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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: **CHANGES IN THE MAJOR CODES FOR *BONA FIDE* NURSING STUDENTS:** The Redefinition of 12031 and the Creation of 12032

This Coded Memorandum supersedes the Coded Memorandum issued on May 31, 2007.

In the last two years the CSU has received budget augmentations to enroll more nursing students. The money has been allocated for specific nursing enrollments. Most of the money is earmarked for enrollment in entry-level master's degree programs (i.e., the new enrollees are not registered nurses at matriculation). The relevant language from the 2005 and 2006 Budget Acts reads as follows:

Budget Act of 2005: 6610-001-0001, Provision 11.

Of the amount appropriated in Schedule (1), \$560,000 is to support the development of entry-level master's degree programs in nursing, pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 89270) of Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

Budget Act of 2006: 6610-001-0001, Provision 8.

Of the amount appropriated in Schedule (1), \$560,000 is to support 280 full-time-equivalent students in entry-level master's degree programs in nursing, pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 89270) of Chapter 2 of Part 55 of the Education Code. The funding is intended as a supplement to the marginal cost support provided in the California State University's enrollment growth funding, and was provided in recognition of the higher costs associated with entry-level master's degree programs in nursing.

NOTE: This document has benefited from the feedback of nursing faculty, staff, and institutional researchers across the CSU system. As a result, the content differs significantly from the original draft that was circulated to the campuses.

Additional enrollment funding was received above the Budget Act and Compact for entry-level master's programs in nursing in 2006-07, and currently the Governor's Budget for 2007 includes enrollment funding above the compact enrollment and budget for generic nursing baccalaureate instruction.

Because our nursing enrollment funding from the State is now categorical, our enrollment reports to the State on nursing majors and nursing degree holders must also be categorical. This means we need to revise our data collection procedures to meet the new demands for program-specific data.

This year's entry-level (pre-licensure) master's degree programs represent new CSU state-supported ventures. It is not surprising that neither CSUMentor nor ERS had historical Major Codes that separated nursing students seeking a master's degree into entry-level programs versus the traditional programs, in which students hold RN licenses at matriculation. In spring 2006, we started collecting supplementary information on students with nursing majors to determine what types of programs they were enrolled in on campus. We thought if we knew which nursing majors were registered nurses we could separate the graduate nursing students into the two program types. So far, the supplementary data collected on registered-nurse (RN) status outside of ERS has produced unsatisfying results. The remedy, then, is to change how we document nursing majors in CSUMentor, ERSS (including COSAR Table 3), and ERSD (including COSAR Table 34). When all is said and done the Chancellor's Office wants to report to the State four separate tracks of nursing enrollments:

- **RN-to-BS Nursing:** Bachelor's degree objective, for students who are already registered nurses (Major Code = 12032).
- **Pre-Licensure ("Basic," "Generic") BS Nursing:** Bachelor's degree objective, for students who do not hold the RN license (Major Code = 12031).
- **RN-to-MS Nursing (12032):** Master's degree objective, for students who are already registered nurses (Major Code = 12032).
- **Entry-Level (Pre-Licensure) MS Nursing:** Master's degree objective, for students who do not hold the RN license (Major Code =12031).

Thus the ERS coding scheme for nurses reflects the intersection of two ERS elements: Degree Objective and RN Status. The scheme is appropriate for both the ERS Major Code used in ERSA/ERSS files and ERS Degree Code used in ERSD files. The four combinations are summarized in Table 1, along with the corresponding error messages that will be implemented.

Table 1. ERS Coding Scheme

Degree Objective	Student is a Registered Nurse at Matriculation	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
BS	12032	12031
MS	12032	12031

Notes:

1. ERSA/ERSS/ERSD Error: If RN Status = Yes (Y) and CSU Major Code = 12031.
2. ERSA/ERSS/ERSD Error: If RN Status = No (N) and CSU Major Code = 12032.

Remember that RN status (i.e., yes = registered nurse at matriculation; no = not registered nurse at matriculation) was inserted into the fall 2007 application and entries will be entered directly onto ERSS files from CSUMentor for new students beginning in summer 2007.

While only the four general program types identified above will be reported at the system level, The Chancellor’s office is aware that many other program types are in operation, and campuses may wish to track these more distinct types of nursing programs. This tracking can be accomplished by using local campus codes. Table 2 illustrates the basic strategy. It starts by naming eight different types of nursing programs. Next each type is categorized by licensure and degree status and objective. Then (hypothetical) local codes are assigned to capture all the necessary variation. Lastly, Table 1 displays the relationships between the (hypothetical) local campus codes and actual systemwide codes that are valid for ERS file transmissions.

Table 2. Distinct Types of Nursing Programs and Associated Reporting Codes

TYPE	Systemwide Major Name	Licensure Status at CSU Entry	Licensure Objective	ERS RN Status	ERS Degree Objective	Sample Campus Local Major Code	ERS Major Code	ERS Degree Code	CIP Code
1	BS Nursing (Basic; pre-licensure)	None	RN	No	BS	12031	12031	12031	51.1601
2	BS Nursing (RN-to-BS; ADN-to-BS)	RN	None	Yes	BS	12032	12032	12032	51.1601
4	MS Nursing (Entry-Level Master’s only; pre-licensure)	None	RN	No	MS	12031	12031	12031	51.1601
3	MS Nursing (RN-to-MS)	RN	None	Yes	MS	12032	12032	12032	51.1601
5	Nursing Coursework (LVN-to-RN; No Degree Objective)	LVN	RN	No	0	00122	00000	N/A	00.0000
6	BS Nursing (LVN-to-RN; BS)	LVN	RN	No	BS	12033	12031	12031	51.1601
7	BS Nursing (Accelerated pre-licensure)	None	RN	No	BS	12034	12031	12031	51.1601
8	MS Nursing (Accelerated pre-licensure)	Non	RN	No	MS	12035	12031	12031	51.1601

Please note that the values for the Campus Local Major Codes displayed in Table 1 are suggestions only. Campuses may use any code they wish, including alpha characters (e.g., NURP, NURS, NURN, NUVN, or LVN-BS). Also, please remember that when transmitting ERS files to the Chancellor’s Office, campuses must aggregate their nursing data from all local campus codes into just the four coding combinations that generally describe undergraduate and graduate nursing majors: (a) 12031—undergraduate program for pre-licensure students, (b) 12031—graduate program for pre-licensure students, (c) 12032—undergraduate program for RN-licensed students, and (d) 12032—graduate program for RN-licensed students.

The following set of items describes the groups of nursing students whose coding is *unaffected* by the impending changes.

1. Transfer undergraduate students without an RN and enrolled in nursing programs would have 12031 as their Major Code, just as before.
2. Postbaccalaureate students seeking a second bachelor's degree without an RN and enrolled in nursing programs would have 12031 as their Major Code, just as before.
3. Graduate students without RN license and BS degrees seeking MS degree would have 12031 as their Major Code, just as before.
4. Undergraduate students in pre-nursing programs (i.e., fulfilling prerequisite courses) would have 00121 as their Major Code, just as before.

As of fall 2007, 19 campuses offer state-supported undergraduate nursing programs: 13 campuses offer traditional master's degree programs and 9 campuses were funded for entry-level (pre-licensure) master's degree programs. Eight campuses offer nursing degree programs through self-support. Table 3 summarizes programs offered at each campus.

Table 3. List of Nursing Degree Programs by Campus, Fall 2007

Campus Code	Campus	<i>State-Support</i>				<i>Self-Support</i> Graduate and Undergraduate
		Undergraduate		Graduate		
		BS Nursing (Basic; Pre-Licensure) (12031)	BS Nursing (RN to BS) (12032)	MS Nursing (Entry Level; Pre-Licensure) (12031)	MS Nursing (RN-to-MS) (12032)	
35	Bakersfield	X	X	X	X	BS Nursing (12032)
73	Channel Islands	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20	Chico	X	X	N/A	X	BS Nursing (12032)
55	Dominguez Hills	N/A	X	X	X	BS and MS Nursing (12032)
5	East Bay	X	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	Fresno	X	X	X	X	N/A
50	Fullerton	X	X	X	X	N/A
30	Humboldt	X	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
40	Long Beach	X	X	X	X	N/A
45	Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	N/A
70	Northridge	X	X	N/A	N/A	BS Nursing (12032)
60	Sacramento	X	X	X	X	MS Nursing (12032)
63	San Bernardino	X	X	N/A	X	N/A
65	San Diego	X	X	N/A	X	N/A
75	San Francisco	X	X	X	X	BS Nursing (12032)
80	San Jose	X	X	N/A	X	BS and MS Nursing (12032)
68	San Marcos	X	X	N/A	N/A	Nursing Certificate (LVN-RN)
85	Sonoma	X	X	X	X	
90	Stanislaus	X	X	N/A	N/A	N/A

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