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Dear Randy,

Please accept the attached proposal to establish admission criteria for students selected to enter the College of Nursing's Pre-major. Upon recommendation by CAA in January, the College has developed these criteria which we expect will reduce the number of non-competitive students in Pre-Nursing by about 35%. The criteria are the same as those used by other competitive pre-majors such as Business and Pharmacy.

I appreciate your careful review of the proposal and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth R. Lenz".

Elizabeth Lenz, PhD, RN
Dean
College of Nursing

To: Randy Smith, Vice-Provost of Academic Programs

From: Sandy Cody, Asst. Dean for Student Affairs, College of Nursing

Date: June 27, 2007

RE: Proposal to establish criteria for admission to Pre-Nursing

On January 17, 2007, CAA approved the College of Nursing's proposal (dated 12/19/06) to increase the minimum GPA requirement for admission to the nursing major from 2.75 to 3.0 effective for enrollment AU08. At that time, the Council recommended that the College of Nursing establish criteria for admission to Pre-Nursing.

Currently, freshman and transfer students are admitted directly into Pre-Nursing without any admission criteria. The number of Pre-Nursing students has increased each year in the previous eight years. However, the number of available openings in the program has remained between 153 and 166 for the previous six years. Consequently, the percentage of Pre-Nursing students who are admitted to the program each year has decreased. See table below.

YEAR	APPLICANT POOL	TOTAL # OF PRE-NURSING STUDENTS	TOTAL ADMITTED (% OF PRE-NURSING ADMITTED)
2000	258	0	124 (48%)
2001	300	44	117 (39%)
2002	396	140	153 (38%)
2003	468	289	158 (33%)
2004	489	354	155 (31%)
2005	487	370	169 (34%)
2006	559	417	166 (29%)
2007	612	414	166 (27%)

Due to the low percentage of Pre-Nursing students entering the program, the College of Nursing is proposing admission criteria for Pre-Nursing in order to reduce the number of students in Pre-Nursing who are not competitive for admission to the major. Currently, some Pre-Nursing students who are not admitted to the major are referred to University Exploration and Career Connection in the Younkin Center to provide assistance to students who are re-deciding their major. Other Pre-Nursing students who are not admitted are referred to tutoring services, Younkin Success Center, the Writing Center, and other resources for academic remediation. Some of these students re-apply in the following year, although second applications have not had a higher success rate than first applications.

The College proposes that an ACT score of 25 or higher or the correlate SAT score of 1130 or higher be used as admission criteria for Pre-Nursing effective for AU08 enrollment. These criteria are identical to those used by the College of Business and College of Pharmacy for admission to their pre-majors. Based on reports from Undergraduate Admissions which include standardized test scores of incoming freshmen Pre-Nursing students, the College of Nursing anticipates that the implementation of this admission criteria will reduce the number of new Pre-Nursing students by about 35%. In 2007, 178

NFQF were admitted to Pre-Nursing. 34% had ACT or SAT scores below the criteria. If the criteria had been in place, the number of NFQF admitted to Pre-Nursing would have been 61 students.

Admission to the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing program is extremely competitive. Students are admitted to the nursing major as sophomores. The average GPA for successful applicants is 3.6. Students must complete seven pre-requisite courses before the end of Spring quarter in their freshmen year in order to be admitted the following Autumn (as sophomores.) In addition to academic performance, the admissions committee considers volunteer/work experiences and the student's responses to a series of essay questions.

By implementing these admission criteria for Pre-Nursing, the College will:

1. Establish a more academically competitive pool of applicants to the nursing major.
2. Reduce the number of non-competitive students in Pre-Nursing who will be directed to select another major in which they will have improved chances for admission.
3. Reduce the number of non-competitive students who are currently being advised by College of Nursing academic advisors.
4. Communicate to prospective students the level of competitiveness of admission to nursing.

Below is the complete proposed admission criteria for Pre-Nursing for Freshmen and Transfer students.

Freshmen: Admitted students who have ACT composite scores of 25 or above or combined SAT Critical Reading and Math scores of 1130 or above enroll as Pre-Nursing.

Transfer: Admitted transfer students with (1) at least 30 credit hours; and, (2) at least a 3.0 GPA on all previous college course work enroll in the pre-nursing major.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please contact me if you require additional information.

c: E. Lenz