

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a tuition rate of \$350 F U o r t h e R N - B S N program.

BACKGROUND

The UNC School of Nursing provides two Bachelor of Science in nursing tracks: an additional program (120 credits) with on-campus courses and regional clinical rotations and an online BSN completion program (80 credits) for RNs who hold an associate's degree. Enrollment in the BSN completion program has declined in the last five years due to Colorado legislation allowing community colleges to offer similar programs. Despite continued interest in UNC's program for its reputation, some students opt for community college offerings due to cost differences. As such, we are proposing a tuition decrease to be

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Provost Fleming
FROM: Kamel Haddad, Dean, NHS
RE: School of Nursing – RN- BSN Tuition
DATE: 1/29/2024

Summary of Tuition Change Request: We propose to decrease the tuition for the RN to BSN Program – a program supported by Extended Campus - from \$544/credit (currently) to \$350/credit. This tuition rate would be competitive with that charged by the community colleges – currently \$346.70/credit after a discount via the College Opportunity Fund. Extended Campus supports this proposal.

Background: The UNC School of Nursing offers 2 Bachelor's of Science in nursing program tracks—1) a traditional program preparing nurses with the clinical foundation of nursing practice along with the Bachelor of Science competencies (120 credit traditional bachelor's program with on campus courses and clinical rotations throughout the region) and 2) a BSN completion program for RNs (RN to BSN) with an associate's degree in nursing (or in progress of completion of the associates degree) that is offered for 30 credits in addition to any general education and pre-requisite courses outstanding. The completion program is offered completely online and is supported by Extended Campus.

Enrollments in the BSN completion program have decreased over the past 5 years due to recent Colorado legislation allowing community colleges to offer the BSN completion program. Front Range Community College, Morgan Community College, and Northeastern Junior College have their BSN completion programs currently operational. In spring 2023, Aims Community College proposed an RN to BSN program with tuition at \$222/credit, a program that has not been approved but could be proposed again in the future.

