

# MEMO

**To:** R. Moon, Dean of Allied Health Sciences  
**From:** John Dustman, Chair, Survey & Curriculum Committee  
**Subject:** M014 conflicts  
**Date:** February 20, 2001

In the last meeting of the Survey & Curriculum Committee we discussed and problem of using M014 as a Mathematics requirement for the Paramedic A.S. Degree and reference was made to the fact that some additional discussion was needed. The following describes some of the concerns that need to be addressed.

1. Within Indiana University, in general, and Indiana University Northwest specifically, zero level courses have been considered as remedial or noncollege level courses. These courses usually include in their description that the course cannot be used to satisfy any requirement for a degree from Indiana University. Among these courses are remedial courses in writing and mathematics which can be exempted by taking placement examinations.
2. Within the framework of the "General Education Requirements" most programs of the University include a "Written Communication" and "College-level" Mathematics requirement for degrees, including both Bachelor's and Associate Degrees. Zero level courses cannot be used to satisfy these requirements.
3. Of all the degree programs of our campus the only program that attempts to use a zero level course within the requirements of a degree is the A.S. Program in Respiratory Therapy. This appears to violate the policy of the University for degree requirements. On page 38 of the Indiana University Northwest 2000 - 2002 Bulletin the First-Year (Preprofessional ) Course carry the entry "MATH M014 Basic Algebra (4 cr.)" as part of the degree requirement.
4. In the latest Bulletin of the School of Allied Health Sciences (1997-1999) there is a specific section dealing with "General Undergraduate Requirements" (page 11), and "General Education Requirements" (page 11). In that section it is stated that a "College-level Mathematics" course is a general education requirement for A.S. Degrees. Since M014 is not considered a "College-level" course it would appear that a conflict exists.
5. Admittedly the Indiana University Northwest Bulletin produces a conflict by a statement within the 2000-2002 bulletin on page 99 which reads "Credit for M014 may not be applied toward any degree except for respiratory therapy, which includes the grades and applies the credits for the course." We are suggesting that the Mathematics Department strike the underlined clause in the next printing of the Bulletin since it appears never to have been approved by the A&S Curriculum Committee and is in conflict with the policy of the University relative to zero level courses.

It would appear that the best solution is to change the requirements of the A.S. In Respiratory Therapy to read "M100 Basic Mathematics (4 cr.) or the equivalent." This change can be done by submitting a memo to this committee requesting a change in degree requirements. It would also insure that you satisfy the General Education Degree requirements of the School of Allied Health Sciences. Keeping M014 in the Bulletin, and noting that it cannot be used to satisfy the degree requirement, does not help because of the General Education requirement of the school.

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It is also suggested that you consider adding an equivalent section to our Bulletin as described on page 11 of the Bulletin of the School of Allied Health Sciences dealing with Degree Requirements and General Education requirements.

If you would like to discuss this matter with the committee please contact me and I will schedule a meeting.

cc: Members, Survey and Curriculum Committee

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