



Baccalaureate Nursing Program Advisory

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The State of Florida's Articulation Coordinating Committee has initiated a policy change that impacts students in the IRSC BSN program. ***Beginning with the Fall 2011 term***, CHM 1020 (Introduction to Chemistry, 3 credits) will replace CHM 1045 and CHM 1045L (General Chemistry I with Lab, total of 4 credits) in the IRSC baccalaureate Nursing program. Additionally, students will choose between PSY 2012 (Psychology, 3 credits) or SYG 2000 (Sociology, 3 credits). Students will no longer be required to take both Psychology and Sociology. The result of these changes is that the total number of credits required for the IRSC BSN program will be reduced from 125 to 121, effective with the Fall 2011 term.

Impacts for Students

Baccalaureate Nursing students graduating before the Fall 2011 term must complete the program of study that is currently in effect (total of 125 credits) including both Psychology and Sociology and CHM 1045 and CHM 1045L.

Baccalaureate Nursing students who are currently admitted and DO NOT INTEND TO GRADUATE prior to the Fall 2011 term may elect to take CHM 1020 and EITHER Psychology or Sociology, if they have not already satisfied these program requirements. Students electing this option must consult with their assigned IRSC academic advisor to review their degree audit and make appropriate course substitutions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Any currently admitted baccalaureate Nursing student who chooses to take CHM 1020 and/or 3 credits of either Psychology or Sociology WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GRADUATE prior to the conclusion of the Fall 2011 term.*

Impacts on Federal Financial Aid

Federal financial aid programs (including Pell Grants, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Student Loans, and Federal Work Study programs) will only cover classes that are part of an approved program of study. Since the changes outlined above will not be effective until the Fall 2011 term, ***currently enrolled students receiving Federal Financial Aid who elect to take CHM 1020 before the Fall 2011 term will not receive Federal Financial Aid for this course, unless it is added as a valid course substitution by the student's academic advisor.*** Contact your assigned IRSC academic advisor to initiate this change if you are an admitted baccalaureate Nursing student who intends to take CHM 1020 prior to the Fall 2011 term.

Additional questions about these program changes should be directed to:
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