

**Transfer Articulation Agreement
Between**

**Bergen Community College
And**

**Montclair State University
to permit the**

BCC AAS Degree in Nursing Program

to transfer as credit toward the

MSU BSN Degree Program

The parties are entering into this agreement to facilitate the transfer of course credit and individuals who are graduates from the Health Professions Division, Department of Nursing at Bergen Community College (BCC) with the Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) for acceptance into the Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN) Degree program offered by the School of Nursing at Montclair State University (MSU). The obligations of each party are identified in this Agreement and Exhibit A which is incorporated by reference.

The Agreement incorporates by reference Exhibit B which identifies all courses which may be transferred from BCC to MSU to attain a BSN. Changes to the courses identified in this Agreement by either institution will require this Agreement to be amended in writing signed by both parties.

The Agreement is in full compliance with laws governing higher education in the State of New Jersey.

The terms of the Agreement apply to those individuals graduating from BCC with an AAS in May 2017 and admitted to MSU's BSN after August 2017.

The parties agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued there under.

The parties shall comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. 1.4

Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be resolved under New Jersey law, without regard to choice of law principles, and by the Superior Court of New Jersey venued in the State of New Jersey.

MSU and BCC are agencies of the State of New Jersey. Any agreement or arrangement signed or entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by a State official or employee shall be subject to all of the provisions of the New Jersey Torts Claims Act, NJSA 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, NJSA 59:13-1, et seq., and the availability of appropriations. The State of New Jersey does not carry public liability insurance, but the liability of the State and the obligations of the State to be responsible for tort claims against its agencies and employees is covered under the terms and provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. The Act also creates a special self-insurance fund and provides for payment and

claims against the State of New Jersey against its employees for which the State of New Jersey is obligated to indemnify against tort claims which arise out of the performance of their duties. Claims against the University or its employees should be referred for handling to the Attorney General, Division of Law, Claims Service Section, Richard Hughes Complex, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey self-funds for Workers Compensation and Disability.

The parties agree to abide by the limitations on re-disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records set forth in The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

This Agreement may not be amended or modified in any manner except by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties.

The Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Program identified herein. In the event the parties have entered into written agreements signed by authorized representatives of the Parties that govern other programs not identified herein, such agreements are not amended or superseded and shall remain in full force and effect. Unless otherwise modified in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the Parties, all terms of this Agreement and other agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by facsimile or electronic transmission, each of which, when executed, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, together, shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument, valid and binding on all parties.

No payment of monies will be required or exchanged between the Parties in connection with the Agreement. Any individual students enrolled in at MSU under this Agreement shall be personally responsible for tuition and fees due to the MSU in accordance with MSU's applicable policies.

If one party believes the decision of the other was not consistent with this Agreement, the parties shall consult with each other and seek to achieve resolution of the matter. If the parties cannot achieve resolution of the matter, the dispute may be submitted to arbitration for dispute resolution. An arbitration panel comprised of three persons and three alternates. One member and alternate of the Panel shall be former academic officers nominated by MSU; one member and alternate of the Panel shall be former academic officers nominated by BCC; and one member and alternate of the Panel shall be nominated by the Commission on Higher Education. The alternate member shall serve whenever the regular member is unavailable or has a current or prior affiliation with one of the institutions involved in the dispute. The costs of the dispute resolution process shall be borne equally by the parties involved in the appeal.

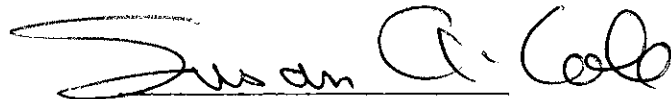

If MSU rejects a BCC AAS Nursing Degree graduate from admission to MSU's BSN Degree program under this Agreement, the student shall be provided the right to appeal MSU's decision. The student must submit the appeal in writing with an explanation in support of his/her request to be reconsidered for admission, including but not limited to, information in support of their candidacy that was not available or presented previously. The appeal must be submitted by the student to the MSU program director within 30 days of receiving the decision. MSU will provide a decision to the student within 60 days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of MSU will be final. BCC will be informed of the nature of the appeal and the decision by MSU.

The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and shall automatically renew annually unless terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon 30 days written notice. Students enrolled in the program at the time of termination will have the option to complete their BSN degree at Montclair State University.

The foregoing terms and conditions are agreed to and accepted by the parties by affixing their signature below. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and shall be enforceable by facsimile or original signature.

For: Bergen Community College

For: Montclair State University



Michael Redmond, Ph.D.
Interim President

Susan A. Cole, Ph.D.
President

9/29/2017
Date

10/10/17
Date

Exhibit A

The objectives of this articulation agreement:

- To facilitate BCC nursing students' ability to obtain a BSN degree from MSU while enrolled in the BCC AAS Nursing Degree program.
- To define the admission process for students enrolled in the AAS in nursing degree at BCC who wish to apply to the BSN program at MSU.
- To delineate the transfer of course credit for students enrolled in the AAS in nursing degree at BCC to MSU toward its BSN program.

The parties agree to the following conditions to this agreement:

- The Application Fee is waived by MSU;
- Students enrolled in the BCC AAS Nursing Degree program may apply for entry into the MSU BSN program during their last semester of study prior to graduating from BCC. Students must graduate from BCC with an AAS Nursing Degree before entering the BSN program at MSU. If accepted for admission by MSU, BCC graduates must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN exam within 6 months of matriculation at MSU to continue in the BSN program;
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 for courses earned at BCC is required. Upon acceptance by MSU, students must maintain the minimum GPA required by MSU's Academic Policies for all other students in the BSN degree program;
- Montclair State University will accept all nursing, general education, and nursing science course credits required to complete the AAS degree, as outlined in Exhibit B and which total 66 credits.
- Transfer credit will not be awarded for courses identified in the attached Exhibit B unless a grade of "C" or higher is earned by the student at BCC.
- Unless otherwise identified in Exhibit B, a course equivalency list will be developed and maintained by BCC and MSU during the Term of the Agreement that reflect each institution's academic policies.
- Bergen Community College students transferring to MSU will be eligible for financial aid and the distribution of financial aid funds in accordance with MSU policies and all applicable laws.
- A staff member will be assigned by BCC and MSU to manage this Agreement and facilitate communications to students.
- Bergen Community College will provide its students information concerning the program created by this Agreement and courses that are eligible for transfer to MSU in accordance with the Agreement.
- Students accepted for admission to MSU shall be required to complete a sequential set of courses in World Languages as a graduation requirement for the BSN Degree.
- All students accepted for admission by MSU must complete 32 credits at MSU in courses identified by MSU appropriate for the BSN Degree.

Exhibit B: Course Equivalencies

General Education (including Humanities) Courses Required by BCC and MSU

Bergen Community College		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
English Composition 1 (WRT101)	3	College Writing I (WRIT 105) (C1)	3
English Composition II (WRT201)	3	College Writing II (WRIT 106) (C2)	3
Sociology (SOC 101)	3	Social Sciences (K3)	3
Humanities elective Recommend Introduction to Religion (PHR 120) or Religions of the World (PHR 121) or Intro to Philosophy (PHR 101)	3	Philosophy or Religion (F2)	3
*Humanities elective Recommend Cultural Anthropology (ANT 101)	3	*Non-western cultural perspective (K2)	3
Credits			15

General Education Course Equivalencies Required by MSU that may be taken at BCC or MSU

Bergen Community College		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
Statistics (MAT 150)	3	Statistics (MATH 109) (H)	3
Speech Communication (COM 100)	3	Fundamentals of Speech (CMST101) (C3)	3
Total credits			6

World Culture Equivalency Requirements required by MSU that may be taken at BCC or MSU

Bergen Community College		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
World language 1	3	World language 1	3
World language 2	3	World language 2	3
*World Cultures (ANT 101 meets this requirement)	0	*World Cultures (*Identified Gen Ed Non Western cultural perspective – K2-courses meet this requirement)	0
Credits			6

Course Equivalencies Required for BCC Nursing Major Evaluated for Transfer

Bergen County Community		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
General Psychology (PSY101)	3	Introduction to Psychology (PSY101)	3
Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIO 109)	4	Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIOL 244)	4
Anatomy & Physiology 2 (BIO 209)	4	Anatomy & Physiology 2 (BIOL 245)	4

Microbiology (BIO 104)	4	Applied Microbiology (BIOL254)	4
Developmental Psychology (PSY 106)	3	Development across lifespan (NURS 210)	3
Credits			18
RN Nursing Courses			
<i>RN Nursing Courses</i>	<i>CR</i>	All courses accepted from BCC for Nursing Theory and Clinical Foundation	
Physical Assessment (NUR181)	1		
Pharmacology for Nurses (NUR 182)	1		
Basic Concepts (NUR 183)	6		
Adult Health Nursing A (NUR 281)	4		
Adult Health Nursing B (NUR 282)	4		
Adult Health Nursing C (NUR 290)	4		
Adult Health Nursing D (NUR 291)	4		
Maternal Child Health Nursing (NUR 284)	5		
Mental Health Nursing (NUR 285)	4		
Credits			33
Upper Division MSU Courses required for BSN Degree from MSU			
<i>Upper Division at MSU</i>			<i>CR</i>
Pathophysiology with Integration of Pharmacology (NURS 300)			3
Genetics & Genomics for Clinical Nursing (NURS305)			3
Health Assessment Throughout the Lifespan (NURS 310)			4
Scholarly Writing for the Nursing Professional (NURS 320)			3
Nursing Care in the Adult and Aging (NURS330)			3
Information Technology and Project Management (NURS 340)			3
Evidence Based Practice in Nursing (NURS 350)			3
Leadership in Nursing: Theory and Application (NURS 410)			3
Interdisciplinary Communication and Education (NURS 420)			3
Population and Global Health (NURS 430)			4
Integration Practicum (NURS 440)			3
Credits			35
Total Credits			

Credit Assignment: Courses Required for Completion of AAS, Nursing at BCC

Course	CR
<i>RN courses</i>	33
<i>Sciences for Nursing</i>	
General Psychology (PSY101)	3
Developmental Psychology (PSY 106)	3
Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIO 109)	4
Anatomy & Physiology 2 (BIO 209)	4
Microbiology (BIO 104)	4
	18
<i>General Education/Humanities</i>	

Humanities Elective	3
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English Composition 1 (WRT 101)	3
English Composition II (WRT201)	3
Sociology (SOC101)	3
Credits for General Education Humanities	15
Total Credits are accepted from the A.A.S. program in Nursing at B.C.C..	66

Credit Assignment: Course Equivalencies Required by MSU that may be taken at BCC or MSU

Bergen Community College		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
Statistics (MAT 150)	3	Statistics (MATH 109)	3
Speech Communication (COM 100)	3	CMST101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
Humanities Elective (suggest Introduction to Religion (PHR 120) or Religions of the World (PHR121), or Intro to Philosophy (PHR 101)	3	Philosophy or Religion	3
Humanities (Suggest Cultural Anthropology ANT101)	3	*Non-western cultural perspective (Suggest ANTH 100)	3
Nutrition for Today (WEX-163)	3	Nutrition (NUFD182)	3
Total credits			15

Credit Assignment: World Culture Requirements for MSU that may be taken at BCC or MSU

Bergen Community College		Montclair State University	
<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>Course (Title)</i>	<i>CR</i>
World language 1	3	World language 1	3
World language 2	3	World language 2	3
*World Cultures (ANT 101 meets this requirement)	0	*World Cultures (*Identified Gen Ed Non Western cultural perspective – K2-courses meet this requirement)	0
Credits			6

* General Education requirement non-western cultural perspective may fulfill world culture requirement.

Chemistry 105 – Introduction to Chemistry is waived for BCC graduates.

Montclair State University will accept a total of 66 credits from the AAS program in Nursing at BCC. An additional 21 credits can be transferred from B.C.C. so that a total of 87 credits can be transferred to MSU. Students may elect to complete some or all of the additional 21 credits at BCC or MSU. Thirty-two

credits of upper division nursing major courses must be completed at MSU to have the BSN degree conferred by MSU.