Subject: CSUEB nursing revised interpretation of retakes for F2012
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Through recent discussion and consensus, our department is revising how we evaluate prerequisite retakes for our pre-licensure nursing program, especially related to chemistry and microbiology courses.

Some students in the past avoided retake point deductions by taking a more detailed version of a class or a higher/lower level of a class, which our department considered an alternate or substitute class. These courses were approved by the department and advisors confirmed with students that choosing an alternate level of a class would not earn them a retake point deduction on the application.

For example, at CSUEB, we offer a year-long inorganic/general chemistry series that meets medical school requirements: Chem 1101, 1102, 1103. We also offer a one-term chemistry course that covers similar material, in less detail: Chem 1601. A similar comparison at a community college is Chem 1A and 1B at Chabot, and Chem 30A at Chabot.

In the past, if a student took both sets of chemistry courses within a 7 year period of time, our department would simply take the higher grade on the nursing application and NOT apply a retake point deduction, as these courses were considered alternate versions of a prerequisite course.

The only reason most students took the alternate series was to attempt to earn a higher grade and avoid the retake deduction. The same is true of microbiology classes taught at upper and lower division, such as Biol 2025 and Biol 3405 at our campus.

In re-evaluation of our review process, our department determined that the content was too similar in most science courses to NOT consider the above examples as retakes.

A student can still substitute a higher level course to meet prerequisite requirements, but if a student has taken more than one version/level of the same type of class within a 7 year period, the retake deduction will apply. Again, this is based on overall similar course content at the discretion of the department.
The critical thinking courses are varied enough to NOT be subject to point deductions, since they are regularly taught across departments.

In consideration of students who are already applying for Fall 2011, we will evaluate recent applications with our previous method.

Please notify students from this point forward of our department’s broader interpretation of retakes, which we intend to implement for the Fall 2012 admission cycle.

Please contact our office if you need more detail.

Sincerely,

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