

ITEM 148-2008-R0910

Accelerated Alternative Post-Baccalaureate, BS in Nursing (BSN), Montana State University

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University to establish an accelerated alternative post-baccalaureate in the BS in Nursing (BSN)

EXPLANATION

The College of Nursing at Montana State University is seeking approval to begin offering an accelerated second degree alternative for students to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing. This alternative would be available only to students who already have a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than nursing. Students would be required to have completed the same or equivalent pre-requisite courses as basic students. Once admitted to the nursing major, they would be able to complete the nursing degree in approximately 16 months, as opposed to the 29 months it takes basic students. This alternative would not be a new program. The curriculum, number of credits earned, and degree would be the same as the basic BSN degree program.

This proposal responds to an ongoing need for more nurses to enter the workforce, both within the state and beyond. The accelerated alternative will meet the needs of degreed students who seek to become registered nurses. It will offer a route to a baccalaureate degree in nursing that is tailored to their needs as adults and their background of having an earned degree. There is not another second degree accelerated alternative in Montana.

ATTACHMENTS

Level II Request Form
Curriculum Proposals
Survey Results
Letters of Support
Board of Nursing approval letter