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## Elimination of NUR 329/Nursing: A Systems Approach to Redistribution of Credits

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TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *April 6, 2009*

RE:  $\longrightarrow$  I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)  
 II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)  
 III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

COLLEGE SENATE  
 SUNY College at Brockport  
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 350 New Campus Drive  
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SUBJ: ***Elimination of NUR 329/Nursing: A Systems Approach to  
 Redistribution of Credits*** (*routing#36 08-09 UC*)

Signed: *T. M. Rao* Date: *4/9/09*  
*(Thambrahalli M. Rao, 2008-09 College Senate President)*

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TO: T.M. Rao, The College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE:  $\longrightarrow$  I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)  
 a. Accepted - Implementation Effective Date: *Fall 2009*  
 b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation  
 II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI  
 a. Received and acknowledged \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 b. Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: *J. Halstead* Date: *4/24/09*  
*(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)*

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28**

Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

**INSTRUCTIONS** – please, no multiple attachments – each proposal must be submitted electronically as one document.

- Submit only complete proposals. Include support letters from department chair and dean.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines available at [brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html](http://brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html).
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- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Elimination of NUR 329/Nursing: A Systems Approach and redistribution of credits

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

NUR 329/Nursing: A Systems Approach is a two credit course offered in the fall semester of the junior year. The content has been duplicated in other courses throughout both junior and senior years. The Department of Nursing would like to eliminate NUR 329 and redistribute one credit hour to NUR 346/Adult Response to Health Stressors I, which is taken in the fall semester and one credit hour to NUR 321/Introduction to Pharmacology, which is taken in the spring.

**3. HOW WILL THIS EFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

Brockport and transfer students accepted into the nursing program take the same courses.

**4. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Fall 2009

**4. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
2/11/09			

**5. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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**6. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)**

<b>Standing Committee</b>	<b>Forwarded For Approval To</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Executive Committee	3/9/09
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies *	GED to Vice Provost	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	Senate	3/23/09
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	College President	4/9/09
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	OTHER	
<i>* follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at "How to Submit Proposals" on our Website.</i>		
	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

## 2. A Side-by-side Comparison of Junior Courses involved in Proposed Change

### Current courses

### Proposed Course Changes

Course Name	Number	Credits	Course Name	Number	Credits
<b>Fall Semester</b>			<b>Fall Semester</b>		
Nursing: A Systems Approach	NUR 329	2			
Adult Response to Health Stressors I	NUR 346	2	Adult Response to Health Stressors I	NUR 346	3
<b>Spring Semester</b>			<b>Spring Semester</b>		
Introduction to Pharmacology	NUR 321	2	Introduction to Pharmacology	NUR 321	3

## 3. RATIONALE FOR CHANGES

The Department of Nursing wishes to eliminate NUR 329/Nursing: A System's Approach for several reasons. The main reason is that the content is duplicated and expanded on in other courses taken in both the junior and senior years. Elimination of NUR 329 and redistribution of the credit hours will allow for more classroom time in NUR 346/Adult Response to Health Stressors I and NUR 321/ Introduction to Pharmacology.

NUR 329/Nursing: A System's Approach has been part of the nursing program for many years. As the nursing program has revised the curriculum and content of several courses, it has come to our attention that many of the topics covered in NUR 329 are being covered in other courses. We receive this from feedback that we get from graduated nursing students and the faculty acknowledges this as well. The junior level coordinator and the Strategic Planning and Curriculum Committee have reviewed the objectives covered in NUR 329 and have identified where they would be met if NUR 329 were eliminated from the nursing program. Objectives that are not covered elsewhere can be integrated into NUR 342/Foundations for Professional Practice for Nursing. In order to teach these objectives in NUR 342 some content from NUR 342 would be incorporated into NUR 346/Adult Response to Stressors I, which is the course to which one credit hour would be added. The instructors teaching NUR 329 and NUR 346 with the support of the nursing faculty believe that one credit hour from NUR 329 should be reassigned to NUR 346.

In addition, student feedback has consistently requested that more credit hours be added to NUR 321/Introduction to Pharmacology. It has been increasingly difficult to cover the vast number of medications that nursing students are responsible for knowing. The instructor teaching this course with the support of the nursing faculty, believe that the one credit hour from NUR 329 should be reassigned to NUR 321.

Reassigning the credits from NUR 329 to NUR 321 and NUR 346 will help with the classroom situation on campus. Most fall semester junior level nursing courses would be 3 credit hours and all spring semester junior level nursing courses would be 3 credit hours. This would allow nursing courses to utilize one classroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays across the semesters.

There is one additional benefit in making this change. Currently, junior nursing students take six final exams and this change would eliminate one final exam thus benefiting the students by allowing them to focus on the other five exams. It also benefits the college in general by freeing up classroom space for final exams.

4. **Description of any new courses**-not applicable
5. **Staffing issues**-no new faculty or resources necessary
6. **Academic administration commentary**
  - a. **Email from Department of Nursing Chairperson/01-20-09**

College Senate Curriculum Committee - I fully support the proposal from the nursing department eliminating NUR329 (2 cr) and adding one credit each to NUR321 and NUR346. This change has been carefully considered by the entire department. The nursing faculty unanimously support this change which we believe will result in a stronger educational program for our students. This will not interfere with an requirements of our accrediting agencies.

Linda Snell, DNS, WHNP-C /Chair, Department of Nursing
  - b. **Email from Dr. Fox should have been forwarded to the College Senate**
7. **Resources, facilities that may be needed**-Less classroom space needed for the fall semester of junior year and these classes would cover a M-W-F at a consistent time. The one extra credit added onto NUR321/Introduction to Pharmacology would require additional classroom space for this extra hour.
8. **Other letters of support**-At Dr. Edward's suggestion, Peter Dowe has looked at this proposal and any questions or concerns that he had have been addressed.