

Provost and Academic Vice President



TO: David J. Silva, Provost and Academic Vice President, Academic Affairs  
FROM: Amy Smith, Chair, All-University Committee  
RE: Request for New Policy, School of Nursing  
DATE: May 17, 2019

Enclosed for your review and approval is the request for new policy, School of Nursing Course Exemption Policy, School of Nursing

This request has been recommended by the School of Nursing, the Academic Policies Committee, and the All-University Committee. All Contractual obligations have been met. The effective date is June 1, 2019.

I also recommend approval.

Approve:

*David J. Silva*  
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David J. Silva  
Provost and Academic Vice President

Disapprove:

5/17/2019  
Date

Comments, if any:

*Requires expedited processing. Thank you!*

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*-DJS*

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Proposal # 19:372

Approved by:

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Salem State University Undergraduate Governance  
Academic Policy Proposal Form

Title:

School of Nursing Course Exemption Policy

*(please give your request a brief descriptive title)*

New policy

Description of policy as it would appear in the catalog:

In some cases students may be eligible for limited course exemptions. Exemptions for university-wide General Education requirements are based upon prior completion of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Education Foundations (Mass Transfer Block) or the prior completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States.

Limited exemptions for specific General Education requirements may be granted under the university policies related to credit by examination or credit for prior learning. Please see: Salem State University Undergraduate Catalog

Exemptions for courses required by the Nursing program are limited, but may be granted in certain circumstances. Students who have completed prior coursework or received examination credit for courses that meet or exceed the content and learning outcomes of specific support courses may be eligible for course substitutions or exemptions. The Chairperson of the Nursing department shall review all such requests and will inform the student and the Registrar's Office of any substitutions or waivers granted.

Required nursing courses may not be exempted, but students who have completed prior coursework in an accredited nursing program may have specific foundation courses considered for transfer credit.

Please indicate where the new policy should appear in the undergraduate catalog:

Additional Requirements. Nursing majors are expected to carry their own health insurance, as well as liability insurance. Liability insurance is purchased through the University for approximately \$15.00 per year. During clinical courses, there are certain equipment items which students must purchase at an approximate cost of \$100, such as a stethoscope and blood pressure cuff. Majors in Nursing must be prepared to provide their own transportation to clinical agencies as of the second semester sophomore year in the undergraduate program. Uniforms are to be worn in the clinical area and are purchased through the Salem State University Bookstore prior to the second semester, sophomore year.

Throughout the program, ATI standardized tests are administered and count towards the course test grade. During the final semester students must take the ATI Comprehensive Predictor examinations as well as attend a four day intensive ATI review course in preparation for the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure. Please see additional details in the School of Nursing Student Handbook of Academic Policies. A Nursing Resource Center fee of \$100 is assessed for ten of the nursing courses for ATI testing materials and course related examinations.

INSERT: NEW HEADING *School of Nursing Undergraduate Academic Policies* followed by this statement:

*Policies for nursing students are congruent with those of the governing organization, publicly accessible, non-discriminatory, and consistently applied; differences are justified by the student learning outcomes and program outcomes. Both Salem State University and the School of Nursing policies are publicly accessible, non-discriminatory, and consistently applied.*

*Followed by an embedded link: School of Nursing Undergraduate Policies*

***Course Exemption Policy will be policy # 3***

Rationale for new policy:

Mandated by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing (CMR 6.04 (1) (d)) and CMR 6.04 (3) (a) (2)

Existing Policy as it currently appears in the catalog:

[Empty box for Existing Policy]

Proposed New Policy (as it would appear in the catalog):

[Empty box for Proposed New Policy]

Rationale for change to existing policy:

[Empty box for Rationale for change to existing policy]

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2019

Submitter: Joanne Carlson

Department: Nursing

Date Submitted: 5/3/19