

School-Wide Curricular Revisions Based on the New AACN Essentials: Lessons Learned So Far

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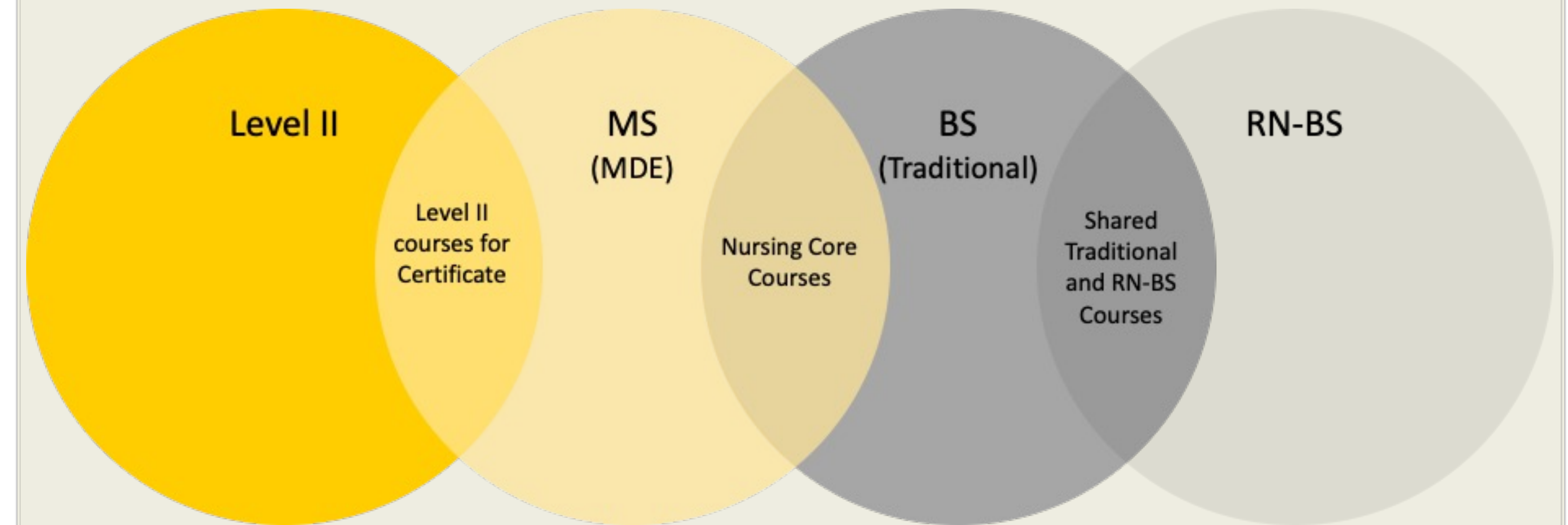
Background/ Introduction

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) advocates competency-based education. Implementing this shift is complex but vital for nursing education evolution.

Purpose

To Share the design and lessons learned to date from our work so far

Methods



Results

- **Proposed Revisions:**
 - Level 1 Master's Direct Entry, Traditional BS, and RN-BS programs
 - Level 2 shift to DNP standard
 - Course overlap and efficiency
- **Faculty Approval:**
 - June 2023: Faculty shared governance adoption
- **Ongoing Pursuits:**
 - University and State Agencies approvals in progress
 - Course design and curriculum implementation

Conclusions

- **Lessons Learned:**
 - Structure and support are key
 - Importance of faculty engagement
 - Importance of understanding all requirements
 - Constant communication
- **Integration Blueprint:**
 - Guide for AACN Essentials incorporation into curricula