Academic Affairs Committee reviews admission criteria annually and advises the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (ADSA) on admission policy. Data on all applicants are compiled by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA).

RATIONALE: The College of Nursing must screen applicants and control admission in order to select appropriate candidates and to ensure adequate resources (e.g., faculty and clinical placements) for the delivery of high quality nursing education. Applicants are selected based upon criteria that demonstrate the best potential for success in the program.

MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:
These high demand limited enrollment programs usually have a large volume of applicants thus many applicants who meet the minimum criteria are unable to be admitted. Students must be either a U.S. citizen, legal U.S. resident or have a valid visa.

Generic Track:
1. Completed 60 credits of required pre-professional and general education courses by the end of the spring semester prior to admission.
2. GPA of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale overall and on all pre-professional courses.
3. A grade of C or better in all required pre-professional courses.
4. Satisfactory completion of communication and computation requirement (Gordon Rule).

Accelerated Track:
1. A baccalaureate or higher degree from a nationally accredited College or University.
2. GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, calculated on the most recent 60 credits taken toward the bachelor’s degree or cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on masters or doctoral degree.
3. Required prerequisite courses must have been completed within the past seven years with a minimum grade of C.
4. Two professional/academic references attesting to the applicant’s potential for accelerated study.
5. A resume/curriculum vitae.
6. A score of 500 or higher on each of the verbal and quantitative sections in the prior version of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. In the current version of the GRE a minimum score of 153 in the verbal section and 144 in the quantitative section. The Analytical Writing Measure section is optional. *
7. A 1-2 page (double-spaced) statement to include rationale for change in career, expectations of the program and anticipated goals for graduate education. *

*These criteria are designed to prepare the BSN graduate for immediate progression into the graduate studies provided they meet the graduate school admission requirements at the time of application.
PROCEDURE:
Applicant data are reviewed and Generic BSN students are conditionally admitted as spring semester grades and related credentials are available. Students meeting academic and articulation standards will be considered for admission on the basis of overall and pre-professional GPAs and other criteria on the College of Nursing Information Form, or, for the Accelerated Track applicants the GRE score, pre-professional GPA or cumulative GPA on graduate degree and the written statement.

1. Deadline for completion of applicant file is March 1.

2. Applicants will be rank-ordered according to selection criteria, and this order will be considered in determining admission should there be more qualified applicants than spaces available.

3. Generic BSN applicants denied admission may complete Attachment #1: Petition Form-BSN which will be reviewed by a faculty committee (Attachment #2). Accelerated BSN applicants may complete Attachment #3: Petition Form-Accelerated BSN which will be reviewed by faculty committee (Attachment #4).

4. Successful applicants are recommended to the Dean of the College of Nursing for admission, and all applicants are informed in writing of the outcome.

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Address: _______________________________________

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Phone: ________________________________

To petition for re-consideration of denial of admission, respond to the questions listed and submit this form to the College of Nursing Office for Academic and Student Affairs.

1. Attach a brief written statement (1 page double spaced) describing your career goals.

2. List any previous work and community/volunteer experiences:

3. Describe your experiences that demonstrate potential leadership ability:

4. Are you the first generation of your family to attend college?

5. Are you a member of a group under-represented in the nursing profession? If yes, please explain.
Attachment # 3
Petition Form- Accelerated BSN

Student Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

__________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________

To petition for re-consideration of denial of admission, respond to the questions listed and submit this form to the College of Nursing Office for Academic and Student Affairs.

1. Attach a brief written statement (1 page double spaced) describing your rationale for why you believe you should be offered admission and what strengths you believe you will bring to the profession.

2. List any previous work and community/volunteer experiences:

3. Describe your experiences that demonstrate potential leadership ability:

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