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Nursing

Instructors

Rachel A. Franklin (Clinical), M.N., University of South Carolina, 1923
 Kathleen M. Head, M.S., University of South Carolina, 1993
 Susan L. Prau (Clinical), M.N., University of South Carolina, 1979
 Karen Wagener (Clinical), M.S.N., University of Oklahoma, 1982

Emeriti Faculty

Mary R. Black, M.N., Emory University, 1959
 Martha Moore Bradley, Ph.D., University of Maryland, 1972
 Myrtle Irene Brown, Ph.D., New York University, 1961
 Amy Viglione Cockcroft, M.A., University of Chicago, 1953
 Margaret F. Hastings, M.Ed., University of South Carolina, 1973
 Maxine E. Loomis, Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1971
 Donna J. Moss, M.N., University of Alabama, 1962
 Edith M. Samardino, M.S.N., Western Reserve University, 1954
 Helen G. Wolford, M.A., San Francisco State College, 1957

Baccalaureate Degree Program

The College of Nursing offers a four-year undergraduate program on the Columbia campus leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The baccalaureate program is approved by the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina and accredited by the National League for Nursing.

Entrance Requirements

Lower Division. In order to be admitted into the College of Nursing, freshmen must meet all University admission requirements. Further requirements may be imposed for admission to the degree program. Students who have not successfully completed one high school unit each of biology and chemistry are required to make up the deficiencies prior to admission. A third unit of a laboratory science is strongly recommended. Acceptance into the University with a lower division classification does not guarantee progression into the upper division nursing major. *Transfer students must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA in all college work attempted and must meet freshman requirements if less than 30 semester hours have been completed. Transfer students' performance in all science and nursing courses taken at other institutions must be reviewed upon admission. Nursing courses will be considered for transfer credit only from National League for Nursing accredited nursing programs. To progress into the upper division, transfer students must meet the College of Nursing standard for progression through the lower division science and nursing courses.*

Progression Requirements

Lower Division. All students in the Lower Division in the Baccalaureate Program are subject to the following regulations:

1. students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 upon completion of 30 credit hours;
2. all incomplete grades posted on the transcript must be removed before progression into the upper division;
3. students must earn a minimum grade of C in all required science and lower division nursing courses. Only one course in either science or lower division nursing may be repeated once to earn a grade of C or better.

Upper Division. Progression into upper division nursing occurs in the spring and fall semesters. Factors considered in the progression decision include:

1. a minimum cumulative USC grade point average of 2.5 or better. Progression is competitive and limited to the 40 best qualified students based on progression GPA;

2. a grade of C or better in all required science and lower division nursing courses;
3. verified completion of prerequisite courses in general education and lower division nursing;
4. SAT verbal and quantitative scores or performance on other placement tests as required by the College; and
5. rank in class.

All students who wish to apply to upper division nursing must submit a completed College of Nursing Progression Application no later than December 1 for the fall semester or May 1 for the spring semester of the year in which registration is desired. Students must submit their application and be admitted to the upper division prior to registering for their first upper division nursing courses (300 level).

A minimum grade of C is required in each nursing course. Only one upper division nursing course may be repeated once to earn a grade of C or better. All students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on all USC courses in order to maintain good standing in the nursing program. Grades are reviewed at the end of each semester. Students who have less than a 2.5 cumulative GPA on USC work are placed on probation within the College for one semester but may continue to take all necessary courses. If at the end of the probationary semester their USC GPA is still less than 2.5, they are removed from their required course sequence.

Prior to graduation all students shall complete a comprehensive achievement test to assess acquired nursing knowledge.

Attendance Requirements

Faculty may impose a penalty for absences in excess of 10 percent of regularly scheduled class meetings. Although the student is encouraged to maintain punctual and regular class attendance, the regulations as stated above establish an allowable number of class absences which students may accumulate without penalty. In no instance shall a faculty member impose more restricted attendance regulations. Faculty members should notify classes specifically of the attendance policy which they intend to follow in each class.

Clinical Practice. Students are expected to attend all clinical nursing activities with absences permitted only if certified as unavoidable because of sickness or other cause. Make up time for missed clinical nursing experiences will be determined at the discretion of the faculty and availability of clinical facilities. *Faculty may require withdrawal without penalty of any student who has missed sufficient practice to prevent completion of clinical objectives.*

Other Regulations

Readmission. A student who has been suspended or has withdrawn from the College of Nursing and subsequently readmitted will be subject to the current College of Nursing academic standards.

Waiver of academic standards. Any student seeking relief from academic standards shall petition the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee of the College of Nursing to waive specific standards or regulations. Information on procedures may be obtained from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

In addition to the regulations of the University as a whole, the following additional regulations apply to students in the nursing programs:

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Upper Division. Progression into upper division nursing occurs in the spring and fall semesters. Factors considered in the progression decision include:

- 3. verified completion of prerequisite courses in general education and lower division nursing;**

PROPOSED

Upper Division. Progression into upper division nursing occurs in the spring and fall semesters. Factors considered in the progression decision include:

- 3. verified completion of 45 prerequisite credits in general education and lower division nursing courses by the end of the term in which the progression application is submitted.**