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Director, BSN Completion Program

**Department/Discipline and Course Number:**

CAS/ BSN/ NURS 430

**Course Title:** Current Nursing Issues and Trends

**Type of change (check all applicable):**

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*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.*

**Effective Date:** Semester, Year ___ Fall 2014

**Current Catalog Entry**

This course examines the current issues and trends in nursing and its effect on delivering quality health care. In this course the registered nurse will consider current political, economic and social issues and discuss the impact they will have on the future of delivery systems. Students will explore the role of the professional baccalaureate prepared nurse, discuss a specific issue of concern, and explore how to craft a position on this issue and become a change agent in health care.

**Proposed Catalog Entry**

Pre- or co-requisite: NURS 310. This course examines the current issues and trends in nursing and its effect on delivering quality and safe patient care. The Registered Nurse will consider current political, economic and social issues and discuss their impact on health care. The Registered Nurse will examine an issue related to quality, safety, access, equity, affordability or social justice in healthcare delivery and explore political activism aimed at eliminating health disparities for a vulnerable population. The identified issue will be further explored in NURS 410 Evidenced-Based Nursing Research and NURS 490 BSN Practicum.

**JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)**

The recommended changes ensure the incorporation of American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Baccalaureate Essentials and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation Standard III Program Quality: Curriculum and Teaching-Learning Practices.

**TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)**
The BSN Completion Program starts Fall 2014. Therefore, it is imperative to change prior to program initiation.

**Approvals**

**Department Chair:** Pamela McCullough (electronic signature)  
**Date:** 03/17/2014

**College Curriculum Chair:** Tim ODonnell  
**Date:** 3-20-14

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*If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).*