



**BOARD OF REGENTS
MOTION CONSIDERATION FORM**

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Open Session

I. Motion to be Considered:

Approve an incidental fee rate equal to the in-state undergraduate incidental fee for all students enrolled in the on-line RN to BSN program, plus a \$100 special course fee for required on-line nursing courses in the program effective Spring 2012 term.

II. Background:

Most nurses in the United States are prepared at the Associate degree level. Currently 65.9% of RNs do not have a BSN. Research shows the majority of these RNs are employed full-time (working 40-60 hours per week in health care settings). In 2001 a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services panel called for two-thirds of the nurse workforce to have a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing by 2010. The effect of advanced education research linking a BSN-prepared workforce and better patient outcomes has been the driving force behind promoting BSN-in-10 legislation, including Missouri.

Due to changes in our current RN-BSN Program, Southeast has seen a steady increase in enrollment from the first online class admitted in fall 2008. This growth is reflective of the curriculum changes that have been implemented: 1) moving from offering face to face to totally online RN-BSN courses; 2) offering courses in 8 weeks blocks; and 3) allowing RNs to complete all nursing course requirements (25 hours or 6 courses) in two semesters. There are currently approximately 70-80 RNs who have been accepted into the nursing RN-BSN online program at Southeast.

An online program recognizes the time constraints of practicing RN's to attend traditional face-to-face class schedules. A single incidental fee rate for students in an online major

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recognizes that enrollment is not limited by physical location of the student. It also expands accessibility of the program beyond the geographic boundaries of Southeast campuses. In Fall 2011 there are only five out-of-state students in the RN to BSN major. The department has set a goal of enrolling 60 new students in the major for Spring 2012.

For Fall 2011 the incidental fee rate for in-state students is \$187.80 per credit hour and \$355.80 for out-of-state students. All students in on-line courses also pay the \$30.70 per credit hour general fee and \$12.50 per credit hour on-line course fee. These fees are intended to assist in funding the technology infrastructure required for on-line instruction. Analysis has shown that Nursing has a higher than average instruction cost. Therefore, a \$100 per credit hour special course fee is proposed to attract and retain quality nursing faculty to administer the program.