

UNIFORM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA RN TO BSN PROGRAMS

AND

**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM ASSOCIATE
DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS**

Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on 02/20/2015

Approved by The UNC Board of Governors on 02/27/2015

I. Background

In 2010, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies published a report entitled **The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health**. That report, based upon a two year study completed in collaboration with T

- x **General education requirements** that represent the fundamental foundation for success and include study in the areas of English composition, humanities/fine arts, natural sciences/mathematics, and social/ behavioral sciences.
- x **Courses in the nursing major** that prepare the student to pass the NCLEX-RN and ensure that the programs meet state Board of Nursing accreditation requirement. These include classroom and clinical experiences working with patients across the lifespan in hospital and community settings and cover a wide range of health and illness concepts.
- x **Additional courses** that support later learning within the major. These include additional natural and social sciences course and additional electives.

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- f. The fact that a student may have earned less than a C in a course that is beyond the listed semester hours of credit included in the transfer five block degree plan will not negate the provisions of the RN to BSN AA.
- g. Registered nurses who earn AAS degrees in Nursing and who complete RN to BSN AA designated courses that are included in this five block degree plan will receive credit for all courses completed with

4. Certification of Transfer Component Courses and Associate in Applied Science degree completion

Certification of completion of the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing is the responsibility of the community college at which the courses were completed. Transcript identification of the Universal General Education Transfer Component Courses is also the responsibility of the community college at which the courses were completed. Students who have not completed an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing are not covered by the RN to BSN AA and must and have their transcripts evaluated on a course by course basis.

5. Transfer of Courses not originated at North Carolina community colleges

Transfer courses that do not originate in a North Carolina Community College or UNC institution may be used under the RN to BSN AA with the following stipulations:

- a. Courses must be completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- b. Courses must meet general education requirements; and
- c. Courses may total no more than 14 hours of general education course credit.
- d. If the courses are used to complete the AAS degree, the courses will transfer as a part of the degree.

6. Transfer of Advanced Placement (AP) course credit

Advanced Placement (AP) course credits, awarded for a score three or higher, are acceptable as

B. Impact of the RN to BSN AA on other articulation agreements

The RN to BSN AA takes precedence over bilateral articulation agreements established between constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Community College System but does not necessarily preclude such agreements. Institution-to-institution articulation agreements that fall within the parameters of the RN to BSN AA and enhance

transferability of students from community colleges to senior institutions are acceptable. Institutional agreements conflicting with the RN to BSN AA are not permitted.

C. Compliance Procedures

The RN to BSN Transfer Committee (RNBSNTC) is charged with ensuring compliance of institutional policies and practices regarding the RN to BSN AA. To that end, an RN to BSN AA Review Team comprised of one UNC representative and one community college representative will survey and review UNC institutions per year. The RNBSNTC will report its findings to the chief academic officers of University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Community College System.

D. Students enrolled prior to Fall 2015

Students who entered or completed an AAS program in nursing at a North Carolina Community College prior to Fall 2015 are subject to the conditions in place at the individual institutions at the time of their original enrollment (as long as they have been continually enrolled) or degree completion.

Appendices

Appendix A:
Participating Programs 2014

Rockingham Community College

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Sampson Community College

Sandhills Community College

South Piedmont Community College

Southeastern Community College

Southwestern Community College

Stanly Community College

Surry Community College

Tri-County Community College

Vance-Granville Community College

Wake Technical Community College

Wayne Community College

Western Piedmont Community College

request for inclusion on the transfer list to The University of North Carolina CAO. That individual will consult with the CAO of the North Carolina Community College System

2. The CAOs or their designees at UNC and at NCCCS will then seek feedback and endorsement about whether to pursue the change from their respective campuses. A two-thirds favorable response is required for the change to be pursued.
3. The CAO of either system may submit the request for action to the RNBSNTC a minimum of thirty days prior to the next RNBSNTC meeting.

Appendix C
RNto BSNTtransfer CommitteeMembership

RNBSNTC members shall serve three-

Appendix D
RNto BSN Articulation Agreement Transfer Credit Appeal Procedure

Guiding Principle If a student from a North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) college believes the terms of the RN to BSN AA have not been honored by a University of North

RN to BSN Transfer Credit Appeal Procedure

University of North Carolina/North Carolina Community College System

Section 1: Student Information (to be completed by the student submitting the form)

- x The completed form and any supporting documentation **must be submitted to the semester for which admission is offered by the end of the subsequent fall semester for students enrolling in the summer.**
- x You must specify the nature of the appeal and cite the specific RN to BSN AA language that is in contention. Appeals that do not include this information cannot be considered.

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 (Please print or type)

Address: _____
 (Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 (Area code/Number)

Community College from which AAS was earned: _____

UNC institution offering admission: _____ beginning (semester/yr) _____

Section 2: Basis for your appeal. State your concern(s), citing specific language in the RN to BSN AA that is applicable to your contention. Attach RN to BSN AA supporting documents.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Appendix E:
Five Block Degree Plan with Transf

Block 3(17-18 credits):

- x Consists of additional nursing or other requirements that are not a part of an AAS degree but are required to earn a BSN. These courses are:

Course Category	Transferable course	Credits
Statistics	MAT 152	4
Microbiology with lab	BIO 175 or 275	3 or 4
Chemistry with lab	CHM 151 or CHM 130 and CHM 130A or CHM 131 and 131A	4

Social Science/
Elective: