

## Advising Letter for Spring 2007

Dear RN to BSN Student:

We hope you have had a good semester. Please read the following information to assist in planning for the Spring 2007 semester. (Congratulations December graduates--you can skip the spring course information!)

Course information is listed for Eastern Time.

### Spring 2007 Course Schedule

All nursing courses are offered in *Session 1* of Spring 2007. With online asynchronous components, classes will not meet weekly. *Nevertheless, tuition and withdrawal deadlines for Session 1 apply to all nursing courses.* The following is some basic information. The televised class schedule will be posted at <http://hs.odu.edu/nursing> (view "News and Events"). As the spring session draws near check syllabi and course planners on the web for more details and updates on the schedule.

**NURS 363 –Nursing Science (Research)** is a 3-credit course. **The pre- or co- requisite is Statistics 130M.** The course is available on Mondays from 4:15 pm to 7:00 pm **or** online. As this course will share time on Mondays with Nursing 402, it will not meet on a weekly basis. Online activities will be assigned for weeks when class is not taught/televised. Nursing 363 is also available as an online course. Second year and full-time students should enroll in this course

**NURS 402 – Career Pathway: Development** is a 4-credit course. **Successful completion of Nursing 401 is a prerequisite.** This course will be taught on Mondays from 4:15 pm until 7:00 pm and shares time with Nursing 363; therefore it will not meet on a weekly basis.. Online activities will be assigned for weeks when class is not taught/televised. The course will be available as an online course as well. First year and full-time students should enroll in this course.

**NURS 490W – Nursing Leadership** is a 3-credit lecture course that will be taught on Mondays from 7:15 pm until 10:00 pm. This course alternates with a graduate level course; as a result, it will not meet on a weekly basis. Online activities will be assigned for weeks when class is not taught/televised. The course will be available as an online course as well. Second year and full-time students should enroll in this course.

### Choosing Spring Nursing Courses

**ALL first year part-time students** will enroll in Nursing 402. **Second year students** should enroll in Nursing 363 and 490W. **Full time students** (completing all requirements in one year) should enroll in Nursing 402, 363 and 490W

Students in the accelerated **RN>BSN>MSN curriculum** will choose Nursing 611 in place of 363. If admitted to an **ONLINE MSN** role, remember to enroll in an online version of Nursing 611.

## Cluster Courses

In order to complete university general education requirements, each student (except those with a previously earned BS or BA degree) must complete a university approved minor or cluster. Minors usually require 12-15 credits of courses at the 300-400 level. Consequently, most students choose to complete the cluster. The **Administrative Leadership and Ethics for Professional Roles** cluster is best (and most economical) for nursing students as **ONLY TWO COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT**. **Two courses** from the following list may be used to complete the cluster though not all are offered every semester:

Communications 351 (prerequisite is Comm 200R)

Philosophy 345 (prerequisite is Phil 110P, 120P or 150P) **OR** Philosophy 303 (same prerequisites; choose only one of these as a cluster course, not both)

Psychology 303 (prerequisite is Psyc 201 or 203)

Management 325 (prerequisite is junior standing)

Management 350 (prerequisite is junior standing - this course has recently been added to the cluster and may not appear in previously published information.)

These courses are popular and have limited numbers of seats at each site. Plan to enroll early!

## Registration for Spring 2007

Registration for spring courses begins in November. Information on LEO, the university's phone registration system, and LEO ONLINE can be obtained from the Schedule of Classes or TELETECHNET site staff. To register, students must have the "advisor block" lifted. Site Directors handle this task for distance students. **Local (Hampton Roads)** students and Distance Learning students **without a TELETECHNET Site** should email me (pbarham@odu.edu) with their name, Student ID Number and plans for spring semester enrollment. I will lift the block upon receipt of the email.

## Graduation Procedures

If you anticipate completing all degree requirements in May 2007, you have probably already received or will soon be receiving a letter/email from the Office of the university Registrar pertaining to applying for graduation. Information about the process can be found from the university home page by selecting CURRENT STUDENTS, then OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR and then GRADUATION PROCEDURE. There is no fee for submitting the application for graduation. The on campus graduation ceremony in May will be May 5, 2007. While there is no formal graduation ceremony in August, students completing degree requirements in August may participate in the December graduation ceremony on December 15, 2007.

Many students will finish nursing courses this spring or summer (2007), but still have lower level

courses remaining in 2007-2008 academic year. The Application for Graduation should not be submitted yet for this group; these students should remember to fill out the application before the deadline for their graduation date.

TELETECHNET students often take community college courses in the year prior to graduation. As graduation nears, it is important to have official transcripts submitted to the TELETECHNET Site Director when each semester's courses are completed.

### **RN>BSN/MSN OPTION**

**Students interest in the RN>BSN/MSN option (replacing selected second year BSN courses with MSN courses) should complete and submit the Supplementary Application RN to BSN/MSN no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. *DO NOT* complete / submit the ODU Graduate Application at this time.**

**Please review the information about the BSN/MSN option on the SON website: [www.hs.odu.edu/nursing](http://www.hs.odu.edu/nursing) > academic programs > Undergraduate > Post Licensure BSN > RN to BSN/MSN Option**

### **Examinations Required for Graduation**

#### **Exit Writing Exam**

The university requires that every student earning a baccalaureate degree pass the Exit Writing Exam. Students not fulfilling this requirement will not be awarded a degree from Old Dominion University. Students are encouraged to take the exam as soon as they have accumulated 58 semester credits (by transfer, earned here or a combination). The Exit Exam is scheduled regularly on campus and at TELETECHNET sites. Please refer to the Schedule of Classes for more information.

#### **Assessment of Academic Achievement**

The university requires that all graduating students take an Assessment of Academic Achievement exam. The State Council of Higher Education in Virginia and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has mandated this assessment. Prior to the completion of degree requirements, all undergraduate students must take one or more tests related to the University's assessment plan. Test results will not become a part of the student academic record. There is no cost for this examination. Assessment surveys are taken online; more information is provided in the Schedule of Classes. The Assessment of Academic Achievement should be completed in the last semester of study. It can be accessed through the university web page ([www.odu.edu](http://www.odu.edu)) by selecting Current Students > Online Resources > University Assessment.

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Students interested in continuing their education after graduation with graduate study may receive program information by calling 683-4298 (locally) or 800-572-2762 (toll free). The graduate administrative assistant, Sue Parker, will mail information upon request and answer general questions. If you have additional questions, she will refer you to the appropriate faculty member.

The School of Nursing offers the Master of Science in Nursing degree with the following role options: Family Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthesia, Nurse Leader, Nurse Educator and the newest option – Nurse Mid wife. The Nurse Leader and Nurse Educator roles are available ONLINE. Other roles are available on the main campus, with many courses offered at local higher education centers. In addition, the Family Nurse Practitioner role is available at selected TELETECHNET sites. In addition to the university's graduate admission application, a supplementary application for admission to MSN program is required. For roles other than Nurse Anesthesia, the application deadline for Fall 2007 is March 1, 2007. The application deadline for the Nurse Anesthesia option is December 1, 2006.

Best wishes for a successful spring semester. Please contact me if we can be assistance.

Sincerely,

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