

TRANSFER CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Holyoke Community College

and

Westfield State University

A.S.N. Nursing

To

B.S.N. Nursing

2023

Holyoke Community College and Westfield State University have created a concurrent enrollment transfer articulation agreement between the Department of Nursing at Holyoke Community College and the Department of Nursing at Westfield State University. This concurrent enrollment articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage and streamline the transfer of qualified students from Holyoke Community College (HCC) to Westfield State University (WSU).
2. To award academic credit for courses completed at HCC that meet the terms of the A.S.N. Nursing degree and apply them toward the requirements for the WSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN to BSN, degree concurrently.
3. To provide effective and concise guidelines for students seeking concurrent enrollment to WSU. Students will have accurate and clear information regarding the transfer of their course work and credits, both completed and outstanding, as they apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN to BSN, at WSU.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. In order to be eligible for the concurrent enrollment program students must be admitted to Holyoke Community College's Associates in Science in Nursing (ASN) program for the semester in which they are applying for admission to the School of Nursing at Westfield State. All students must meet the admission policy and requirements as published and current for the term to which the student is applying. If a student applies for this program at Westfield State University, but is not admitted to Holyoke Community College's ASN program, they will not be considered for admission. Students must begin the ASN and BSN nursing curriculum during the same semester.
2. Prior to enrolling in any nursing courses, students must successfully complete all of the prerequisite course work. These courses do not need to be completed before applying to the program, but they must be completed before enrollment. No exceptions will be made for applicants with incomplete prerequisite courses.
3. Students applying to the HCC Nursing program will indicate on the application if they want to participate in this concurrent agreement. Students indicating their desire to participate in the concurrent agreement on the application will agree to release essential academic information to Westfield State. Once a student is accepted into the HCC Nursing program they will be accepted into the WSU program as well. No further application needed. Students will be asked to sign a participation form outlining the degree, minimum grade & GPA requirements. This form will also outline withdrawal and dismissal policies and allow for information sharing between HCC and WSU.

TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:

1. Students are admitted to WSU under terms of this concurrent articulation agreement via Part-time Studies, Graduate and Continuing Education (GCE). Placement in university-sponsored housing is not guaranteed as part of this agreement, however, GCE students may request housing, which is provided on a space-available basis, by contacting the Office of Residential Life after being admitted to WSU.
2. This agreement assumes successful completion of the ASN Nursing degree program, including all courses specified on the curriculum sheet. Students must earn a cumulative average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the time of admission, as calculated by WSU, to be admitted to the University.
3. Students will need to complete all prerequisite, general education & Nursing course work at HCC with C+ or higher and maintain an overall 2.75 GPA. WSU requires that 30 credits be completed in residence to earn the bachelor's degree and maintain a 2.75 or higher GPA to earn the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.
4. WSU will accept a maximum of 90 credits in transfer from Holyoke Community College combined (including AP, CLEP, and military experience). To ensure the transfer of the maximum number of credits allowed, students should take the courses listed on the curriculum plan outlined below for the associate degree program from those listed as transferable in the current WSU course equivalency guide, available online at **www.westfield.ma.edu/ceg**.
5. At the time of admission, students must demonstrate proficiency in mathematics through college preparatory-level high school Algebra II or its equivalent in one of the following ways: by successfully completing a HCC Mathematics course that fulfills one of WSU's Mathematics core requirements (TMTH) as part of the associate degree before transferring, such as MAT 142 Statistics, which is strongly recommended; HCC before transferring; or, by submitting as part of the application process a high school transcript documenting successful completion of college preparatory-level Algebra II.
6. This articulation agreement is based upon the evaluation of current course descriptions and or other course materials presented to WSU.
7. Students who leave the program voluntarily, are academically dismissed or dismissed for other reasons, will no longer be eligible for the concurrent enrollment program. In such cases HCC will notify WSU of any changes in enrollment status that may affect a student's enrollment in the WSU program.
8. Semesters that students take all courses at Holyoke Community College, HCC will be the home institution for financial aid purposes. In semesters when students may be taking courses at both institutions HCC will be the home institution and create either individual or a blanket consortium agreement. When students transfer and take courses

at WSU they will be the home institution. The home school would be the school that processes the aid (handles SAP, withdrawals)

The billing process will be streamlined for ease of student access by providing one student invoice. Billing for WSU courses taken while HCC is the home institution will show as an additional itemized charge on the student's HCC bill. HCC will collect the charge for the WSU course. Financial aid and student payments will be applied to student accounts on a proportional basis. WSU will then bill HCC for this charge. HCC will remit payment to WSU after financial aid is disbursed approximately 30 days after the start of HCC classes. The billing process will transfer entirely to WSU when it becomes the home institution.

9. Students who complete requirements for the designated associate degree program, but fail to select one or more courses specified on the attached curriculum sheet as those required by WSU for the bachelor's degree may still be admitted to WSU's Nursing program, but will be required to complete all outstanding requirements for the degree program at WSU. Further, students who do not maximize the number of credits to be applied to the WSU Nursing and Common Core of Studies while at the community college may extend the length of time it will take to complete bachelor's degree requirements.

10. All students accepted into the HCC nursing program must meet the Program enrollment and progression requirements as outlined by the Nursing program. Including, but not limited to following, minimum grades and test scores, competency exams, satisfactory in all clinical behaviors, attendance policy, code of conduct, certifications and ongoing compliance with screenings and Department of Public Health (DPH) immunizations and clinical practice sites mandated documentation.

11. Upon Completion of the HCC Nursing Program students must pass the NCLEX-RN exam to remain eligible for concurrent enrollment. Students who do not pass the NCLEX test are not eligible to continue the final year at Westfield State University until they have obtained licensure.

12. HCC & WSU will designate the Directors of the Nursing programs as primary contacts for any updates, changes or issues.

13. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the date listed below, with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to students admitted from HCC's Nursing degree program within one year of the expiration date of the agreement. Each institution agrees to provide timely notice to the other in the event of any modification to the curriculum that might affect admission and/or the transferability of course work. This agreement may be subject to change without notice if curriculum requirements change at either institution. Students admitted to HCC's Nursing degree program prior to such notification will be admitted to WSU on the basis of this agreement.

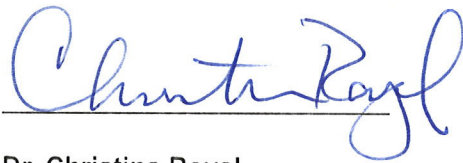
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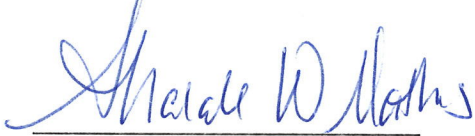
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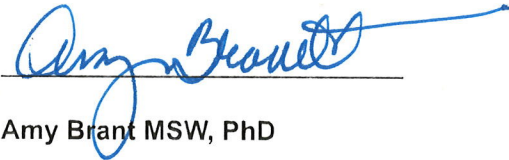
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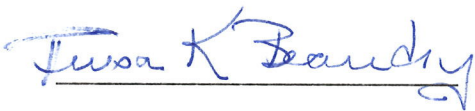
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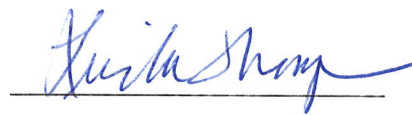
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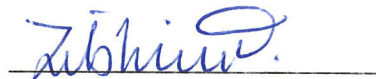


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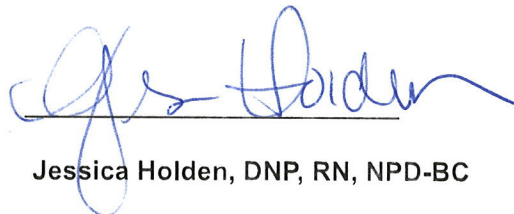


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Holyoke Community College ASN to Westfield State University BSN Pathway

HCC FOH (Nursing) & ASN Program with a Concurrent WSU/BSN

Course	Course Name	Cr. Hr.	Course	Course Name	Cr. Hr.
Summer Session 1 & 2			Summer Session 1 & 2 College Entrance Placement		
	NA Training*	0	BIO 107 MTH	Intro to Biology (May take BIO 107 challenge exam) MTH & ENG Placement (Statistics Recommended)	4 3
	Total			Total	7
Fall FOH HCC			Spring FOH HCC		
ENG 101	Language & Literature I	3	ENG 102	Language & Literature II	3
PSY 110	Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 226	Human Growth & Development	4
BIO 217	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4	BIO 218	Anatomy & Physiology 2	3
SOC 110	Sociology	3	ART	ARTS Appreciation	3
HUM	Literary & Philosophical Analysis	3	HST	US History & Government	3
	Total	16		Total	16
Summer FOH Session 1			Summer FOH Session 2		
BIO 229	Microbiology	4	HST	US Diversity	3
NTR 101	Nutrition (May be taken Winter session)	3			
	Total	7	Total		3
Fall Nursing First-Year (ASN/BSN Admissions)			Spring Nursing First-Year		
NUR 170	Fundamentals of Nursing	9	NUR 180	Health Promotion & Maintenance	9
PHM 171	Pharmacology 1	1	PHM 181	Pharmacology 2	1
NURS 0301	Professional Nursing	3	NURS 0307	The Business of Nursing	3
	Total	13	Total		13
Summer Session 1			Summer Session 2		
	Global Diversity Elective	3	HST	US History & Gov	3
	Total	3		Total	
Fall Nursing Second-Year (ADN/BSN Admitted)			Spring Nursing Second-Year		
NUR 270	Acute Care Across the Life Span	8	NUR 280	Complex Care Across the Life Span	8
PHM 271	Pharmacology 3	1	NUR 282	Role Development	2
NURS 0302	Advanced Health Assessment	4	PHM 281	Pharmacology 4	1
			NURS 0305	Nursing Research	3
	Total	13	Total		14
Summer Session 1 & 2					
	NCLEX Live Review Course				
	Summer NCLEX ASN Preparation & Exam				
CHEM	Chemistry (waived with Nsg licensure & Practice)	3			
	General Ed elective at WSU	3			

Total		6				
WSU only						
Fall				Spring		
NURS 0303	Quality Improvement & Interprofessional Practice	3		NURS 0396	Nursing Capstone	6
NURS 0309	Community Health Nursing	5		NURS 0354	Nursing Leadership (Summer 1 option)	3
Total		8		Total		9

Total Combined Credit Hours = 122 C+ or better in all courses (GPA 2.75)

Green = Prerequisite Courses Required by Holyoke Community College (34 credits); must be completed at a C+ or higher

Purple = Additional Prerequisite Courses Required by Westfield State University taken at HCC (22 credits; 20 credits completed at HCC and 2-credits General Ed Elective completed at WSU)

Red = Nursing Courses Required by Holyoke Community College (38 credits); must be completed at a C+ or higher

Blue = Additional Nursing Courses Required by Westfield State University (30 credits)

***All accepted (ASN & PN) HCC nursing students will have to complete a nurses aid training course prior to enrollment.**

Exceptions to this requirement will be given to applicants that are currently a Certified Nurses Aid (CNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT/PCA) with verified 50+/hours of work experience prior to the start of the fall semester or a Licensed

Practical Nurse (LPN)

**Please note that this sample plan is provided to demonstrate one possible example of degree completion. Actual course enrollment may vary.*