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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:38 PM  
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**Subject:** State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Application for Revision of a Common Prerequisite course for CIP 51.3801: Nursing A.S. to B.S. Program

Dr. Fritch,

The voting period for SCFMS's request for revision to the Common Prerequisites Manual ended on 3/16/2020. The State University System (SUS) nursing common prerequisite discipline committee members did not approve the request. However, the Florida College System nursing common prerequisite discipline committee members did approve or had no objections to the request resulting in a split-decision. SCFMS has the option to appeal to the Articulation Coordinating Oversight Committee. If you would like to proceed with an appeal, please reach out to the Office of Articulation (copied here) for steps moving forward with your appeal.

Please find below the rationale for the SUS not approving the request. The comments included:

- The NCLEX-RN exam is not an appropriate substitute for the common pre-requisite science requirement underpinning a BSN program;
- Another point is that the BSN is the foundation for graduate studies in Nursing (nurse practitioner, nurse anesthesia) that often require strong science/chemistry as pre-requisites for advanced pathophysiology, pharmacology and health assessment. We actively encourage our pre-BSN students to complete Chemistry as they perform better in pharmacology and pathophysiology throughout the program and they will need it for graduate studies.
- I agree. I do not approve. The NCLEX-RN does not test Chemistry knowledge. Plus, the applicant may have taken Chemistry 20 or 30 years ago.
- The NCLEX-RN exam is not an appropriate substitute for the common pre-requisite science requirement underpinning a BSN Program.
- Chemistry is essential to the education of a baccalaureate prepared nurse. Therefore, we do not support this exception.
- We no longer have an AS-BS program, but when we had one, I know we did not substitute the NCLEX for any pre-requisite courses. Seems they should have the chemistry class as a pre-req for the AS.

Please do not hesitate to follow up should you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Mike

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**Subject:** State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Application for Revision of a Common Prerequisite course for CIP 51.3801: Nursing A.S. to B.S. Program.

To: Florida Department of Education; Articulation Coordinating Committee

RE: State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Application for Revision of a Common Prerequisite course for CIP 51.3801: Nursing A.S. to B.S. Program.

Please allow this correspondence and supporting documentation to serve as an official Application for Revision of a Common Prerequisite from the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota.

The application is requesting substitution of a common prerequisite course within the SCF Nursing A.S to B.S. program, CIP Code: 51.3801. The current primary prerequisite includes 3-credit hours of any of the following courses:

- CHMXXXX
- BSCXXXX
- BCHXXXX
- PCBXXXX or
- PHYXXXX (3 credit hours)

The proposed substitution would allow for a passing score on the NCLEX-RN examination to meet this prerequisite requirement. All students entering the A.S to B.S. program at SCF must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN exam prior to enrollment. The program believes that successfully passing the NCLEX-RN examination demonstrates competency for this content area; and as such, wishes to substitute successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam for this course requirement. This substitution option is currently approved at other Florida College System schools that offer similar A.S. to B.S. programs.

The proposal for the substitution was drafted by the RN-to-BSN Curriculum Committee and the RN-to-BSN Faculty group in 2019. The proposal was then presented to the Dean of Nursing and Health Professions, the Natural Science Department Chair, and the Associate Provost who approved and submitted the proposal to the SCF Curriculum Development and Review Committee (CDR). The proposal was approved by the CDR committee on December 9, 2019 and submitted to the SCF District Board of Trustees (BOT) for approval. The proposal was approved by the BOT on January 28, 2020.

Please find attached the Application to Revise a Common Prerequisite, a copy of the SCF CDR form, and the SCF CDR signature page.

If additional information is required please contact:

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Thank you in advance, we appreciate your review and consideration of this application.

Best,  
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