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The policies and requirements of the College of Nursing are constantly being reviewed, and are subject to revision by the College. This is necessary in the light of developing technology and changes occurring in the nursing profession. Therefore, the policies and requirements as set out in the latest catalogue and Undergraduate Student Handbook of the College of Nursing will be applicable to all students, regardless of what the policies were on the date of entry into the College.

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LURLEEN B. WALLACE COLLEGE OF NURSING

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

BACKGROUND OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing at Jacksonville State University is one of the few memorial colleges of nursing in the United States. It was created in 1967 by the Legislature of Alabama as a memorial to Governor Lurleen B. Wallace. The first class graduated from the College in August 1972. Graduates of this program earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The addition of a master's degree program with a major in community health nursing was approved and implemented in Fall 1999.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Both the baccalaureate and master's programs of the Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through 2015. Accreditation is an indication of public approbation, attesting to the quality of the education program and continued commitment of the sponsoring institution to support the program. The nursing program has maintained continuous accreditation and Alabama Board of Nursing approval since its inception.

For further information about the accreditation of the program, please contact the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education at the following address:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120
(202) 887-6791

PHILOSOPHY

The College of Nursing faculty subscribe to the commitment of the University to maintain high academic standards, thereby ensuring quality through teaching, counseling, and the promotion of excellence. Professional nursing is a field of higher education which belongs within the University. Building on a strong liberal arts education, the student is prepared broadly for living. Like all programs at the University, the College of Nursing strives to meet the personal, social and cultural needs of the students while preparing them for professional careers. The professional component prepares the student to render nursing care which demonstrates belief in the multi-dimensional wholeness of individuals.

Individuals are viewed as holistic beings comprised of three dynamic subsystems: biological, social, and personal. Each of the subsystems interacts to form an integrated whole which is continuously affected by the state of growth and development from conception to death. Individuals function within the context of a family and community that is part of an ever-changing environment. Through its diverse culture, values, ideas, beliefs, and customs, the environment influences individual behaviors. In turn, individuals can influence the environment through interaction with social, economic, and political forces. As such, individuals are capable of self-direction, affecting change, and influencing others who are part of a multicultural society.

Individuals have basic needs which must be met in order for them to function at their optimal health levels. When stress threatens fulfillment of one or more of these basic needs, the individual may require help in adapting and coping in order to reestablish an optimum level of functioning within new limitations.

The promotion and maintenance of health are necessary to optimize the potential of individuals. Health is seen as the state of equilibrium among the three subsystems (biological, social, and personal) and the environment. Health care is concerned with the promotion of wellness, prevention of illness, and the restoration of health, thus, maximizing the fullest potential of the individual. Health care is provided through collaboration with health professionals and should be affordable and accessible to all individuals.

The professional nurse must possess a knowledge base of humanistic and scientific concepts from which theories can develop. Nurses acquire this knowledge base through the teaching-learning process which involves an interaction between the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains and is manifested by a change in behavior. Both educator and learner share in the responsibility for creating an atmosphere that will stimulate intellectual curiosity, creativity,

critical thinking, and independent learning. The educator facilitates the learning process by recognizing the unique needs of the learner and providing an environment for the development of a professional nurse who is able to utilize the nursing process with clients in a variety of settings.

As a profession, nursing is creative and imaginative and is directed by a therapeutic purpose. As an applied science, nursing utilizes knowledge from the biological and behavioral sciences as well as the humanities in order to enhance the health status of individuals. The nursing process incorporates specific arts, skills, and knowledge which enable nurses to promote interaction between individuals and their environment and initiate positive health measures that benefit individuals, communities, and society.

Professional nursing promotes and supports health and enhances the quality of life. The nurse functions in roles that are independent in situations which are specifically related to nursing, but interdependent in situations which require the collective judgment of a multidisciplinary team from several different professions. The professional nurse is an advocate for the consumer of health care and is responsible and accountable to the profession of nursing and society for explanations of assessment, actions and outcomes.

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VISION STATEMENT

Empowering exemplary nurses to care for anyone, anytime, anywhere.

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GOALS

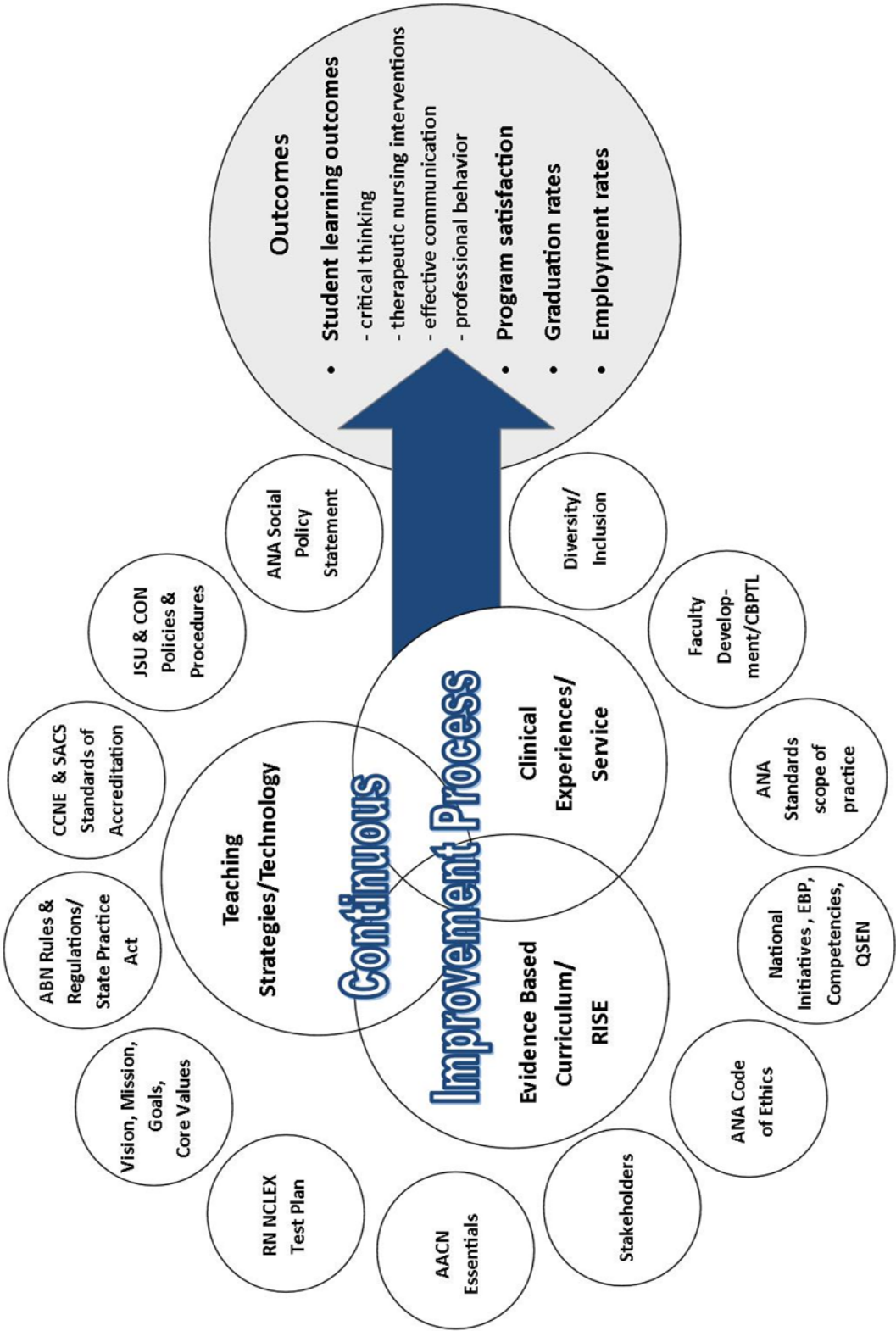
To achieve this mission, the College will,

1. Deliver innovative quality nursing education programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.
2. Engage in continuous quality improvement practices to ensure relevance of the curricula in an evolving complex healthcare environment.
3. Foster faculty development that enhances the scholarship of teaching, research, and service.
4. Recruit, develop, and retain diverse students and faculty who possess knowledge, skills, and attitudes reflective of the nursing profession.
5. Develop collaborative partnerships and inter-professional relationships designed to meet the needs of internal and external communities of interest.
6. Use technology to foster innovation in nursing practice, nursing education, and evidence-based decision making.
7. Promote scholarship, service, and practice activities that include students and faculty.

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CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

JSU College of Nursing Conceptual Framework



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Graduates of the baccalaureate nursing program will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge, skills, and values from the arts and sciences to provide safe and quality care to diverse populations.
2. Integrate knowledge and skills in leadership, quality improvement, and safety in providing high quality health care.
3. Synthesize evidence-based practice to improve patient outcomes and identify practice issues.
4. Synthesize knowledge and skills related to information management systems and patient care technology to deliver safe and effective evidence-based care.
5. Examine the role of financial and regulatory health policies and their effects on health care systems.
6. Synthesize effective communication and collaboration as an interprofessional team member to deliver high quality, safe patient care.
7. Analyze programs for health promotion, disease and injury prevention across the lifespan to improve individual, family, and population health
8. Emulate core values associated with professionalism to ensure responsibility and accountability to the nursing profession.
9. Synthesize knowledge, skills, and values that ensure high quality, patient centered care.

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PROFESSIONAL VALUES

Professional values serve as a foundation for nursing practice. Practicing nursing with an appreciation of respectfulness, caring and human dignity leads to a sense of honor and fulfillment. Nurse educators are challenged to convey core values while introducing students to the professional role. The faculty of the college join together in the responsibility to teach nursing values and show how they are translated into practice.

The faculty of the college use diverse teaching strategies to support the development of values. In the clinical setting, faculty encourage students to reflect on situations that involve the application of values. In the classroom, scenarios are introduced that promote awareness of issues and values prevalent in society. Faculty strive to develop a learning environment in which ethical behavior is expected and respected. Faculty endeavor to display behaviors that convey fairness, concern, respectfulness and integrity.

Students who are joining the profession learn to take on the responsibility of promoting nursing values through their actions. Students agree to uphold standards of honesty, integrity and accountability. Students develop a climate of inclusiveness, respect and growing self-awareness as they interact with patients, colleagues and faculty. Students are encouraged to speak out when they notice injustices and to show concern for those who are vulnerable.

The following values are embraced as core professional values by the faculty, staff and students of our college:

Altruism is concern for the wellbeing of others. Nurses show altruism by advocating for patients, especially for those who are unable to protect themselves. Through unselfish support, especially mentoring colleagues in their professional growth, nurses show altruism. Altruistic actions help to create a climate of caring and professionalism.

Respect for autonomy defends the right to self-determination. Nurses demonstrate this value by protecting patients' rights to be involved in making decisions about their care. Nurses develop partnerships with patients and their families to facilitate sharing of information and to honor the rights of patients and their proxies to consent or to refuse. Within the college, autonomy is supported when faculty, staff, and students participate in governance and decision-making.

Human dignity is respect for the innate worth of each human being. Nurses who respect human dignity find value in others because of their humanity, not because of their wealth, social standing or level of alertness. Every human being deserves a life of dignity, including courtesy and privacy. As much as possible, human beings should have the opportunity to participate in worthwhile efforts while developing their unique talents. Participation contributes to a sense of dignity and being valued.

Integrity is the quality of wholeness. Nurses who act with integrity show wholeness in the harmony of their ethical beliefs and their actions. Integrity embraces honesty, accountability and responsibility. Nurses with integrity maintain high standards of care by respecting professional standards of practice and developing greater professional competency. Nurses also respect integrity when they acknowledge themselves and others as whole persons with unique identities. A

person's wholeness includes qualities of identity, culture, personality, and varying physical abilities that are made welcome. Nurses approach people who are different with empathy and respect.

Social justice is the aspect of justice that is expressed in social arrangements, whether local or global. Social justice upholds the principle that all human beings are equally deserving of dignity and human rights. Nurses support the right of all patients to have access to health care without discrimination. Nurses act in solidarity with those who are poor and vulnerable, seeing the interconnections between all people. Within the college, the value of social justice inspires faculty and students to provide fair opportunities and to repair social disadvantages.

Reference

American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2008). *The essentials of baccalaureate education for professional nursing practice*. Washington, DC: Author.

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THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS' CODE

I. Professional Scholars' Code

A. Introduction

The academic community of student, faculty and staff at the College of Nursing (CON) strives to develop, sustain and protect an environment of honesty, trust and respect. Students within the system receive the benefits of the academic pursuit of knowledge, free from the obstacles of academic dishonesty and unprofessional behavior. The Professional Scholar's Code demands that students act with integrity and professionalism in all of their endeavors. Exhibiting honesty and professionalism in academic pursuits and reporting violations of the Professional Scholar's Code will encourage others to emulate professional behavior and integrity in the nursing profession. Every student who approaches their studies with honesty and forthrightness suffers when another student attains an unfair advantage through academic dishonesty and/or unprofessional behavior. Most importantly, the safety of patients is jeopardized when students are dishonest in completing program requirements (The University of Florida, 2006, p. 5).

The nursing profession is one of highest distinction that promotes honesty and integrity. The College of Nursing requires students, faculty, and staff to comply with the standards of conduct deemed appropriate for the nursing profession by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials of Baccalaureate Education, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials of Masters Education, the American Nurses Association's Code of Ethics, as well as those delineated in the Professional Scholars' Code of the College of Nursing

B. Dissemination and Clarification

1. All students, faculty, and staff in the College of Nursing shall be informed of the Professional Scholar's Code upon registration and/or employment in the college and thereby assume the responsibility of abiding by the spirit of honesty and professionalism in their academic pursuits. The establishment of a Professional Scholars' Code is not intended to be an indication that academic dishonesty and unprofessional behavior is commonplace at this institution. The Professional Scholars' Code is a method of reaffirming the existing code of honor and professionalism which has prevailed at this college since its inception.
 - a. The Scholars' Code shall be part of the Student and Faculty Handbooks. It is the responsibility of students, faculty, and staff to be familiar with this policy.
 - b. It shall be the responsibility of each faculty member to inform students of the Professional Scholars' Code as part of the course orientation at the beginning of every semester, through the course syllabus/notebook or other effective means. Faculty shall support the principles of academic integrity and fairness through course policies and procedures.
 - c. The appropriate officials and offices shall conduct an orientation for all upper division nursing students, incoming nursing faculty and staff to familiarize these individuals with the provisions of the Scholars' Code prior to attending classes or teaching.
2. **Unprofessional behavior** is the improper conduct by a student which infringes on the reasonable freedom of others or which is otherwise detrimental to the proper conduct of Jacksonville State University, The College of Nursing, and clinical agency partners. The College of Nursing is dedicated to maintaining excellence and integrity in all aspects of its professional conduct. Violations within these areas will be processed appropriately-without regard to the sex, race, color, religious affiliation, national or ethnic origin, age, veteran status, or disability of any of the participants.

Professional behaviors such as accountability, promptness, responsibility, honesty, and respect are expectations of all students. As representatives of the nursing profession and Jacksonville State University, students are expected to maintain these professional behaviors within the classroom, online educational platforms, clinical activities, and communities it serves. Professional decorum is expected in all interactions with administration, faculty, staff, classmates, vendors, clients, families, visitors, and all clinical healthcare partners and their associates.

Evidence of unprofessional behavior can result in verbal/written warning, prescriptive educational assignments, reduction in course grade, clinical or course failure, or dismissal from the nursing program and/or Jacksonville State University. Unprofessional behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Unsafe practice (acts of commission or omission) that places a client in serious jeopardy.
2. Falsification of records (academic, clinical medical records, records of attendance or completion of course objectives).
3. Being under the influence of any substance that impairs performance as outlined in *The College of Nursing Impairment and Substance Abuse Policy*.
4. Academic dishonesty (lying, cheating, and plagiarism).
5. Distribution (physically or verbally) of actual or summarized test questions, assignments, papers, or any graded activities.
6. Physical or verbal altercations.
7. Incivility or willful harassment, sexual harassment, abuse or intimidation (physical, non-physical, verbal) of administration, faculty, staff, classmates, vendors, clients, families, visitors, and all clinical healthcare partners and their associates.
8. Willful expressions of disrespect (physical, non-physical, verbal) of administration, faculty, staff, classmates, vendors, clients, families, visitors, and all clinical healthcare partners and their associates related to race, cultural values/practices, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, physical/mental disabilities, and socioeconomic status.
9. Violation of confidentiality as outlined by HIPAA, FERPA, and confidentiality agreements with clinical partner agencies.
10. Stealing
11. Rudeness, disruptive behavior, and/or lack of professional decorum in the classroom, online educational platforms, clinical practicum, and all communication/interaction settings that include, but are not limited to, face-to-face meetings, postal mailings, email, text messaging, facsimile (fax), social media, and video/audio recordings.
12. Unprofessional or inappropriate dress in the classroom, clinical practicum, clinical laboratory, and College of Nursing and/or University functions.

(University at Buffalo School of Nursing Undergraduate Handbook, 2012)

II. Violation of Professional Scholar's Code

Any action by students revealing dishonesty or a lack of integrity in professional matters is considered a violation of the Professional Scholar's Code. Actions of this nature should be reported to the course faculty.

A. Violations of Academic Honesty

Though the following list does not include all of the possible violations of the Professional Scholars' Code, it is indicative of the types of actions which must be prohibited in order to maintain professionalism at this University.

1. Dishonesty on an examination, problem solution, exercise, or assignment which is offered by the student in satisfaction of course requirements or as extra credit is a violation of the Professional Scholars' Code. Dishonesty occurs when a student gives, receives, makes, or uses unauthorized assistance. Dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following: using notes or cheat sheets, copying another individual's work, having another person take an examination for the student, giving

false reasons for absence or tardiness, or improper use of electronic equipment. These actions violate the principles of the Professional Scholars' Code.

2. Plagiarism is the act of passing off the ideas, works, and writings of another as one's own. Its most blatant form consists of copying verbatim the work of another without citation. This most obvious type of plagiarism requires a degree of premeditation and careful planning, but plagiarism can be the result of carelessness, negligence, or ignorance of acceptable forms of citation. An act of plagiarism includes copying of another person's ideas or words, interspersing one's own words within another's work, paraphrasing another's work (using ideas or theory but rewriting the words), fabricating sources of data, and other uses of another's ideas or words without acknowledgement (A.T. Still University, Student Handbook, 2008). It is incumbent on each student to learn the proper forms of citation and to exercise due caution in the preparation of papers and assignments. If there are questions regarding how to apply the Professional Scholars' Code in a particular situation, the student should request immediate clarification from the instructor.
3. The submission of commercially prepared papers, reports, or themes in satisfaction of course requirements is prohibited. The use of another's academic work wholly, or in part, as a means of satisfying course requirements is also prohibited. Falsifying or misrepresenting the results of a research project or study is a violation of the Professional Scholars' Code.
4. Examinations, practical exercises, and problem solutions, whether administered in the classroom or given in a take-home form should be the work of the individual who submits them. Unless it is intended to be a take home test, the exercises shall not be removed from the classroom/lab/computer lab. **STUDENTS SHALL NOT SHARE TEST INFORMATION/EXAM QUESTIONS WITH ANY OTHER STUDENTS DURING OR AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXAMINATION.**
5. Group work and other forms of collaboration may be authorized by an instructor for a specific assignment. The presumption remains, however, that unless otherwise permitted and specified by the instructor, all academic work is to be an individual effort. In this spirit, the Professional Scholars' Code prohibits both the giving and receiving of unauthorized assistance.
6. Audio or visual recording of lectures, presentations, or laboratory demonstrations by students are permissible within strict guidelines as outlined in the Audio and Visual Recording Policy (See policy III.19.00). Noncompliance with the audio/visual recording guidelines is a violation of the Professional Scholars' Code.

A student of the College of Nursing who submits an examination or other work certifies that the work is his or her own and that he or she is unaware of any instance of violation of this code by himself/herself or others.

B. Violations of Professional Behavior

Any behavior or action by students revealing dishonesty, lack of integrity, or unprofessional behavior is considered a violation of the Professional Scholar's Code. Such violations can occur in the classroom, clinical setting or community and include, but are not limited to, breach of confidentiality; clinical tardiness; clinical absence without notification to assigned clinical faculty; violation of patient rights; disrespect of faculty, staff, or patients; clinical practices deemed unsafe by faculty; falsifying documentation; fraudulently reporting information; substance abuse or, any other act or behavior deemed unprofessional or dishonest by faculty. A student of the College of Nursing who engages in unprofessional behavior will be subject to enforcement of the Professional Scholar's Code.

C. Suspected Violations of Professional Scholar's Code

1. Students suspected of violating the Professional Scholar's Code will be notified verbally and in writing.
2. The student has the right to seek advice from his/her Academic Advisor or the Director of Student Services.

3. The student may admit the offense or refute it and offer written evidence supporting the denial. Written evidence must be provided within three (3) working days. Faculty will employ diligence in assuring due process.
4. Faculty will consider the nature of the offense, evidence presented by the student and make a decision regarding consequences.
5. Consequences for students found guilty of violation of the Professional Scholar's Code may include, but are not limited to additional assignments, zero credit for an assignment, failure of course, or dismissal from program.
6. Should the student wish to appeal the faculty decision, the student should follow the 'Student Appeal And/Or Grievance Procedure' as outlined in the student handbook.

References

University of Florida. (2006). Academic Honesty Guidelines. Retrieved from www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

A.T. Still University (ATSU). (2009). Student Handbook. Retrieved from www.atsu.edu/student_services/handbook/pdf

University at Buffalo (2012). School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook. Retrieved from <http://nursing.buffalo.edu/Portals/0/2012-2013%20BS%20Handbook.pdf>

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Professional Scholars Code Agreement

The students of the College of Nursing recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the nursing profession and this University community as evidenced by the Professional Scholar's Code. Students who enroll at the College of Nursing commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Professional Scholars Code. **Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Professional Scholars Code is bound by honor to take corrective action** (University of Florida, 2006).

We, the members of the College of Nursing, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

I hereby pledge that on all work submitted at the College of Nursing I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid in doing any or all assignments.

Student Signature

Date

PROFESSIONALISM IN SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

1. The purpose of this policy is to help clarify how best to protect the personal and professional reputations and privacy of our institution, employees, students, clinical partners, and patients. This policy is not intended to supersede any present or future policy of Jacksonville State University (JSU) regarding professional expectations, information technology, electronic communication, or social media.
2. Employees and students at the College of Nursing (CON) are liable for all forms of communication. The same laws, professional expectations, and guidelines for interacting with employees, students, parents, alumni, donors, media, clinical partners and other university constituents apply to all forms of communication.
3. **Definition of Social Media:** For the purposes of this policy, social media is defined as any form of online publication or presence that allows end users to engage in conversations in or around the content of an internet website. Examples include, but are not limited to, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, blogs, and wikis. The absence of, or lack of explicit reference to a specific social media site does not limit the extent of the application of this policy.
4. **Definition of Electronic Communication:** any electronic transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part via electronic device. This includes, but not limited to, cellular phones, computers, texting devices, facsimile (Fax), data storage devices, or video and voice recordings (unless otherwise specified as above).
5. **Protect confidential and proprietary information:** Do not post confidential or proprietary information about JSU, the CON, students, employees, clinical partner agencies, patients, or alumni. Employees and students must follow applicable federal requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA regulations. Employees and students who share confidential information do so at the risk of disciplinary action, up to, and including termination/dismissal from the program. All HIPAA and FERPA regulations apply to social media and electronic communications.
6. **Protect Institutional Voice:** When utilizing social media and electronic communication, identify your views as your own. It should be clear that you are not speaking for JSU/CON.
7. **Faculty and student interaction:** Faculty may implement and encourage the use of social media in their courses, but may not require a student to join or participate in a social media site. Required interaction outside of the classroom must occur within a university-approved format. Faculty may accept connections to students in social media contexts at their discretion, but may not initiate this connection without prior approval from the appropriate program director and Dean.
8. **Prohibited communication:** Faculty, staff, and students are prohibited from making any reference to clinical activities in social media forums and electronic communication. Attempts to avoid explicit identification of a clinical partner agency, associate, agency location, patient, or JSU entity should not be perceived as a guarantee of anonymity or compliance with HIPAA, FERPA, or this policy. For example, avoiding the use of a patient's or clinical agency's specific name does not guarantee compliance with this policy. Communication related to clinical activities, as described above, can result in disciplinary action, up to, and including termination/dismissal from the program.

Responsibility:

The Student-Alumni Committee is responsible for this policy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN NURSING CURRICULUM
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in NURSING
(RN-BSN)**

For Students Entering Spring 2007 and Thereafter

(62 Semester Hours)

Suggested Plan of Study. The following list of courses is not intended to be a substitute for individual advisement by a College of Nursing and Health Sciences Academic Advisor.

Area I (6 Semester Hours)

EH 101 English Composition I	3
EH 102 English Composition II	3

Area II (12 Semester Hours)*

Literature	3
Literature	3
Fine Art	3
EH 141 Oral Communication	3

*Minimum of 3 hours of literature and 3 hours of fine art required. A 6-hour sequence of either literature or history is required.

Area III (11 Semester Hours)

BY 101/103 Intro. Biology I.....	4
CY 105/107 Gen. Chemistry I	4
MS 112 Precalculus Algebra	3

Area IV (12 Semester Hours)**

History.....	3
History.....	3
PSY 201 Principles of Psychology	3
PSY 222 Human Development	3

** Minimum of 3 hours of history required. A 6-hour sequence of either literature or history is required.

Area V (21 Semester Hours)

BY 263 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BY 264 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BY 283 Health Microbiology	4
Pre-Professional Elective	3
Pre-Professional Elective	3
Pre-Professional Elective	3

STEP Program RN-BSN

The College of Nursing offers an online educational mobility program for students holding an unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the United States. The Strategic Teaching for Enhanced Professional Preparation (STEP) Program offers upper division nursing courses through the use of Internet and clinical projects. Registered nurses should seek individual advisement to determine a specific educational plan. For more information, please contact Dr. Phyllis Waits, RN, MSN, EdD, Director of STEP Program, College of Nursing and Health Sciences at (256) 782-5423, or (800) 231-5291, or e-mail pwaits@jsu.edu. STEP Program information is also available by contacting Ms. Tammy Johnson, BS, MPA, Director of Student Services for the STEP and MSN Programs at (256) 782-8489 or (800) 231-5291 or e-mail at tjohnson@jsu.edu.

Application Deadlines

- August 1st for Fall admission
- December 1st for Spring admission
- April 1st for Summer admission

REQUIRED NURSING COURSES

The required courses can be completed on-line in three semesters (one calendar year). Completion of the upper division STEP nursing courses must occur in ten (10) semesters. Using Internet, Blackboard, and other distance learning modalities, the program is delivered at a time and place convenient to the individual student. STEP recognizes the past academic and experiential knowledge of the Registered Nurse. RN students are awarded 35 hours of STEP Nursing Credit after successful completion of the first semester courses. The nursing courses for which credit may be given are as follows:

NU 311	Foundations in Nursing Practice	6	
NU 322	Health Deviations and Clinical Interventions	3	
NU 324	Child and Family Health	5	
NU 325	Adult Health in Secondary and Community Settings	5	
NU 340	Professional Practice and Care of the Aging Population	3	
NU 404	Childbearing Families	5	
NU 405	Community/Mental Health	5	
NU 433	Advanced Health Deviations and Clinical Interventions	3	
TOTAL			35 hours

The following courses are required for registered nurses in the STEP program:

Semester I

NU 345	Communication of Ethical Issues	3 hrs.	
NU 352	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3 hrs.	
NU 365	Pharmacology for Practicing Nurses	<u>4 hrs.</u>	
			10 hrs.

Semester II

NU 350	Professional Roles and Issues	5 hrs.	
NU 400	Research/Outcomes Management.....	2 hrs.	
NU 423	Nursing Management and Leadership	<u>3 hrs.</u>	
			10 hrs.

Semester III

NU 343	Concepts of Emergency/Disaster Nursing	3 hrs.	
	Nursing Elective	3 hrs.	
NU 456	Population Based Health Care	<u>6 hrs.</u>	
			12 hrs.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES - NURSING (NU)

- 121. Ethics in Nursing (3).** Examines ethical reasoning and decision-making in relation to moral, legal, and professional standards. Specific issues confronting the health care delivery system will be analyzed.
- 343. Concepts of Emergency/Disaster Nursing (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Course designed to assist students in utilizing knowledge from the biophysical and psychosocial sciences to implement care for patients in the pre-hospital emergency setting.
- 344. Perspective in Women's Health (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Provides an overview of current women's health issues across the lifespan. Course focuses on the social, political, economic, and cultural influences on women's health.
- 345. Communication of Ethical Issues (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Using ethical decision making as a framework, professional communication will be evidenced through peer critique and scholarly writing. Personal and professional values will be identified through technical, analytical, persuasive, and creative writing.
- 350. Professional Roles (5).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Course designed to assist the Registered Nurse in making the transition to the professional role (BSN).
- 352. Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Provides a foundation for developing a holistic approach as it applies to the physiological, psychological, sociocultural, and environmental health status of individuals. Designed to assist the Registered Nurse with improving communication skills, interview techniques, history-taking, and physical examination techniques in patient/client evaluations.
- 365. Pharmacology for Practicing Nurses (4).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* This course focuses on current pharmacological concepts for practicing nurses. Emphasis is on current drug classifications, commonly used drugs, assessing client responses to drug therapy, client teaching and nursing interventions related to drug therapy.
- 400. Research and Outcomes Management (2).** *Prerequisite: Completion of first and second semester upper division courses for traditional BSN students. Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Designed to assist students to develop knowledge and skills in the research process, to become consumers of research, and to conceptualize the significance of research as the foundation of evidence-based nursing practice.
- 423. Nursing Management and Leadership (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Provides an overview of concepts of professional leadership and management and their use in the practice setting for the practicing nurse. Emphasizes organizational structure, management, professional and leadership issues.
- 442. Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare (3).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* An exploration of theoretical foundations for cultural diversity in health

- and illness, with emphasis in assessment and analysis of selected cultures as related to nursing and health care practices.
- 444. Implementation of Professional Nurse Role (3).** *Permission of Instructor Required.* Experience an in-depth analysis of professional nurse role in selected clinical settings. Credit for ROTC Advanced Camp may be given with approval.
 - 446. Independent Study (2).** *Prerequisite: Permission of Advisor.* Special project in nursing studies. Pass/fail grade only.
 - 447. Independent Study (1).** *Prerequisite: Permission of Advisor.* Special project in nursing studies. Pass/fail grade only.
 - 448. Directed Study (3).** Offers the student the opportunity to explore specific areas of interest in nursing in either the theoretical and/or clinical arenas. Requires completion of coursework to support the areas of interest.
 - 456. Population-Based Health Care (6).** *Prerequisite: Acceptance to STEP Program for RN students only.* Course designed for the Registered Nurse to apply theoretical concepts related to primary, secondary, and tertiary care of families, aggregates, and populations. Emphasis is on the application of the nursing process and education for at-risk aggregates. Clinical experiences will be designed to meet the individual learning needs of the Registered Nurse student.

ADMISSION TO THE UPPER DIVISION OF NURSING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SPRING 2007 AND THEREAFTER

1. Requirements in Prerequisite Courses:

- 1.1 The grade point average for entry into the upper division (“Prerequisite GPA”) is computed based exclusively on the courses that are used to satisfy the prerequisite requirements. Only courses for which a grade of “C” or above has been earned are acceptable to meet the prerequisite requirements. If a course is failed it can be repeated; however, all grades earned, up to and including the first passing grade, are used in the calculation of the Prerequisite GPA. Once a passing grade has been earned in a particular course, that course cannot be repeated to earn a higher grade. For any particular prerequisite requirement, if the transcript shows more than one course completed that is approved to meet that requirement, the course with the higher grade is used.
- 1.2 Students requesting transfer credit from another institution must present at least the number of semester hours designated in this catalogue for credit in each transfer course.
- 1.3 All prerequisites must be completed prior to entering the upper division or as approved by the Admission and Progression Committee (A&P).

2. Guidelines for Transfer Students

- 2.1 All transfer credits must be validated in writing through the Registrar’s office. Requests for admission into the upper division may be filed only after the student has been accepted into the University and the transfer credits have been evaluated by the Registrar.
- 2.2 The articulation agreement of the University with junior colleges in the state establishes the equivalent courses for the advisement of transfer students.

3. Requirements for Admission Consideration

- 3.1 Students are admitted to the upper division three times per year. The upper division normally requires three (3) semesters for completion.
- 3.2 The student shall contact the Office of Student Services of the College at least three months prior to date of entry to establish records for review. A separate application must be filed to request consideration for admission into the upper division of nursing.
- 3.3 A Prerequisite GPA of at least 2.5 is required for consideration for admission into the upper division (See 1.1 above). In conformance with the stated mission of the College, students presenting program deficits may be considered for probational admission. A student admitted on probationary status may be required to schedule a reduced academic load in order to achieve program objectives, thereby increasing program length. A student admitted on probationary status must meet the conditions as specified by the A&P Committee.
- 3.4 A student who has been enrolled in any mobility or RN to BSN program and was unsuccessful in progressing satisfactorily in that program is ineligible to apply.

4. Early Admission

- 4.1 In certain situations (e.g. for military personnel), students may request approval from Admissions and Progressions Committee for conditional admission prior to the normal admissions processing period for the semester for which the student wishes to enter upper division. Such a request must be submitted in writing through the Office of Student Services and must include a detailed explanation of why the exception to policy is necessary. If the request is approved, Admissions and Progressions Committee will provide written guidelines which will outline the student's responsibilities for maintaining the conditional admission status and any additional specific circumstances under which the admission will be revoked.

03/2010

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR ADMISSION and PROGRESSION IN THE UPPER DIVISION of NURSING

Certain physical, intellectual, emotional, professional, communication, interpersonal relationship, and psychomotor skills are required for effective, safe patient care. Students, faculty, adjunct faculty and clinical associates participating in the nursing program at Jacksonville State University must be able to perform critical essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. Essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following categories.

Nursing Essential Functions	Clinical Examples
Visual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at various distances • Distinguish colors • Read for prolonged periods of time 	Observe changes in skin condition, breathing patterns, color intensity, rashes. Use computer screens, read fine print on medication labels, monitor strips, equipment, and syringes. Observe changes in facial expressions/mood/body language, etc.
Tactile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shape, and size 	Palpate pulses, veins. Determine skin temperature, turgor, and rashes
Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person to person report • Telephone communication • Distinguish sounds through stethoscope • Discriminate high and low frequency sounds • Hear in situations when lips are not visible 	Assess/auscultate changes in heart, breath, abdominal, or vascular sounds. Auscultate blood pressure Communicate orally when masks must be worn Hear auditory alarms (monitors, call bells, fire alarms)
Smell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detect body odors and odors in the environment • Detect gas or noxious odors 	Detect odors associated with disease processes Identify odor of fires, extremely hot or hazardous materials
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in two-way communication, verbally and in writing, interacting effectively with others from a variety of social emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds • Explain procedures; teach patients and families • Work effectively in groups • Discern and interpret nonverbal communication • Communicate effectively by telephone, electronic means, and in group settings • Communicate accurately, professionally, and in a timely manner • Communicate effectively with patients/clients with altered communication patterns or mental disorders 	Communicate with patients/clients and family regarding the plan of care, discharge instructions, medications, etc. Read and comprehend physician orders, medication information, chart information (electronic or hard copy). Document clearly, correctly, and accurately in the medical record. Maintain confidentiality. Present oral reports, reports related to patient's condition. Clarify physician orders. Maintain professional communication in high stress or conflict situations, whether in a clinical, classroom, or other setting, and in any format (verbal, written, or electronic) Refrain from disrespectful verbal or non-verbal behavior or communication in the classroom, clinical setting, or social networking sites.
Motor Function <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move within confined spaces • Sit or stand and maintain balance • Move, position, turn, transfer, and assist with lifting without injury to self or patient • Coordinate hand/eye movements 	Draw up solutions/medication in a syringe Take vital signs Insert catheters Transmit information electronically Position patients Assist with transfer and ambulation of patients

Nursing Essential Functions	Clinical Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand, bend, walk, and/or sit for up to 12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities without jeopardizing safety of self or patients • Write with pen or pencil • Type on keyboard • Pick up objects • Grasp small objects with hands • Push and pull 25 pounds • Lift 25 pounds • Squeeze with hands • Climb ladder/stool/stairs • Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely 	<p>Walk without a cane, walker, or crutches Respond rapidly to emergency situations Perform CPR and physical assessment Prepare and administer medication via all routes (oral, IV, IM, sub-q, topical) Operate a fire extinguisher Evacuate patients Enter data specific to patients (orders, nurses notes, vitals, etc.) via paper chart or electronic chart</p>
<p>Professional behavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others • Perform safe effective nursing care for clients • Comply with college and health care agency policies • Comply with college Scholar's Code • Relate to others in a respectful manner, with zero tolerance for incivility, aggression, or violence • Accept responsibility and accountability for one's behavior • Takes action to protect the public from unsafe, illegal or unethical practice of others 	<p>Professional behavior is expected in clinical, classroom, or other settings. Professional behavior includes acts of omission and commission, verbal and non-verbal communication, written or electronic communication.</p> <p>Complies with professional standards such as the ANA Code of Ethics, legal standards set forth by the Alabama Board of Nursing, and the JSU College of Nursing Scholar's Code Show respect for differences in patients, peers, faculty, staff, co-workers. Establish rapport with patients/clients. Participate in healthy negotiation when conflict exists. Refrain from verbal or non-verbal acts of disrespect, incivility, aggression, or hostility. Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress. Immediately notifies supervisor of inability to meet expectations or of mistakes. Accept constructive criticism and modify behavior accordingly. Maintain professional rapport among interprofessional team members</p>
<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and understand written English • Read and comprehend documents essential for patient safety (e.g. medication information, physician orders) 	<p>Read, interpret, comprehend chart information Read measurement marks</p>
<p>Mathematical competence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and understand columns of writing (e.g. flow sheets) • Read/interpret digital displays • Calibrate equipment • Convert numbers to and from metric system • Read graphs • Tell time 	<p>Accurately calculate medication dosages Consistently demonstrate proficiency in calculation exams Accurately chart patient data using graphs or flowsheets</p>

Nursing Essential Functions	Clinical Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure time • Count rates (e.g. drip rates) • Use measuring tools (e.g. thermometers, measuring devices) • Add, subtract, multiply, divide • Compute fractions • Use a calculator 	
<p>Analytical/Critical Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively read, write, and comprehend English • Consistently demonstrate critical thinking that results in safe effective patient care • Transfer knowledge from one situation to another • Problem solve • Recognize when assistance is indicated • Prioritize • Recognize and take immediate action in critical situations • Recognize and immediately report changes in patient's status 	<p>Apply the nursing process in clinical situations Recognize and prioritize patient problems Identify and report patient findings suggestive of a change in patient status. Seek supervision appropriately. Use assessment data to determine nursing diagnoses and patient's plan of care. Recognize cause-effect relationships Prioritize tasks Synthesize knowledge and skills Sequence information Process communication and information Evaluate outcomes and modify actions Perform all aspects of the nursing process within a reasonable time frame Intervene in critical situations with appropriate nursing interventions</p>
<p>Emotional stability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude • Establish therapeutic boundaries with patients • Respect professional boundaries between students and faculty • Recognize professional vs. unprofessional attitudes and behavior • Function effectively under stress • Adapt to changing environment • Deal with unexpected occurrences • Monitor own emotions and responses 	<p>Effectively handle strong emotions Focus attention on priority tasks Provide clients with emotional support Handle multiple tasks concurrently Conduct self professionally in conflict situations Accept accountability for actions Constructive criticism results in behavior modification Responses to emotional situations must be appropriate and professional</p>

3/2013

RETENTION IN THE UPPER DIVISION OF NURSING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2008 AND THEREAFTER

1. A student must earn a "C" or above in all nursing courses.
2. When a student fails a nursing course, this course must be repeated the *following* semester if it can be scheduled by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
 - 2.1 Failure of the same nursing course twice constitutes dismissal from the nursing program.
 - 2.2 Failure of two (2) courses in the nursing curriculum constitutes dismissal from the nursing program.
3. A student's nursing practice must meet established standards, as determined by the faculty, in order to continue in the nursing courses. A student failing to meet these standards will not be allowed to progress in the curriculum.
4. A student admitted on probational status must meet the conditions as specified by the Admission and Progression Committee in order to progress in the curriculum.
5. Completion of the upper division of nursing courses must occur in ten (10) semesters.
6. This policy supersedes all University policies in decisions related to progression and retention in the upper division of nursing.
7. Upper division nursing students must comply with state and federal laws.

5/2008

CREDIT SYSTEM

The unit of credit at Jacksonville State University is the semester hour. In the nursing courses, the credit allocations are derived as follows:

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DISMISSAL FROM THE NURSING MAJOR

The Dean and faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences have the authority to request withdrawal of a student from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and to refuse re-admission to any student at any time if circumstances of a legal, moral, health, social, or academic nature warrant such action.

5/1991

GRADING POLICIES

Grading System

The following represents the grading system used by the University and the basis upon which quality points are earned. The grade point average (GPA) may be determined by dividing the quality points earned by the number of hours attempted.

- A - four quality points per hour (90-100)
- B - three quality points per hour (80-89)
- C - two quality points per hour (70-79)
- D - one quality point per hour (60-69). This grade will not be assigned for EH 098, 099, 101, LS 094, 095, 098, 102, and PHS 099.
- NC - No credits (0-69). This grade is assigned only in English 098, 101, LS 094, 095, 097, 098, 104, and PHS 099.
- F - No quality points (0-59). Failing grades may not be removed from the academic record. This grade will not be assigned for EH 098, 101, LS 094, 095, 097, 098, 104, and PHS 099.
- P - Passing. Grade given for selected courses as specified in course descriptions in the catalogue. The grade of P does not affect the G.P.A. The grade of F on a pass or fail course is computed as a regular F grade.
- I - Incomplete - no quality points. See University Catalogue for details.
- W/P - withdrawn passing.
- W/F - withdrawn failing (counts as an F)
- X - Audit - no credit.

Transferred grades are accepted according to the letter grade sent by the issuing institution regardless of numerical scale on which the letter grade was based.

Grade Point Averages

The University computes Grade Point Averages on all students. The GPA system ranges from 0-4. Hours attempted are divided into quality points in order to arrive at the Grade Point Average for students entering the upper division of nursing and for students enrolled in nursing courses.

ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS AND SECOND CHANCE POLICIES

Upper division nursing courses are not eligible for academic forgiveness and/or second chance.

STUDENT APPEAL AND/OR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

An appeal challenges a decision that has been made; a grievance is a complaint seeking a resolution to a specific problem. The same procedure is followed for either.

I. Student Initiated Appeals and Grievances

The appeal and grievance procedures are each divided into two phases, an "Informal Phase" and a "Formal Phase." The Informal Phase is intended to attempt to resolve an issue through meeting and discussion with the faculty member or members involved and the Course Coordinator. Should the student be dissatisfied with the results obtained in the Informal Phase, a formal appeal may be made. In such case, the procedures outlined in the "Formal Phase" shall be followed.

Informal Phase.

1. A student wishing to appeal a decision or discuss a grievance or complaint shall, within three (3) working days of the event/issue, arrange to speak with the faculty member(s) and Course Coordinator involved in the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the student may initiate an appeal and the resolution procedure then enters the Formal Phase. The faculty member(s) and Course Coordinator shall compile a written report of the issue or issues presented, a summary of the facts, a summary of any attempts to resolve the issue and the

ultimate decision made, and submit this report to the Program Director and Associate Dean. If delivered electronically, a paper copy of the record shall be provided forthwith.

Formal Phase.

1. Completion of the Informal Phase by a student is mandatory and shall be completed before an appeal can be made. A student wishing to file a formal appeal of a decision or grievance/complaint must contact the Program Director in writing within three working days of the meeting with the faculty/Course Coordinator. The Program Director shall ensure the student has access to the Appeal/Grievance Process.
2. The student must submit a written account of the relevant issue or issues involved to the Program Director and Associate Dean. Only information presented by the student at this time can be used in any phase of the appeal. The Program Director and Associate Dean shall thereafter meet with the student, review the appeal or grievance as well as the record of the Informal Phase, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the appeal or grievance is not resolved, the student shall be informed of his/her right to meet with the Dean. A student wishing to have an adverse decision reviewed by the Dean of the College shall deliver, within three (3) working days of being informed of the decision, a written request for review to the Office of the Dean, A summary of the proceedings before the Faculty/Course Coordinator, Program Director and Associate Dean, along with the student's written account, shall be forwarded to the Dean. The Dean shall thereafter set a time and place to meet with the student
3. If the appeal or grievance is pursued, the student will meet with the Dean. The Dean may, but is not required to, include members of the faculty and staff of the College of Nursing and the University Attorney. Information from the student, faculty, Course Coordinator, Program Director, and Associate Dean will be reviewed. Only information provided in the student's written account and information from the review by the Faculty/Course Coordinator, Director and Associate Dean will be allowed. The decision of the Dean shall be final.

II. Faculty Initiated Grievances

A grievance initiated by nursing faculty or administrators against a student will proceed as follows:

1. The student will be notified in writing of the allegation(s) against him/her.
2. The student, and involved faculty member(s)/Course Coordinator shall meet to discuss the basis of the grievance/complaint. The student will be provided the opportunity to respond to the allegations.
3. After the initial meeting, the student will be allowed three (3) working days to provide, in writing, additional information relevant to the grievance/complaint.
4. Faculty Member(s)/Course Coordinator will render a decision in writing, and if the decision is adverse to the student shall therein apprise the student of the procedure to appeal the decision, as heretofore set out.
4. If the student wishes to appeal, he/she must submit a written account of the relevant issue or issues involved to the Program Director and Associate Dean. The Program Director and Associate Dean shall thereafter meet with the student, review the appeal or grievance and attempt to resolve the issue. If the appeal or grievance is not resolved, the student shall be informed of his/her right to meet with the Dean.
5. A student wishing to have an adverse decision reviewed by the Dean of the College shall deliver, within three (3) working days of being informed of the decision, a written request for review to the Office of the Dean. A summary of the proceedings before the Faculty/Course Coordinator, Program Director and Associate Dean, along with the student's written account, shall be forwarded to the Dean. The Dean shall thereafter set a time a place to meet with the student. The Dean may, but is not required to, include the faculty and staff of the College of Nursing and the University Attorney. The decision of the Dean shall be final.
6. The Dean will notify the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and the JSU University Judicial Coordinator of a sustained grievance against a student, as appropriate.

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Considering health risks and factors related to quality of life for smokers and non-smokers, it is the policy of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Wallace Hall) that the environment be designated as a smoke-free environment. **NO** smoking will be permitted within the building at any time. This policy applies to faculty, visitors, and students.

Appropriate signage will be displayed on the front and rear entrances to the building. Students shall be advised of the policy upon admission to the upper division of nursing, and shall be held accountable if a policy violation occurs.

Individuals who choose to smoke may do so in a location that is twenty-five feet (or more) from the building. Faculty and staff will be responsible for educating students and visitors of established smoking regulations.

1/1999

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, referred to as HIPAA, was originally enacted as a means to allow employees to maintain their healthcare coverage when changing jobs, but has grown into regulations for the healthcare industry.

Certain types of patient information are referred to as Protected Health Information and are legally protected under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations and must be treated in a special way.

Protected Health Information encompasses almost anything that can be used to identify the patient such as name and address. It also includes identifiers such as birth date, social security number, medical record number, telephone number, or patient account number. Any piece of information that can be used to discover the individual identity of a specific patient or lead to access to the patient's medical information equals **protected health information**.

Under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations, agencies are required to give patients a copy of its written Notice of Privacy Practices at the time of registration for admission or for an outpatient service encounter. This document will disclose how the agency plans to access, use, and disclose the patient's protected health information.

Failure to abide by the HIPAA Privacy Act of 1996 is a violation of the Professional Scholar's Code and is subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will be enforced against persons who do not follow the privacy policies and procedures that are required under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

HIPAA STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read and understand the HIPAA privacy policy. I understand that I am legally responsible for the implementation of these rules in class and clinical areas. I also understand that the College of Nursing and Health Sciences or the federal government may enforce disciplinary action for any infraction of these rules.

Student Name

Date

05/2009

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Several types of assistance are available to students in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. These include:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Alabama State Grant Program
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Direct Student Loan Programs
- Federal Direct Subsidized Student Loan
- Federal Direct PLUS
- Campus Employment
- General Scholarships

Other programs may be available. Information concerning assistance programs, eligibility and application procedure can be obtained by contacting the Financial Aid Office.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Nursing scholarships are awarded to junior or senior students enrolled in the upper division of Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. These awards are based on merit, and where merit is equal, consideration is given to need. Information concerning nursing scholarships may be obtained through the Office of Student Services. These scholarships are awarded each spring.

SPECIAL NURSING COSTS

SENIOR EXPENSES

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Graduate Pin	Approximately \$47.00 - \$467.00
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At the beginning of the semester prior to graduation, senior students may purchase the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Graduate Pin. Orders are placed in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences through the Office of Student Services.

Application for Degree	Approximately \$ 20.00
Cap and Gown	Approximately \$ 40.00

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

See JSU Catalogue.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

All STEP students must have and maintain throughout the program an unencumbered United States nursing license.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are eligible to participate in all University student affairs. Student nurses are active in the University Student Government Association, sororities, fraternities, ballerinas, athletics, and the religious life of the campus.

JACKSONVILLE ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS

The Jacksonville Association of Nursing Students (JANS) is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). JANS/NSNA's collaborative leadership activities can provide opportunities to meet and network with other nursing students. There are opportunities to participate in local, state, regional, and national conventions, educational offerings, as well as hold office at the local, state, and national level. In addition, JANS sponsors various activities through the year which are directed toward university, community and state projects. Membership information and meeting schedules are available at the JANS office.

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Nurses Christian Fellowship was founded in 1940 when small groups of nurses got together, began to pray, and support each other. Meetings include: fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Students take the leadership role in this organization, but activities are over seen by a faculty member.

SIGMA THETA TAU

Sigma Theta Tau is the International Honor Society of Nursing. The Zeta Xi Chapter of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is chartered by Sigma Theta Tau. The purposes of this organization are to recognize superior achievements and leadership, foster high professional standards, encourage creative work, and strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.

Sigma Theta Tau endeavors to seek out and reward students in baccalaureate or higher degree nursing programs who have demonstrated ability in nursing as evidenced by superior academic achievement. Undergraduate candidates must have completed at least one-half of the required nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and be in the upper 35% of their class. Graduate candidates must have completed one-fourth of the Master's curriculum and have at least a 3.5 GPA. Other criteria for invitation to join are stated in the Sigma Theta Tau By-laws.

STUDENT SERVICES

COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling Services offers personal, educational, and career counseling for JSU students. Personal counseling is conducted in a private setting under the strictest confidence. Counselors are available on an individual or group basis. Counseling Services is the registration site for CLEP, Residual ACT, MAT, C-Base, Math Placement, CLA and other examinations. Many exams are available on a walk-in basis. Counseling Services also coordinate and advise the Peer Educations student group. The Counseling Services office is located in 140 Daugette Hall and more information can be located at www.jsu.edu/ccservices. Their phone number is 256-782-5475.

CAREER SERVICES

Career Services provides cooperative education to undergraduate and graduate students as well as employment assistance to all students, graduating seniors and alumni. These services consist of employability skills workshops, on-campus interviews, job listings at <https://jsu-csm.symplicity.com>, career fairs, corporate information, resume' editing, and individual counseling concerning job search strategies. Career Services is located in Room 207 Merrill Hall. Call (256) 782-5482 to schedule an appointment or visit the website at www.jsu.edu/careerservices to learn more about our services.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Support Services (DSS) provides academic support services as required by Section 504/ADA, removing unfair barriers, and equalizing opportunities to otherwise qualified students. DSS does provide additional programming for students who have sensory disabilities. DSS works with faculty and staff to facilitate the student's integration into the academic community. For information, call (256) 782-8380.

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING

Multicultural Services promotes cultural diversity within the University community. The office enhances the University environment through programs and activities to develop leadership and awareness, as well as to increase awareness of diverse cultures and backgrounds. For information, call (256) 782-5490.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The RMC/University Health Center is a primary health care facility providing outpatient medical services as well as promoting preventive health measures. Services include health education, health screening, treatment of short-term illnesses, emergency first aid, physical examinations, allergy injections, and family planning. Medications are available through physicians dispensing.

The Student Health Center is located between Sparkman Hall and Mason Hall. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call for an appointment at (256) 782-5310.

Jacksonville State University

Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing

I. LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

I am aware that the Student Handbook for the College of Nursing specific to my entering class is available online at: http://www.jsu.edu/nursing/step_info.html

During the online orientation to upper division I was provided instructions on how to access the Student Handbook online. This handbook explains the policies and procedures governing the College.

I hereby testify that I will adhere to the ethical standards of the nursing profession, including the Professional Scholars' Code of the College.

I understand that I am responsible for seeking clarification through established channels within the College and University on any point that is not clear to me.

08/2010

II. PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS CODE AGREEMENT

The students of the College of Nursing recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the nursing profession and this University community as evidenced by the Professional Scholar's Code. Students who enroll at the College of Nursing commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Professional Scholars Code. **Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Professional Scholars Code is bound by honor to take corrective action** (University of Florida, 2006).

We, the members of the College of Nursing, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

On all work submitted at the College of Nursing, the following pledge is required: "On my honor, I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid in doing any or all assignments."

III. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING ENGLISH COMPETENCY EXAM AND C-BASE

I have been advised and fully understand that I must *successfully complete* the University English Competency Exam *no later than the semester prior to my scheduled graduation*.

I have been advised that the exam is now given once per semester and there will no longer be special testing dates for graduating seniors. It is recommended that I complete the ECE as soon as I have completed 60 hours, ENG101 and ENG102 or during my first semester.

I have also been advised that I can only take the exam once per semester.

Prior to graduating all students must take the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination (CBASE) or the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP). Students must have obtained a minimum of 90 credit hours before registering to take either exam. On-Campus students will have to take the CBASE. Online students can choose to take the CBASE on campus OR take the EPP online using ProctorU. The ETS Proficiency Profile assesses four core skill areas —critical thinking, reading, writing and mathematics —in a single test. It measures proficiency in critical thinking, reading,

writing and mathematics in the context of humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, and academic skills developed, as opposed to subject knowledge taught, in general education courses. Students have 70 minutes to complete the test consisting of 36 multiple-choice questions.

The Office of Distance Education and ProctorU now offer students the opportunity to take their online exams anywhere through the use of a webcam and a reliable high-speed internet connection. The student is responsible for payment to ProctorU of all fees incurred as a result of using their services. The current minimum cost to contract ProctorU's services for an exam is \$22.50, which covers an exam that is up to two hours in length. The maximum time necessary to complete the EPP is 70 minutes. Please schedule your exam with ProctorU at least three days before you plan to take the exam. ALL exams scheduled with less than one day's notice will require payment of a \$5 fee. NOTE: You should not attempt to take this examination while using a wireless internet connection. Please use a computer that uses a wired internet connection to take this exam. In order to access the EPP, students will need a computer that meets the following requirements:

Operating System: Windows XP or higher, also now compatible with Mac computers

Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher

Internet Connection Speed: 128k or Greater

Screen Resolution: 1024 x 768

To take the EPP online, please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out and submit the form below. Your college certification advisor will be notified of the date you have selected to take the EPP.
2. Schedule your proctored exam by visiting [JSU's ProctorU](#) website and clicking on "Schedule or Take an Exam". Please schedule your exam with ProctorU at least three days before you plan to take the exam. ALL exams scheduled with less than one day's notice will require payment of a \$5 fee. Create an account by clicking on "New Users: Request Login ID" (be sure to provide a valid email address, and a phone number where you can be reached when taking an exam).
3. Visit <http://www.proctoru.com/testitout/index.php> to verify that the computer you plan to use for the exam meets all system requirements for ProctorU.
4. At the time of your exam, return to JSU's ProctorU website and click on "Schedule or Take an Exam". Click on the blinking button that says "You have an exam. Click here to begin."

Failure to comply with these guidelines may prevent my graduating as scheduled.

Signature of Student

Date

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