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Memorandum

TO: University Undergraduate Program Committee
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 SUBJECT: Accelerated Track, BSN Program – change in entry and graduation dates
 DATE: March 22, 2017

ATTACHMENT: Catalog changes; revised curriculum schema

This memo represents a change that was made in 2014 in the entry and graduation dates for the Accelerated Track, BSN Program.

BACKGROUND: When the Accelerated Track in the BSN Program was initially started, it was a 3-semester sequence beginning in the summer and students graduating the following spring semester (May graduation date). In 2013 we instituted the new curriculum and based upon feedback from faculty and students, the faculty extended this track to a 4-semester sequence: summer, fall, spring, summer. We quickly realized that when nursing students graduate in August, they have missed both educational and employment opportunities. (Our Traditional Track students graduated in May). With an August graduation, the accelerated track students could not be considered for graduate study beginning in the fall semester. As the majority of nursing students graduate in May and quickly obtain employment following their state boards, there were fewer employment opportunities in August.

CURRENT REQUEST: Notification of change in entry and graduation dates for the Accelerated Track, BSN Program. **The credit hours have not changed. There are no changes in the curriculum.** The 4-semester sequence remains the same as before; however, entry was moved to spring, summer, fall with graduation occurring in May. Therefore, all our pre-licensure BSN students now graduate in May (Freshman Direct Admit, Traditional and Accelerated).

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