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## **Advancing Academic Progression: BSN Foundational Courses**

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- April 2014 a meeting was hosted by APIN titled-- *Moving Forward: A National Dialogue on Academic Progression in Nursing* to discuss common issues including inconsistent admission qualifications, prerequisites, general education requirements, etc.
- A recommendation from the meeting was for to provide consistent prerequisites/general education requirements for BSN education.

- July 2014: Follow up workgroup meeting held
- Attendees were a sub group of a larger meeting representing ADN, BSN, Practice, Campaign for Action staff
- Work Group Goals:
  1. Analyze prerequisite and general education requirements across APIN projects
  2. Propose an “ideal set” of prerequisite and general education courses as national standards

# Analyze Requirements Across Academic Progression Projects

## Findings:

- Lack of consistency of specific prerequisite courses / general education courses found

## Recommendations:

- Focus on general set of requirements
- Change language to “*Foundational*” Courses

# Analyze Requirements Across Academic Progression Projects

## Rationale:

- The term *Foundational* is broader, encompasses courses without concern when in program they occur.
- Many courses are also common to ADN education.

**Example:** Pathophysiology as prerequisite course or as a nursing course.

## Goal 2:

# Propose Foundational Courses Leading to BSN

## 4 Categories

- Gen Ed (24 credits +/-)
- Basic Sciences (12 credits +/-)
- Social Sciences (9 credits +/-)
- Human Sciences (16 credits +/-)

**Total Foundational Credits: 60-64 credits**

# General Education Courses (24 credits +/-)

## Examples of General Education Courses:

- Communications Courses
- English Courses
- Humanities Courses
- Fine Arts Courses
- Mathematics
- History
- Statistics / Logic Courses

## **Basic Science Courses (12 credits +/-)**

### **Examples of Basic Science Courses:**

- Chemistry Courses
- Biology Courses
- Microbiology Courses



## **Social Science Courses** **(9 credits +/-)**

### **Social Science Courses:**

- Psychology
- Growth/Development / Lifespan
- Sociology

# Human Science Courses (16 credits +/-)

## Human Science Courses:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Pathophysiology
- Nutrition
- Pharmacology

- Facilitate admission process and curriculum development.
- Enhance transfer and acceptance of credits.
- Enhance consistency in foundation for professional nursing practice.
- Maximizes flexibility to accommodate unique requirements of various schools.

- Review current program requirements compared to recommended foundation courses.
- Conduct assessment among collaborating institutions to determine alignment.
- Engage in discussion with state action coalitions to enhance academic progression.
- Engage in discussion with state board of nursing and accrediting agencies.

## First steps - Think Tank session #2 FUTURE OF NURSING™ Campaign for Action

- Hear from two states about the application of the BSN Foundational Courses.
- Explore how the BSN foundational courses will be implemented in the emerging model.