UNIVERSITY STUDIES COMPETENCY CREDIT FOR RN-BSN STUDENTS

In an effort to recognize your professional nursing experiences while you pursue your Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing through the Southeast Missouri State University RN to BSN Online Program, you may receive credit for up to 9 hours for the following University Studies requirements if you begin the RN to BSN program starting in fall, 2014 or after:

- For all Registered Nurses who have been employed as an RN less than 5 years, credit for the Living Systems category will be assigned to a previously completed credit bearing course.

- For Registered Nurses who have been employed as an RN 5-9 years, credit for the Living Systems and Behavioral Systems categories will be assigned to previously completed credit bearing courses.

- For Registered Nurses with 10 years or more working experience that includes Nurse/management/leadership experience, in which they were required to exercise supervisory/presentation/training competencies, credit for the Living Systems, Behavioral Systems, and Oral Expression categories will be assigned to previously completed credit bearing courses.

Upon verification of your professional experiences by you and approval by the Director of the RN-BSN Program and the Registrar, you may receive credit for the Living Systems, Behavioral Systems and Oral Expression categories of University Studies. This policy will not exempt you from completing courses required for other majors and minors, should you change or add to your academic programs at Southeast beyond the RN-BSN course of study.

To validate your years of experience, you will need to submit evidence from your employer(s) to Dr. Janet Weber, Director RN-BSN Program, Department of Nursing, MS8300, Crisp Hall of Nursing, One University Plaza, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo 63701 as follows:

- For Living Systems, submit a copy of your RN license.

- For Living Systems and Behavioral Systems, submit a copy of your RN license and a letter from your employer(s) indicating you have been employed for at least 5-9 years as a practicing RN in their agency. This must be received on official agency letter head

- For Living Systems, Behavioral Systems, and Oral Expressions, submit a copy of your RN license and a letter from your employer(s) indicating you have been employed for at least 10 years as a practicing RN in their agency. This must be received on official agency letter head and include documentation of nurse/management/leadership experience in which you were required to exercise supervisory/presentation/training competencies. This should also include proof of your position as a charge nurse, nurse manager, nurse supervisor or nursing director in addition to your experience with conducting/leading committee meetings, presenting continuing education workshops, or conference presentations.

This policy will be in effect beginning with admissions for the fall 2014 semester, and will not be applied retroactively to current RN-BSN students or to those previously admitted for the RN to BSN Program.