

Proposed Course Revision
Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Proposed Changes to PCAM 101
Committee Proposing Revision	System Affairs
Date of Presentation to Senate	April 16, 2021
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Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- In the Summer of 2019, USC Salkehatchie requested the creation of a new course, PCAM 101, to fill a key role in its then-new Nursing Program partnership with USC Beaufort. The USC Beaufort Nursing Program required the following course from the USC Beaufort course catalog:
- NURS B105: CONCEPTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CALCULATIONS (2). (Prerequisite: Declared Pre-Nursing Concentration or admittance into the Nursing Honors Program) [Note: The PCAM 101 current course description below is the same as the original description for NURS B105.]
- This course is typically taken the second semester of the freshman year and it is required before a student is accepted into the upper division of the nursing program. In its Memorandum of Understanding with USC Beaufort (and in keeping with its commitment to its students), USC Salkehatchie assured it will offer all required lower-level nursing courses as Salkehatchie classes. As there was no USC Columbia equivalent for the USC Beaufort NURS B105, we created the PCAM 101 course as an equivalent for our campus. Very recently, the University of South Carolina Beaufort moved to change the credit offered within its comparable course from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- USC Salkehatchie seeks to incorporate course credit hour and description changes to match changes made by USC Beaufort for its comparable course. Increasing the credit for this course builds upon the students' prior knowledge of written communication and expand it to understanding professional Nursing writing. This will establish a firm foundation for students as they move into courses that require searching for and writing about specific Nursing literature.

Course description for proposed revisions

Current	Proposed
PCAM 101: Nursing Concepts, Communications, and Calculations	PCAM 101: Nursing Concepts, Communications, and Calculations
2 credit hours	3 credit hours
Course Description: This course introduces concepts essential to basic nursing practice. Nursing's historical evolution as a profession through theory, concept and role development will be presented. An overview of medical	Course Description: This course introduces concepts essential to basic nursing practice. Nursing's historical evolution as a profession through theory, concept and role development will be presented. An overview of medical

<p>terminology and medication calculations is provided as rudimentary skills that promote effective interpretation and communication within the health disciplines, and the mathematical calculations required to administer pharmaceutical agents.</p>	<p>terminology and medical calculations is provided as skills that promote patient safety within the health disciplines. Written communication skills for the professional nurse will be presented. Students will be introduced to the difference between scholarly and non-scholarly sources.</p>
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