INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE DEVELOPING BSN PROGRAM

Mars Hill University (MHU) is developing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program anticipated to begin at the junior year in Fall 2016. At this time, there are no nursing programs at MHU. This information sheet is for pre-nursing and prospective pre-nursing student planning.

How the proposed new degree fits within the overall mission of Mars Hill University: Like the university’s mission statement, the proposed MHU BSN Program would be grounded in a rigorous study of the liberal arts, prepares professionals for the world of work, and is committed to character development, health care service, and responsible citizenship. Following is the mission statement for the proposed MHU BSN program:

The BSN Program at Mars Hill University equips students with the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to provide innovative health care across the lifespan through the roles of provider of care, designer of care, and member of the profession. Students will experience an education that:

- Sharpens critical thinking and clinical judgment
- Enhances health promotion and cultural sensitivity perspectives
- Insists upon effective, interactive, and interdisciplinary communication
- Engages with the community.

Program Student Learning Outcomes: The following program student learning outcomes extend the mission statement and reflect current expectations in Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs. The BSN Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are in alignment with the MHU Student Learning Outcomes.

Program SLO 1: Students will apply components of health promotion theory and pertinent nursing theories across the lifespan, cultures, and communities.

Program SLO 2: Students will demonstrate the importance of scientific inquiry and its role in grounding nursing in evidence-based practice.

Program SLO 3: Students will participate in interdisciplinary care for enhancement of patient outcomes.

Program SLO 4: Students will model the importance of ethics, moral character, altruism, and social justice in the nursing profession.

Program SLO 5: Students will comprehend the role of gender, race/ethnicity, genomics/genetics, and environment on health promotion and disease prevention.

Program SLO 6: Students will synthesize best practices in research, leadership, quality improvement, and patient safety into own professional practice.

Program SLO 7: Students will communicate effectively through a variety of methods, technologies, and informatics platforms.

Program SLO 8: Students will cultivate relationships with communities across various healthcare environments.

Program SLO 9: Students will relate policy, finance, and regulatory environments to healthcare delivery.

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Program SLO 10: Students will integrate advanced knowledge, self-discovery, team dynamics, and experience acquired through the BSN program to success on the NCLEX-RN and further into the workplace.

Proposed Admissions Criteria – must be admitted to the University to apply to School of Nursing

* Academics: 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in post-secondary work and 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in natural sciences courses (Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, etc.)

* Interview and Essay – at University upon provisional acceptance

Certified and Listed in NC as Nursing Assistant I (CNA I) prior to the first clinical course

Clean Criminal Background Check for all states of residence for past 10 years

Current Immunizations required by CDC, NC, and clinical agencies

Current CPR card by AHA Healthcare Provider or ARC

Liability Insurance for MHU Nursing Students (through MHU prior to first clinical course)

Additional Consideration for:

* Extracurricular activities (especially in health related areas)

* Athletic activities

* Community service (especially in health related or volunteer areas)

* Experience as a CNA I

* Mars Hill University student during pre-nursing

* Residents of western North Carolina

* Note that in these areas, it is proposed that applicants may earn additional points when above what is required (or is included on the Additional Consideration list).

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