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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

April 22, 2013

TO:

**Monique Cross** 

FROM:

Elaine Vallette

RE:

**Articulation Agreement** 

Attached is a new articulation agreement between McNeese State University College of Nursing and BRCC.

As you can see, the agreement has already been signed by McNeese. The agreement is very favorable for our students and we are excited about this new partnership with McNeese.

I am forwarding the agreement for review and your and the Chancellor's signature.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

# RN to BSN

#### AGREEMENT BETWEEN

The College of Nursing at McNeese State University

**AND** 

The Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College

Spring 2013 – Spring 2016

The College of Nursing at McNeese State University (MSU) and the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) have signed an articulation agreement. This agreement allows students who complete the BRCC's Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (RN Program) to transfer to the MSU Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (RN to BSN Program).

# **Agreement**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as an agreement between Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and McNeese State University (MSU) to facilitate transfer for students desiring to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) upon completion of their Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ASN) at BRCC.

BRCC students with an ASN degree will be admitted in the RN to BSN program in the College of Nursing at MSU provided they meet the admission requirements. The MSU RN to BSN Program is a completion program that allows a registered nurse with an ASN degree to earn their BSN degree online at MSU.

The total number of credit hours required to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) from MSU is 120 semester hours. This agreement stipulates that 36 credit hours of non-nursing courses in which a minimum grade of 'C' was earned in the ASN Program at BRCC, will articulate to the BSN Program at MSU as depicted on page 4 of this document. In addition, MSU will award 39 credit hours of advanced placement in nursing to the BRCC ASN graduate. RN to BSN candidates must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at MSU to be awarded the degree.

By the completion of one semester at MSU, the RN to BSN student must provide proof of an active unencumbered RN license issued by the state in which they are completing their capstone project. This license must be maintained in order for the RN-BSN students to progress and graduate.

#### BRCC will:

- 1. Provide MSU with official student transcripts (student release required) to facilitate the articulation process at MSU and to allow for timely advising.
- 2. Provide timely communication of degree program changes to MSU.
- 3. Provide students with information and marketing material related to the RN to BSN Program at MSU.
- 4. Provide assessment data related to student success to BRCC.

#### MSU will:

- 1. Accept BRCC credit hours as depicted on page 4 of this document.
- 2. Provide BRCC with marketing material for the MSU RN-BSN program.
- 2. Provide advisement to students interested in the RN-BSN program.
- 3. Provide timely communication of degree program changes to BRCC.
- 4. Provide assessment data related to student success and retention to BRCC.

#### Additional Information:

This agreement is effective upon signing. Either party may terminate the agreement through a written notice of intent at the end of the semester of notification. Should the agreement be discontinued, students who were admitted to the RN to BSN Program at MSU will be allowed to progress through the program and complete.

Changes to this agreement may be made at any time, in writing, with a 60 day notice, with the express agreement of the chief academic officers of each campus.

Both parties will share assessment data and will meet periodically to assess the program.

The Articulation Agreement as depicted on page 4 of this document indicates the current ASN Curriculum at BRCC and the transferability of those credits to a BSN degree at MSU.

BRCC - McNeese RN to BSN Articulation Agreement

Course Number	Course Title	Cr Hrs	MSU Transfer Equivalency	
FIRST SEMESTER		1550		
BIOL 230	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIOL 225	
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101	
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3	ENGL 101	
MATH 101or MATH 110	College Algebra	3	MATH 113	
ARTS <sup>1</sup> or HUMN <sup>2</sup>	Art or Humanities	3	US HISTORY ELECTIVE^	
	Total Semester Hours	16		
SECOND SEMESTER				
BIOL 231	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIOL 226	
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 102	
PSYC 202	Psychology of Development	3	PSYC 233	
NURS 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
	Total Semester Hours	16		
THIRD SEMESTER		A" _S	The in the second	
NURS 210	Adult Nursing I	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
NURS 212	Mental Health Nursing	4	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
BIOL 210	General Microbiology	4	MBIO 201	
	Total Semester Hours	14		
FOURTH SEMESTER	the sufficiency of the sufficiency		Make Section 1	
NURS 220	Adult Nursing II	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
NURS 222	Maternal Child Nursing	7	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
	Total Semester Hours	13		
FIFTH SEMESTER				
NURS 230	Adult Nursing III	7	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN	
MATH 204	Elementary Statistics	3	STATS 231	
ARTS <sup>1</sup> or HUMN <sup>2</sup>	Art or Humanities	3	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE^	
	Total Semester Hours	13	Credits for the RN:	
	Total Curriculum Hours	72°	^Must have US History & Fine Arts Elective	

<sup>\*</sup>Credits granted for the BRCC ASN RN: General Education: 36 hours, Nursing AP Credit: 39 hours Candidates for the BSN degree must complete 30 semester hours at MSU.

Courses needed to complete Online RN to BSN Program:

General Education Courses	Cr Hrs	MSU Nursing Courses	Cr Hrs
Chemistry	3	NURS 303 Wellness Promotion	3
Literature	3	NURS 326 Nursing Informatics	3
Philosophy (200 level course)	3	NURS 390 Nursing Research	3 .
General Electives	7	NURS 391 Cultural Diversity	3
		NURS 403 Ethical and Legal Nursing Practice	3
		NURS 426 Community Health Nsg for RN	4
		NURS 427 Leadership Role for the RN	6
	ĺ	NURS 429 Advanced Nsg Concepts for RN	4

Contact: McNeese State University, College of Nursing, RN to BSN Program
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### **Program Evaluation**

MSU will regularly evaluate the performance of students participating in this agreement. If the performance of participating students is significantly lower than that of nonparticipating students, faculty representatives from MSU and BRCC will meet to review the alignment of courses from the two programs and make appropriate adjustments.

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Program Renewal	
This agreement will be renewed every three y continued, modified, or terminated upon mutu reviews will be conducted at any time at the re-	al agreement of both parties. Additional
Philip C Williams, Ph.D. President McNeese State University	Andrea Lewis Miller, Ph.D. Chancellor Baton Rouge Community College
<u>4/8/2013</u> Date	5. 9. 13 Date
Jeanne Daboval, DBA Academic and Student Affairs Provost and Vice President' McNeese State University  4 8 20/3 Date	Monique Cross, M.B.A. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Baton Rouge Community College  51213 Date
Peggil Wolfe, PhD, RN Dean, Nursing McNeese State University	Elaine Vallette, DrPH. Dean of Nursing and Allied Health Baton Rouge Community College
4/9/13 Date	<u>4   19   13</u> Date