MEMO:

TO: Nursing Majors

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SUBJECT: Revised Admission Cumulative GPA for the Associate Degree Nursing Program effective March 15, 2016 Application; Change in credits to Advanced Placement transition course effective January 2015.

First and foremost, we want to welcome you back to the 2014-2015 academic year!

In an effort to promote student success in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, the minimum cumulative GPA required for application to the nursing program has been revised to 2.5, effective March 15, 2016. Evidence supports that a student’s GPA is a significant indicator of success in a nursing program.

The decision to increase the cumulative GPA to 2.5 from 2.0 was made after researching numerous community college based Associate Degree Nursing Programs in the tri-state area and nationally, noting the average GPA is 2.5. This is also the minimum GPA for the State of Delaware SEED scholarship application.

The minimum cumulative GPA required for admission to our LPN programs will remain 2.0.

Secondly, for students planning to apply for Advanced Placement in the nursing program (LPNs and nationally certified paramedics), the first course for advanced placement students, NUR 190, has been reduced from 10 credits to 6 credits effective January 2015, based on research of other programs with advanced placement program options.
Statewide, the ADN program remains oversubscribed and has a competitive application process. This memo serves to notify students of these revisions in an adequate time frame. Students are encouraged to meet with their nursing advisor with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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