KAPI'OLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
University of Hawai'i
PROGRAM ACTION REQUEST (Form: 1/07/07)

1a. Type of Program Action: (please choose one, omit others) Modification

1b. If modification of an existing program, what kind of modification? (choose from list, omit inappropriate)
Modifying list of required courses in the curriculum, Deleting/Modifying program prerequisites, Modifying program description, Modifying program student learning outcomes,

1c. If new program, attach a program proposal for the Board of Regents, attach a copy of the "permission to plan" documents.

2. Program Type: (please choose one, omit others) A.S.

3. Program Name: Associate in Science in Nursing

Program Description: The Associate in Science degree nursing curriculum is a two-year program designed to prepare students for the nursing profession. Students will be eligible to take the National Licensure Examination-Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) after the Health and Illness II course and graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN nursing examination (National Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse) to become a registered nurse. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (www.nlnac.org). New students are admitted each semester and are given both theoretical instruction and an opportunity for clinical application of nursing skills as they prepare for entry level practice as registered nurses. After graduates have passed the nursing licensure examination, they will be prepared to fill beginning level positions as Registered Nurses in hospitals, doctor’s offices, or other health-related institutions, and participate in the planning, implementation and evaluation of nursing care for clients throughout the life cycle. Graduates are eligible for admission to the fourth year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs at UH Mānoa and UH Hilo.

Special Admission Requirements for the AS degree in Nursing: Special application deadlines for the AS degree in nursing program are: Fall semester entry, December 1 – February 1; Spring semester entry, June 1 – September 1. Minimum requirements for admission to the nursing (Associate in Science degree in Nursing) program are based on satisfactory completion of specified prerequisite support courses, cumulative grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.0 or higher for all courses, and a National League for Nursing pre-admission composite examination score of 115 or higher within the past three years. It is required that students have health care insurance. Selection is on a best-qualified basis using the following criteria:
1. Grade point ratio (GPR) for prerequisite courses.
2. National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Examination score.
3. Grade point ratio (GPR) for general support courses completed before the application deadline.
4. Training in a health-related field; paid work experience in a health care field and/or caregiving.

Preparation for the AS in Nursing: Prerequisite courses that must be completed prior to application to the program, with a grade of “C” or higher are: ENG 100 or ESL 100; MATH 100 or MATH 115; FAMR 230; ZOOL 141; ZOOL 141L; ZOOL 142; ZOOL 142L; MICRO 130; PSYCH 100 or ANTH 200; chemistry (1 year high school or 3 college credits). Applicants may take the remainder of the General Support Courses prior to entering the Nursing program to lessen the credit load during the program.

All students admitted to the Associate in Science degree Nursing program must have current Health Care Provider CPR/AED certification prior to registration. It is the responsibility of each student to keep this certification current throughout enrollment in the nursing program. Health clearance and immunizations must be completed before the start of classes. A grade of “C” or higher must be maintained in all courses in order for the student to continue in the AS degree Nursing program and to graduate from the program. Time limits: Science courses have a 5-year time limit; there is no limit on Chemistry. Readmission to the Associate in Science degree program and repetition of nursing courses is limited. Priority is given to applicants who are qualified residents of the State of Hawai‘i. Prerequisite college courses must be completed before enrollment in the first nursing course. Please refer to the “Degree and Certificate Programs” section for a list of KCC AS Arts and Humanities courses.

Hawai‘i Statewide Nursing Consortium Curriculum (effective Fall 2012): Kapi‘olani Community College will be implementing the Hawai‘i Statewide Nursing Consortium (HSNC) curriculum beginning Fall 2012. This curriculum was designed to offer a unified approach to nursing education across the State and a seamless transition to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing should be aware that there are additional core curriculum courses required for the UH Mānoa program. Students may begin taking these courses concurrently with the Associate in Science degree requirements to ensure a seamless transition into the UH Mānoa Baccalaureate Nursing Program. Graduates who have completed all of the UH Mānoa core requirements will be automatically enrolled into the fourth year of the UH Mānoa Baccalaureate Nursing Program. Graduates may also pursue their baccalaureate nursing degree at UH Hilo. Students who wish to attend UH Hilo must complete additional core requirements for the UH Hilo program and then apply for entry into the fourth year of UH Hilo’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.
4. Effective Term: Fall 2012

5. Revise pages C-88 to C-91 in the Fall 2010-2011 version of the KCC General Catalog.

6. Is this program offered at another UH Campus? (please choose one, omit other) YES
   If YES, specify campus, and program name. If NO, why is this program offered at KCC:
   Hawai‘i Community College
   Kaua‘i Community College
   University of Hawai‘i Maui College

7. Justification: If the proposal is to modify a program, describe the current program, describe the proposed modification to the program, then describe how the modified program will be different from the current program.

   (See attached comparison of current and proposed program description, competencies, alpha and curriculum, Associate in Science Nursing)

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(Department Chairperson) 7/25/2011

Approved by:

(Curriculum Chairperson) (Date)

(Faculty Senate Chairperson) (Date)

(Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) (Date)

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