CARLOW UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING

STEP AHEAD PROGRAM - CURRICULUM GUIDE SHEET

Program Objective: To prepare Carlow nursing students to take a 'step ahead' of their peers as they look toward their professional future that includes graduate education and advanced practice roles.

Students who qualify for this program will earn up to 10 *Master's* nursing credits by the completion of their BSN degree at Carlow University.

To qualify for the Step Ahead Program, a student will:

- Apply for entry into the Step Ahead Program during the admissions process to Carlow University or at the end of the first semester of sophomore year in the Nursing program.
- Have a high School GPA of 3.5 or score 1100 on the SAT or have cumulative GPA of 3.5 by the end of the first semester of the sophomore year at Carlow.
- Need a maximum of one basic skill course at Carlow when admitted.
- Be willing and able to take 6-9 credits of core requirements outside of the regular, scheduled semesters of the nursing program (e.g. during a summer session).
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.1 during the junior and senior years of the BSN program.

A typical plan of study for a student in the Step Ahead Program will include:

		Fall, Freshman Year		**Spring, Freshman Year**	
		FYE	1 cr.	NU 101	3 cr.
		CHM 105	4 cr.	CC 102	3 cr.
		BIO 201	4 cr.	PY 122	3 cr.
		CC 100	3 cr.	SO 152	3 cr.
		CC 101	3 cr.	BIO 202	4 cr.
			15 cr.		16 cr.
		Fall, Sophomore Year		**Spring, Sophomore Year**	
		NU 206	1 cr.	BIO 203	3 cr.
		NU 2161/2162	4 cr.	NU 210	2 cr.
		LAI: Literature	3 cr.	NU 222	3 cr.
		LAI: Philosophy	3 cr.	NU2171/2172	4 cr.
		BIO 227	4 cr.	LAI: Math	3 cr.
			17 cr.		15 cr.
Summer		**Fall, Junior Year**		**Spring, Junior Year**	
LAI|: Fine Arts	3 cr.	NU 3161/3162	3.5 cr.	NU 3191/3192	4 cr.
LAI|: History	3 cr.	NU 3171/3172	3.5 cr.	NU 3121/3122	4 cr.
	6 cr.	NU 3181/3182	4 cr.	NU320	3 cr.
		LAI: Theology	3 cr.	LAI: Economics	3 cr.
			14 cr.	LAI: Global	3 cr.
					17 cr.
		Fall, Senior Year		**Spring, Senior Year**	
		NU 4171/4172	7 cr.	NU 4111/4112	6 cr.
		NU 4181/4182	4 cr.	NU 420	3 cr.
		*NU 726 or appropriate	3 cr.	*NU 703 Theory	3 cr.
		Non-clinical grad. course	14 cr.	LAI: Women	3 cr.
Total			.		15 cr.
129 credits					
(or) 133 credits				(Optional)	
				*NU 742 Pharm	4 cr.

*Advisor's signature on the Registration form is needed for admission into a graduate course.
Successful completion of the Step Ahead Program may facilitate admission into Carlow's Master of Science Nursing Program
Only credits above 120 will count as graduate level courses.

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