Subject: Nursing and Health Sciences

Subject Liaison Librarian: Denise Landry-Hyde

Section I: Program Descriptions

Description of Undergraduate Program: “The mission of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is to educate the health care providers of today and leaders of tomorrow through the provision of excellent educational programs in the professions of nursing and the health sciences. The College identifies, attracts, and graduates students of high potential, especially those from groups who have been historically under represented in Texas health care.”

The philosophical foundations of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Baccalaureate Nursing Program are based on the belief that caring is the essence of nursing. Students are unique individuals with differing backgrounds, needs and interests, and have the freedom and responsibility to make considered choices. Nursing faculty subscribe to the belief that professional nurses must have a solid foundation in the arts, sciences and humanities that provides a reservoir of knowledge from which to draw when making critical clinical decisions in the roles of care provider or care coordinator (A.A.C.N., Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing, 1998). (Source: 2006-07 Undergraduate Catalog)

Tracks Offered for Undergraduate Major: The Nursing Program provides a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree through two options:

1. Generic baccalaureate nursing education for the individual who wishes to earn the BSN degree while preparing to become a Registered Nurse (RN).
2. RN-BSN Completion for the RN who wishes to build upon previous education and earn a baccalaureate degree.

Undergraduate Catalog Course Listings:
Nursing: The course listings are available in the University’s Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) prepares graduates for a variety of career opportunities in the health care field by providing the management skills necessary for success. By designing a degree plan using electives in such areas as computer science, geographic information systems, mathematics, business administration, accounting, international business, and information systems, the student may pursue specific areas of interest. Students can also use electives to design a degree plan that will satisfy entrance
requirements for admission to professional schools such as medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, public health, law, and business. (Source: 2006-07 Undergraduate Catalog)

Health Sciences: The course listings are available in the University’s Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html

**Description of Graduate Program:**

“The Master of Science in Nursing degree program enhances and expands the clinical competence of baccalaureate nurses. The focus of the program is to prepare nurses for advanced nursing practice in nursing leadership, as family nurse practitioners, or clinical nurse specialists. Emphasis is placed on facilitating health care delivery within a multicultural framework. The graduate nursing curriculum includes four core courses and specific courses related to role specialization. Three minor areas of study are also available for students seeking to refine their skills as leaders/managers, researchers, or educators.” (Source: 2006-07 Graduate Catalog)

**RN-MSN option.** Registered nurses who have earned a diploma or associate degree in nursing and who meet all other requirements for admission into the MSN degree program are eligible to apply for this entrance option.

Graduate courses in health care administration are offered in support of the graduate degrees in nursing, public administration, and business administration.

**Graduate Catalog Course Listings**

Nursing: The course listings are available in the University’s Graduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html
Health Care Administration Graduate Courses: The course listings are available in the University’s Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html
Section II: Collection Levels

The designated collection levels will provide the appropriate support for the University’s academic programs. These levels are ideal collection targets and are dependent on funding.

The library adheres to library collection standards set by the State Higher Education Coordinating Board (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacs.org/), and other accreditation agencies.

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Pharmacology                  | RM 300 – 671.5       | 4                |

SEE ALSO: The Collection Development Policies for Biology and Chemistry.

Areas that are not collected include: Nursing, Basic Sciences; Nursing, Midwifery; Nursing, Nursing Assistants; and Nursing, Practical & Vocational.

Health Care Administration
(Medical missions. Medical assistance [class here works on missions for the promotion of medical knowledge and service]. Including: General works, Health planning, Regulation of Medical Education, Regulation of Medical Practice, Medical Economics, Marketing, Social Medicine, Public Health, and Health Services Administration)

| RA 390 – RA 440.7        | 3                |

SEE ALSO: Biology Collection Development Policy
Health Sciences:

Alternative medicine R 733 3
Alternative treatment:
(Allergic diseases RC 588 .A47 3
Cancer therapy RC 271 .A62 3
Cardiac therapy RC 684 .A48 3
Diabetes) RC 661 .A47 3
Epidemiology RA 648.5 – RA 653.5 3
Medical laws & legislation KF 241 .M45 3
Medical technology R 855 – 855.4 3
Transcultural medical care RA 418.5 T73 3

Section III: Preferred Collection Formats and Languages

Preferred Collection Format(s): (1) Electronic for periodicals and indexes; (2) Print for monographs. Specialized software may be purchased as long as its use is not restricted to a single user at one time. Electronic publications on CD-ROM or requiring site-specific access are normally not purchased.

Lower-Priority Collection Formats: Print, Microform, Media (DVDs, etc.)

Language: English is the language of the collection.

Section IV: Cooperative Arrangements

The Medical Library at Driscoll Children’s Hospital is a branch library of Bell Library. The libraries participate in resource sharing. The library at Spohn Memorial Hospital is also a valuable local resource.

Section V: Noteworthy Publishers in this Subject Area:

Elsevier Mosby
Elsevier Saunders
Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins
F.A. Davis
Section VI: Specialized Lists/Bibliographies in this Subject Area:


“Nicki’s Picks,” recommendations for new books, include Nursing, Allied Health, Public Health, etc. This is an e-mail alert service from Majors/YBP.

The “Rittenhouse Library Key Title Notification” list is another e-mail current awareness service for this field.

Choice review cards

Resources for College Libraries (Ref Z 1039 .C65R35)
A “core collection of essential titles in 58 curriculum-specific subject areas.”

“Essential Nursing References” from the Interagency Council on Information Resources for Nursing, [http://tamus.edu/systemwide/07/05/hr/index.html](http://tamus.edu/systemwide/07/05/hr/index.html)

“Core Nursing Journal Coverage in the CINAHL Database”
There are 86 journals in this subject area.

Book reviews in subject-specific journals, such as The American Journal of Nursing and Nursing Outlook, and in specialized databases, such as CINAHL Plus with Full Text and Medline.

Catalogs from specialized publishers
Section VII: Weeding Policy

Due to the changing nature of the field, the collections for nursing and health sciences (in the Main and Reference collections) will be examined, and weeded, every three years.

Weeding criteria include 1) Currency and relevance of material to the curriculum; 2) Availability of updated/revised editions of works; and 3) Physical condition of the title (SEE the “Weeding” section of the General Collection Development Policy).

Section VIII: Gift Policy

The library will accept donations of materials in this subject area. All donors are required to fill out a form with the Technical Services Department before the library accepts these gift materials. If the donor allows the library to keep all donated material, then the library has the discretion to integrate these materials into the collections or to use them in another capacity, such as donating titles to another library, including them in an annual book sale, etc.

The library will add gift books to the collections only if they support the curriculum and research needs of nursing and health sciences.

The library will add print periodical titles to the collection under two conditions: 1) The library already has a current subscription to that title; and 2) The library has determined that there is adequate space for older print volumes of that title.


Approved by the Library Director: August 1, 2007.