

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF

NEW POLICY REQUEST FORM

(Please use a separate form for each proposal/course. Submit the original form to the chair of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee. Submit one copy of the request to EACH member of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee).

1. Presenter: Diann Williams Department: Nursing
2. Code: _____ Title: Upcharge - Nursing Departmental Fees for NURS Courses
3. Abstract of proposal: (LIMIT DISCUSSION TO 100 WORDS OR LESS).

This proposal is to adopt a \$30.00 per credit hour "Upcharge Nursing Departmental Fee" for all courses with the NURS prefix in addition to the current Nursing Test Fee and other University fees. The purpose of the requested Departmental Fee is to provide a method of upfront payment to cover increasing costs associated with specialized nursing assessment programs, nursing technology and specialized medical lab supplies, required clinical screenings, and malpractice insurance.

4. Objectives: Obtain approval to adopt a \$30.00/credit hour Upcharge for NURS courses.
5. Recommended Reference materials: NONE
6. Prerequisites (if any): NONE
7. Content Duplication: Is this content similar to present offerings in other departments of the University? If yes, explain. N/A
8. Justification: Make the justification specific in terms of the need, clientele to be served, the contribution the proposed action makes to a specific degree program, how those needs have been met in the past, and courses to be added, dropped or replaced.
(LIMIT JUSTIFICATION TO 250 WORDS OR LESS).

All BSN programs in the state of Arkansas are contracted for services to provide integrated testing and/or assessments throughout the curriculum. Data is available to support a correlation between assessment support services and student success on the NCLEX-RN. The current service being used at UAPB is Kaplan. Only one (1) other BSN program contracts with Kaplan for these services and reports little or no correlation in terms of predicting student success. The current Kaplan contract expires 8/5/2017. The Department will begin using a different vendor which will increase the amount that students will be required to pay for testing and assessment. Without the Departmental Fee, students will be required to pay for this increase and other program expenses out of pocket at various points in the program.

To offset the cost of this assessment service and the additional program expenses, most Nursing programs assess a per/credit hour and/or a per course fee to students enrolled in the clinical program.

9. Justification for course numbering, if any (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior): N/A

10. Prospective director, coordinator, or instructor: _____

11. When will the proposed action become effective? Fall 2017

12. Submitted by: *D. Williams* 2/28/17
Date

13. Approved by: *D. Williams* 2/6/17
Department Curriculum Committee (Chair) Date

14. Approved by: *D. Williams* 2/28/2017
Department Chair Date

15. Approved by: *Andrea Stewart* 2/28/2017
Dean of School Date

16. Approved by: _____
Teacher Education Committee (Chair) Date

17. Approved by: _____
Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee (Chair) Date

18. Approved by: _____
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Date

19. Approved by: _____
Faculty/Staff Senate President Date

20. Approved by: _____
Chancellor Date