



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

December 11, 2007

RESPONSE DEADLINE: January 4, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: Requested Revision in Curriculum Standard
Health Unit Coordinator (Certificate)(C25220)

The System Office has received a request to revise the following curriculum standard:

Health Unit Coordinator (Certificate)(C25220)

Attached is a form requesting your approval or disapproval of the proposed change. ***Please complete and return the form to Jennifer Frazelle by January 4, 2007.*** You may fax your response to (919) 807-7164. Once the responses have been received at the System Office, the request will be presented to the State Board of Community Colleges for action.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Frazelle at (919) 807-7120 or frazellej@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Attachments

c: Select Presidents
Judith Mann
Jennifer Frazelle
Hilmi Lahoud

S07-055
E-Mail

College Recommendation
Curriculum Standard Revision Request
Health Unit Coordinator (Certificate)(C25220)

Request: Add *MED 120 Survey of Medical Terminology* to the selection of courses provided under the Medical Terminology subject area (see attached). Please note that this will change the total hours of the curriculum standard from 11-17 semester hour credits to 10-17 semester hour credits.

Rationale of Requesting College: The requesting college believes that MED 120 provides similar competencies to the choices already provided.

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revision and **recommend** the adoption of this change:

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revision and **do not recommend** the adoption of this change for the following reason(s):

_____ We do not offer the Health Unit Coordinator program and wish to decline from making a recommendation.

College: _____

Signature of President: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this form by **January 4, 2007** to:

Jennifer Frazelle, Director
Program Services
NC Community College System
5016 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5016
Fax Number: (919) 807-7164

CURRICULUM STANDARD

<i>Effective Term</i>
<i>Fall 2008</i>
<i>[2008*03]</i>
<u>C25220</u>

Curriculum Program Title	Health Unit Coordinator (Certificate)	Code
Concentration	(not applicable)	

Curriculum Description

The Health Unit Coordinator curriculum prepares the individual to perform routine clerical and receptionist tasks in an inpatient or outpatient health care facility. The Health Unit Coordinator organizes the activities for the unit and manages nonclinical functions to enhance the delivery of health care.

The course work includes material management of the unit; transcription of the health care teams' orders; health record management; interdepartment and interpersonal communication techniques; significance of confidentiality of the health records data; and organizational skills and prioritization of tasks.

Graduates should qualify for entry-level clerical and receptionist positions in hospitals, long term care facilities, and other health care agencies.

Curriculum Requirements*

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	64-76	36-48	12-18

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE Required Courses: PSY 102 Human Relations 2 SHC Required Subject Areas: Medical Terminology. Select one: OST 103 Basic Medical Terminology 3 SHC MED 121 Medical Terminology 3 SHC MED 120 Survey of Medical Terminology 2 SHC Health Unit Coordinator. Select one: HUC 100 HUC Procedures 6 SHC HUC 101 HUC Theory and Practice 12 SHC			11-17 SHC 10-17 SHC
B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> COE, HUC, MED, OST, and PSY <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			