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To: CSU Presidents
From: David S. Spence 
Subject: **New Student Admission: Lower Division Transfer Students in Clinical Nursing**

Our February 12, 2004 and March 11, 2004 memoranda (AA 2004-04 and AA 2004-07, respectively) provided information about selected groups of students who no longer will be admitted to CSU campuses or for whom admission will be restricted. The February 12th memorandum directed campuses to deny admission to lower division transfer applicants and upper division transfer applicants who are not fully eligible beginning with the 2004-05 academic year. The March 11th memorandum modified this restriction to allow campuses to admit students from these restricted categories only if needed to reach 99 percent of their enrollment target.

This memorandum provides an exception to the policy described above by permitting campuses to admit applicants to clinical nursing programs as lower division transfer students.

Eligible or otherwise qualified applicants to CSU clinical nursing programs may be admitted as lower division transfer students. The CSU clinical nursing programs have established a common core of lower division major prerequisite courses that will be effective for all programs beginning fall 2005. The core prerequisites are sequenced over one year (freshman year) with admission to the clinical nursing major occurring at the sophomore level. Therefore, programs with impacted status, supplemental admission processes, high total units, and regulated and prescribed curricula need to admit students at the lower division level for the following reasons: (1) courses taught in the community colleges at the lower division level which meet state licensure requirements for nursing are not open to all pre-majors; (2) there are not consistent lower division major requirements in all CSU or community college programs at this time; and (3) requiring applicants to apply for admission only at the upper division level will increase even further the total units and time to graduation.

Questions about the admission of applicants to clinical nursing programs as lower division transfer students may be addressed to Mr. Allison G. Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4744 or ajones@calstate.edu.

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