

December 18, 2013

ASN Students:

This letter is written to inform you of future plans regarding the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program. In 2010, the Louisiana Legislature approved the LAGRAD Act that directed the transfer of associate degree program offerings at four-year schools such as McNeese State University to community colleges.

Current McNeese students who have declared the ASN as their major will have the opportunity to complete the degree within the published program length. Students seeking an ASN degree at McNeese must have declared the major by filing the required paperwork with the Registrar's Office no later than February 7, 2014.

A four-year phase-out plan of the McNeese State University ASN Program has been developed in close collaboration with Sowela Technical Community College (STCC). The intent of the plan is to continue to provide students with an opportunity to pursue the ASN degree in this region without interruption.

McNeese State University College of Nursing will begin a teach-out plan for current declared ASN majors based on the assumption that Sowela Technical Community College will have received institutional and Department of Nursing approval from the appropriate authorities. ASN students who drop-out or stop-out of school after February 7, 2014, may not continue in the ASN program at McNeese. Students who are out of sequence will be advised on an individual basis to either transition between the two institutions or consider enrollment in the College of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing at McNeese.

It is vital that you stay in close communication with a nursing advisor and the College of Nursing as you progress through your degree completion plan. An information session will be held to assist students who have any questions regarding the transition. The date, time and location are as follows:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Hardtner Hall, Stokes Auditorium
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,



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