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**BLESSING-RIEMAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
BLESSING HEALTH PROFESSIONS LIBRARY**

TITLE OF POLICY: Collection Development and Review

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SOURCE: Curriculum Committee

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Purpose:

The librarian is responsible for ensuring the quality of the library collection by adhering to rigorous standards of discrimination in selection of materials, by keeping good records, and by periodically reviewing the collection to keep it current and topical. Recurring analysis will lengthen the usable life of the library, keep the library collection within a manageable size and organized so that it is appealing and attractive.

Policy:

It is the policy of Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences that Blessing Health Professions Library participates fully in the educational program of the college. As such, it needs to provide a variety of print and electronic resources. The library is supportive of the existing and anticipated curriculum of the college, both undergraduate and graduate. This emphasis on a curriculum supportive library should be a consideration in both selection and review of library materials. Consideration is also given to the dual purpose of the library in serving the staff and physicians of Blessing Health System.

Procedure:

Collection standards are developed by the Blessing Health Professions Library and approved by Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences, using the resources listed below.

- United States Department of Education Academic Library Survey
- Illinois State Library, I-Share Standards
- Association of College and Research Libraries Standards and Guidelines
- Standards for Hospital Libraries, Medical Library Association
- Standards of the Higher Learning Commission
- Standards of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Association of the American Colleges of Nursing Rules & Regulations of the Nurse Practice Act of the States of Illinois and Missouri

Print materials which no longer meet current guidelines for selection will be considered for withdrawal such as, resources older than 5-7 years, and/or having no circulation, or in poor physical condition. Reviewing the collection helps highlight imbalances and weaknesses in the collection and provides input

for the materials selection process.

Electronic Information, Acceptable Use, and Internet

The library provides electronic books, journals, and database access through our subscriptions. These resources are available on the library web page and are carefully selected to match the information needs of Blessing-Rieman faculty, staff, students, Blessing Health System employees, and area physicians. The library does not and cannot control the information content available through global resources via the Internet. Library patrons must keep in mind that information obtained via the Internet may or may not be reliable, accurate, current, or valid. All library patrons are expected to follow the policies developed by the IT staff on 'Acceptable Use of BRCN Information Technology Resources' as found in the college catalog and student handbook.