TO: BSN Students  
FROM: Sharon Fought, RN, PhD  
Director, Nursing Program  
RE: Petitioning Admission Requirement for Advanced Mathematics

Requirements for admission to the BSN program include a course in advanced mathematics. Many applicants to the BSN program have completed a course in statistics, but may not have completed a course in advanced math, a prerequisite for statistics. Courses in advanced math include College Algebra (not Intermediate Algebra) and Finite Math. If you have not completed a course in advanced math, you may petition to waive this requirement.

A petition is a written request that provides evidence to support the request. In the case of the advanced math, a petition to waive that requirement would provide evidence that you have acquired knowledge and skill of advanced math by some mechanism other than an advanced math course.

For example, you might provide evidence from the statistics course you completed that indicates you can use principles usually learned in an advanced math course. You might consider principles of advanced math and provide specific examples of how:

- Advanced math concepts were prerequisites for statistics, a course you have already completed
- Knowledge of algebra is required to successfully complete a statistics course
- Statistics required you to use concepts of advanced math, such as functions and their graphs, mathematical models, compound interest and:
  - Logic, set theory, Venn diagrams
  - Probability
  - Matrix applications

Your evidence is best presented in an organized manner, indicating that you have completed a course in statistics, which required an understanding of advanced math. Provide specific examples of how you use/have used principles of advanced math in your statistics course. You must provide examples of how you use advanced math principles in nursing practice by calculating med dosages ordered in mg/kg, for example, when the available weight is in pounds.

Do complete the form, attach pages as necessary, and forward your petition to Dannah Madden. I am happy to meet with you or to chat with you by phone (253.692.4470) or email (sgfought@uw.edu) to provide support as you complete these petitions.
PETITION TO THE BSN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

For use when a requesting a waiver or modification of any Nursing Program policy, procedure, or requirement.

To the student: complete this section of the petition (please type or print clearly) and submit to the BSN Adviser for review and recommendation.

NAME ____________________________  Student No. __________________________

Address ____________________________  Anticipated Date of Graduation: __________

Phone Number  (Day) ____________________________  (Evening) ____________________________

What are you requesting? ____________________________________________________________

Please attach typed justification or the reasons for your request and give sufficient information to provide an appropriate basis for review and recommendation by the BSN Adviser and a decision by the BSN Admission Committee.

Signed ____________________________  Date ____________________________

(Student Signature)

Action of BSN Adviser  o  Recommended  o  Not Recommended

Comments:

Signed ____________________________  Date ____________________________

(BSN Adviser)

Action by BSN Admission Committee  o  Approved  o  Not Approved

Comments:

Signed ____________________________  Date ____________________________

(BSN Admissions Committee)

Send completed form and petition to:  Dannah Madden
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