To: Leon Richards, Chancellor, Kapi'olani Community College

VIA: Patricia O’Hagan
Dean of Health Academic Programs

FROM: May Kealoha, Nursing Department Chair

SUBJECT: Modification to the AS in Nursing at Kapi'olani Community College

1. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED

Approval is requested to modify the list of required courses for the AS in Nursing program. We are also requesting approval to modify the program description, program pre-requisites and student learning outcomes to align with the Hawai'i Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) curriculum.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2012

3. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this modification is to align the AS degree in Nursing at Kapi'olani Community College with the Hawai'i Statewide Nursing curriculum. This curriculum is currently being offered across the University of Hawai'i system including UH Mānoa, UH Maui College, and Kaua'i Community College.

4. SPECIFIED ISSUES:

HSNC includes UH Mānoa, UH Maui College, Kaua'i Community College, and Kapi'olani Community College. All of the above mentioned campuses were actively involved in the HSNC’s curriculum planning and discussions. The curriculum is designed as a 4 year competency-based, integrated curriculum that culminates in a baccalaureate degree. The proposed curriculum and the proposed program alpha are the same across all nursing programs in the HSNC. The proposed competency statements were developed by the HSNC to reflect the expected student learning outcomes for graduates of the program and benchmarks reflecting yearly progression to these outcomes have been identified. Community college students may choose to exit the program after achieving the outcomes of the third year earning an AS degree. Community college students wishing to complete a baccalaureate degree will continue into the fourth year of the program, with a seamless transition into either on-campus or distance-based fourth year curriculum offered through UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH). In order to adopt the consortium curriculum, the order and sequence of the AS in Nursing program prerequisites and co-requisites have been changed to concur with the HSNC curriculum requirements. In addition, the HSNC curriculum had 3 additional nursing course credits. Our nursing program accrediting body, the National League of Nursing Accrediting Committee (NLNAC) has a maximum credit requirement for Associate of Science degree in Nursing programs of 72 credits; therefore, we propose to allow the prospective nursing students to choose between ANTH 200-Cultural Anthropology or PSY 100-Survey of Psychology. This modification will allow us to comply with the NLNAC maximum credit requirements, meets the requisites of the consortium curriculum, and maintains the 6-credit social science requirement for an AS degree at Kapi'olani Community College.
5. **BACKGROUND AND CONSEQUENCES:**

The purpose of the HSNC was to develop a unified approach to nursing education which will avoid unnecessary duplication of courses, experiences or content for those students who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing. This curriculum will streamline the delivery of nursing education and offer baccalaureate level education for nurses throughout the State. The first nursing courses for this curriculum were offered at Maui College, Kaua‘i Community College, and UH Mānoa in Fall 2010. The first cohort from Maui College and Kaua‘i Community College will be eligible for transfer to UH Mānoa SONDH in spring 2012. The first graduates from the baccalaureate degree level Statewide Curriculum will exit the program in spring 2013. It is necessary to join the HSNC in order for the Kapi'olani Community College AS in Nursing graduates to be able to transfer to the baccalaureate in nursing program at UH Mānoa. Our students will have the advantage of guaranteed admission to the UH Mānoa SONDH Bachelors of Science in Nursing program once the UH Mānoa core curriculum requirements have been met.

6. **ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Approval of the revised list of required courses for the AS degree in Nursing program, modification to the program description, modification of program prerequisites, and program student learning outcomes to align with the HSNC curriculum.