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Policy Procedure

Title: Non-Graduate Status Disclosure
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I. **Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to identify VN to RN Career Ladder and other students requesting to be admitted to the RN program in a "non-graduate" status. This policy provides students with full disclosure relative to ramifications and limitations of a non-degree student.

II. **Application:** Students considering the 30 Unit Option or Non-Graduate status must declare this option prior to enrollment in the program. Once students have begun the VN to ADN program, the 30 unit option is not available. Students considering this option must make an appointment to meet with the Director of Nursing for full disclosure of all information.

III. **Philosophy:** Eligibility to take the Nursing licensing examination, known as the NCLEX-RN, requires approval from the Director of Nursing. This approval certifies the student completed all course work required for licensing, according to the CA Board of Nursing. Prior to a student making the decision to attempt the NCLEX-RN in a "non-graduate" status, Yuba College Nursing wants to ensure that students understand the full ramifications of this decision.

IV. **Policy:** Any student applying for VN to RN program, and considering the 30 Unit Option as a non-graduate, must meet with the Director of Nursing before submission of their application. Students will be counseled on information relative to courses that must be complete as part of the 30 Unit option (including Nursing 21 Pediatric Nursing and the last two semesters of the program). Students requesting non-graduate status (30 unit option) will be counseled and asked to sign

- 1) Non-Graduate Status form, and the
- 2) VN to RN Articulation Information form.

These forms will be kept in student's file, with a copy provided to the student.



Non-Graduate Status

Non-Graduation Status Disclosure Information Sheet

Eligibility to take the Nursing licensing examination, known as the NCLEX-RN, requires approval from the Director of Nursing. This approval certifies the student completed all course work required for licensure, according to the California Board of Registered Nursing. Coursework required to earn an Associate Degree in Nursing includes courses over and above those required for simple licensure.

Prior to a student making the decision to attempt the NCLEX-RN in a "non-graduate" status, defined as a person completing the minimum requirements for licensure without completing the requirements for a degree, Yuba College wants to ensure the student **understands the full ramifications of this decision.**

Please call to schedule an appointment with the Director of Nursing to ensure you are fully informed of the significant limitations of "non-graduate" status. The Student must acknowledge each aspect of "non-graduate" before the Director of Nursing will certify him/her as a non-graduate eligible for the NCLEX-RN.

Please indicate your understanding by initialing each section below:

_____ The Non-graduate is unique to California. Not all states will issue a license to a person who was originally licensed in California as a non-graduate.

_____ Licensure by Endorsement in other states is not guaranteed. Most states will not allow non-graduates to take the NCLEX-RN or obtain a license in their state.

_____ The California Board of Registered Nursing will **NEVER** change my non-graduate status even if I obtain a degree at a later date.

_____ I **cannot** indicate on an employment application that I am a graduate of Yuba College or that I have an Associate Degree in Nursing.

_____ The non-graduate status is not an accredited program and therefore the person may not be eligible for employment by certain employers including the military or any federally funded or governmental facilities such as the Veterans Administration.

_____ If I do not hold a degree I may not be eligible to pursue an advanced degree at a later date.

_____ There is no guarantee credits earned at Yuba College will transfer to another institution. If I choose to complete my degree at another institution in the future, I may not be able to transfer my earned credits into another nursing program at a different institution.

_____ All courses required for the degree have been linked with successfully achieving RN licensure and by not taking all courses required for my degree, I am placing myself in great risk of not passing the NCLEX-RN.

_____ Successful completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing, is directly linked with passing the NCLEX-RN. Successfully completing these courses dramatically improves a student's ability to pass the NCLEX-RN licensure examination. It is in the student's **best interests to complete and pass all degree courses to ensure the best opportunity to achieve RN licensure.**

_____ If a student chooses to take the NCLEX-RN as a non-graduate against the advice of Yuba College then later wants to return to obtain his/her degree, re-admission to the ADN program is not available.

Student Signature

Date

Director of Nursing Signature

Date



LVN to RN Articulation Information: 30 Unit Option

Yuba College offers two options for Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) articulating to become Registered Nurses (RN).

Those students considering taking the 30 unit option would take Physiology, Pathophysiology and Microbiology. They are required to take a portion of the Pediatric Nursing (NURS 21) and the last two semesters of our program. The 30 unit option student does not receive a certificate or degree from YUBA COLLEGE. **IMPORTANT:** Students requesting the 30 unit program **MUST DECLARE** this option **PRIOR** to enrolling in the LVN-ADN program. Once students have begun the LVN-ADN program, the 30 unit option is not available. **Financial aid is not available for students choosing the 30 unit option since this is not an option leading to a degree.** Please see the Director of Nursing, or designee regarding this option. Please call to schedule an appointment with the Director of Nursing to ensure you are taking the correct courses in the correct sequence.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Student acknowledgement of the choice they are making with the 30 unit Option LVN to RN:
(Please initial each statement)

_____ The 30 unit Option is unique to California and applicants need to be aware that some states will not issue a license to a person who was originally licensed in California under the 30 unit Option regulations.

_____ Licensure by Endorsement in other states is not guaranteed as most states will not allow non-graduates to take the NCLEX-RN or obtain a license in their state.

_____ I understand that the Board of Registered Nursing will not change my non-graduate, 30 unit option, status even if I obtain a degree at a later date.

_____ I understand I **cannot** put on an employment application that I am a graduate of Yuba College Nursing.

_____ I understand that all prerequisites have been shown to be linked with success in the nursing program, and by not taking those prerequisites, I may be putting myself at greater risk for not completing the nursing program and not passing the NCLEX-RN.

_____ I understand that the non-graduate status is not an accredited program and therefore the person may not be eligible for employment by certain employers including the military or any federally funded or governed facilities such as the Veterans Administration.

Student Signature

Date

Director Signature

Date