Associate in Nursing DTA

Thinking Together in New Ways

Advancing Academic Progression: What Will it Take to Achieve 80/20?

January 22, 2015

Mary A. Baroni, PhD, RN
Professor, School of Nursing & Health Studies
University of Washington Bothell
Co-Project Director, APIN-WA

Direct Transfer Agreements (DTA)

- WA State DTA guidelines first established >30 years ago
- Legislature mandates Pre-Nursing DTA (2004)
- Legislature makes DTA mechanism state law (2011)
- "Washington 45" list of foundational (GER) courses transferrable to all public & most private universities (2012)
- Associate in Nursing DTA with foundational courses (2011-2014)
 - Uniformly transferrable
 - Meeting statewide university "general education" requirements (GERs)
 - Includes cross-listed "integrated GERs"

English composition (5 cr)		
Communication - DTA transfer list - 5 cr		
College level statistics - 5 cr		
Humanities from DTA transfer list - 10 cr Ethics& Policy in Healthcare* -5 cr		
Introduction to Psychology - 5 cr Lifespan Psychology -5 cr Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare* 5 cr		

DTA Elements	Associate in Nursing DTA	
NATURAL SCIENCES 20-25 credits	General or Cell Biology – 5 cr Microbiology - 5 cr Chemistry – 5 cr Anatomy/Physiology I & II - 10 cr Nutrition in Healthcare* -5 cr	
ELECTIVES Required "technical" credits in nursing core	15 credits from nursing core	
Total Generic DTA Credits	90 Credits	
NURSING CORE	45 credits of core nursing credits in addition to those included above	
TOTAL CREDITS	135 credits	

Foundational Courses	APIN/CCNA cr	DTA in SEM cr	DTA in QTR cr		
General Education	24 +/-	13.33*	20*		
Basic Sciences	12 +/-	16.67	25		
Social Sciences	9 +/-	10*	15*		
Human Sciences (Humanities)	16 +/-	10*	15*		
TOTAL FOUNDATIONAL	(60-64)	50	75		
A.D.N. Core Nursing (minus integrated GURs)		40	60		
TOTAL CTC CREDITS		90	135		
* Includes integrated GERs from nursing core cross-listed with other departments. Only 60 semester or 90 quarter credits transfer to RN-BSN university programs in WA. Since mid-1990's we have awarded 30 sem/45 qtr upper division credits transfer as "competency by exam" with NCLEX					
RN-to-BSN Completion		30	45		
TOTAL RN-BSN Pathway		120 credits	180 credits		

BSN Foundational Courses

- Help address variations in CTC nursing major ranging from 65-132 quarter credits
- Make transparent the "hidden pre-requisites" to nursing pre-requisites
- Provide a framework for conversations about the limits on # of lower division credits transferable to university baccalaureate programs
- Allow for possible LPN to RN Associate in Nursing DTA alignment