## **York University**

## **Non-Major Modification to Existing Programs**

## **TEMPLATE**

**Program**: Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses BScN Program

Degree Designation: Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Type of Modification**: Admission Requirements

(Examples include changes to degree / admission requirements.)

Effective Date: Fall 2024

**1.** State what the changes are (Example: increase / decrease to the number of major credits)

To create two pools of internationally registered nurse applicants (IEN). The first pool of applicants will remain the same. They are IEN applicants who are a licensed Registered Nurse (RN) in their home jurisdiction, a domestic applicant with a work permit, resident of Ontario, and evaluated for an RN by the College of Nurses of Ontario as possessing an education at least equivalent to a diploma level.

The new second pool of applicants will be IENs who are a licensed Registered Nurses in their home jurisdiction and eligible to apply for a student visa.

**2.** Provide the rationale for the proposed changes that is rooted in the program learning outcomes.

Over the past few years, the landscape of IEN credentialing and the registration process has undergone considerable changes. This has enabled many IENs to complete their registration as RNs without completing a bridging program. As a result, we have seen a sharp decline in the number and quality of applicants to our program. The School of Nursing is committed to attracting the best applicants, and modifying the admission criteria will attract more quality applicants.

The new pool of qualified VISA students who are registered nurses from their home jurisdiction alongside our present pool of applicants who are permanent residents with a work permit, will strengthen and broaden the applicant pool and allow us to choose the strongest candidates from both pools and fill all of our allocated 50 seats for this program.

**3.** Provide an updated mapping of the program requirements to the program learning outcomes to illustrate how the proposed requirements will support the achievement of program learning objectives.

None required.

4. If relevant, summarize the consultation undertaken with relevant academic units, including commentary on the impact of the proposed changes on other programs. Provide individual statements from the relevant program(s) confirming consultation and their support

The working group commenced consultations with faculty members and then brought a proposal to change the admission requirements forward to the Executive Committee. The proposed changes were then discussed at School Council and received support from faculty. A motion to change the admission requirements for the IEN program was then approved at the School Council.

5. Describe any resource implications and how they are being addressed (e.g., through a reallocation of existing resources). If new/additional resources are required, provide a statement from the relevant Dean(s)/Principal confirming resources will be in place to implement the changes.

As the program will remain the same and the number of the students accepted into the program will remain at 50, there are no resource implications

**6.** Provide a summary of how students currently enrolled in the program will be accommodated.

As the program will remain the same there will be no impact on students currently enrolled in the program

7. Provide as an appendix a side-by-side comparison of the existing and proposed program requirements as they will appear in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendar.

Admission Requirements	
Existing	Proposed
My Admission Requirements:	My Admission Requirements:
NURSING: POST-RN FOR INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES - BSCN (FACULTY OF HEALTH) FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ONTARIO	NURSING: POST-RN FOR INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES - BSCN (FACULTY OF HEALTH) FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ONTARIO
See Program Page	See Program Page
This program is designed for internationally educated nurses who are not currently registered in Ontario.	This program is designed for internationally educated nurses who are not currently registered in Ontario.
To be eligible for admission to the program, you must:	To be eligible for admission to the program, <b>you must</b> either be:
<ul> <li>be a licensed Registered Nurse in your home jurisdiction;</li> <li>be a domestic applicant (permanent resident, Canadian citizen or convention refugee);</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a licensed Registered Nurse in your home jurisdiction;</li> <li>eligible to qualify for a valid student visa;</li> </ul>
• be a resident of Ontario;	<u>OR</u>
<ul> <li>have been evaluated for an RN by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) as possessing an education at least equivalent to a diploma level; and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>be a domestic applicant (permanent resident, Canadian citizen or convention refugee);</li> <li>be a resident of Ontario;</li> </ul>
submit <u>all supporting</u> documentation and <u>language proficiency test</u> results (if required) to York's Office of Admissions	<ul> <li>have been evaluated for an RN by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) as possessing an education at least equivalent to a diploma level; and</li> </ul>
Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.	Both types of applicants must submit all supporting documentation and language proficiency test results (if required) to York's Office of Admissions
	Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.