



Policy Title Bridging Program Policy and Course Equivalency	
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Scope:

This policy keeps pace with the changing demands of the healthcare services in Jordan and aligns with international standards of nursing education.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to describe the process for bridging program and checking equivalency. At the end of the bridging program, the graduate nurses will be able to:

- Have the opportunity to enrich their knowledge in the sciences, nursing and additional disciplines, while being introduced to the state-of-the-art learning technologies to enhance their success as a working professional.
- Provide professional nursing care, in relation to health promotion, health maintenance, illness management, health restoration, and rehabilitation, based on knowledge derived from theory and research.
- Use clinical judgment to solve problems, provide quality nursing care, develop competency in skills, and principles of leadership to enhance health care practices in various settings.
- Utilize principles of research and evidence based practice to improve nursing practice.
- Apply professional, ethical, moral, and legal principles in nursing practice.

Policy

It is the policy of the Faculty of Nursing (FON) at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) to provide access to bridging programs for furthering post-secondary studies to obtain a bachelor's degree and to provide programs that support internationally educated professionals.

The nursing profession is an important part of the health care delivery system. As in many countries in the region and the world, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan suffers from a severe shortage of nursing staff with a bachelor's degree. The global trend is to establish the basic degree required for practicing health professions as baccalaureate/bachelor level; therefore, it is necessary to adopt programs to grant bachelor degree by 'bridging', to make way for those who do not have the bachelor's degree in nursing. For this reason, the bridging program was initiated in the FON, at JUST, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and JUST.

Basic Rules for Bridging Students with Diploma from Jordan:

1. Students holding Jordanian diploma in nursing who passed the comprehensive exam with an average not less than 68%, are accepted in equivalent majors as listed by Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
2. Students who hold community colleges diploma (three year study) and four year study (who are not covered by the system of the comprehensive exam) are allowed to bridging system for equal specializations. But they are subject to progress of the Written Examination held by the Al-Balqa University for the purpose of bridging. Their success criteria is 68% in the exam.
3. Maximum credit hours accepted should not exceed half of the credits hours required for the program.



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Basic Rules for Bridging Students with Diploma from Outside Jordan:

1. Students who have diploma from outside Jordan may be accepted in equivalent Majors at the University providing that their university is recognized in their home countries.
2. Maximum credit hours accepted should not exceed half of the credits hours required for the program.

Procedure:

The following steps must be followed for students enrolled in the bridging system, and to appear in the Student Record System for purposes of registration.

1. Once accepted into the University bridging program, each student should bring a Certified Transcript of the courses completed and a course description to the faculty for verifying equivalency.
2. Verification of the equivalency of the courses completed in the Community College (as part of the student's academic program) in his new specialization in the University shall be the responsibility of the relevant academic Faculty at the University, according to the following principles:
 - a. The number of hours of each of the theoretical course completed by the student in the diploma program of the community college should be equal to the number of hours of the course in the specialization plan.
 - b. The Faculty concerned shall have the power to equalize the courses whose total number of credit hours exceeds three credit hours by one item if their description matches the course included in the student's specialization plan.
 - c. Applications for checking equivalency shall be submitted once during the first year of acceptance in the University.
3. The Department of Admission and Registration unit representative at the Faculty of Nursing shall document the equivalency of courses for the student on the basis of a decision by the course Evaluation and Verification Committee and the Dean.

Definitions:

- Bridging Program: Is a program of study that help one to meet program requirements to obtain a bachelor's degree after a diploma from a public or private college in Jordan.
- Equivalent course: is the term used in higher education describing how a course offered by one college or university relates to a course offered by another.

Documentation Requirements:

- Document Establish/ Bridging Program and Courses Equivalency Form English.
- Document Establish/ Bridging Program Policy and Courses Equivalency Form Arabic.



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References:

- Jordan University of Science and Technology Regulations and / or Deans Council Decision
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

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