

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Academic Senate
Committee on Computer Resources
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Academic Senate Steering Committee

FROM: Committee on Admissions, Dr. Wilma Anthony, Chair

SUBJECT: Monthly report: Proposed Changes to Application Requirements for Clinical Nursing

DATE: April 21, 2009

Proposed Changes to Application Requirements for Clinical Nursing

In an effort to meet needs of the nursing workforce for the 21st Century, and fill limited clinical seats with the most prepared applicant, the following revisions to the clinical nursing admission policies are proposed. These proposals reflect current trends in other CUNY, SUNY, and private nursing programs. In addition, Queensborough has established a collaborative relationship with Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing and these changes reflect their requirements

Application Requirements

Current Requirements

- Application to the Clinical Nursing Program requires that students complete the Pre Clinical Sequence (BIO 301, EN 101, SS 510, SS 310) with a minimum GPA of 2.75
- No required Application exam

Proposed Changes

- Increase the minimum Pre clinical sequence GPA to 3.0 for application eligibility.
- Require all applicants take the National league of Nursing Pre Admission RN exam –RN PAX

Rationale

In the last 5 years, the large applicant pool has in effect, raised the admission GPA of accepted students to over 3.0. This has resulted in an increased retention rate of clinical nursing students from 53% in 2004, to 78% in 2008. In addition, this pre clinical GPA increase, meets the requirements of the collaborative RN BSN program with Hunter.

The NLN PAX Exam is a nationwide test that has proven valid and reliable in identifying students who have the greatest potential to succeed in nursing. Student's scores In Verbal, Math and Science, will provide additional information about the applicant's qualifications, as compared to other candidates in the applicant pool.