

APPENIX A: ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE JOSEPH F. McCLOSKEY SCHOOL OF NURSING AT SCHUYLKILL HEALTH

I. PURPOSE

The College of Nursing of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) and The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing at Schuylkill Health (Schuylkill Health) establish this articulation agreement to facilitate the admission of Schuylkill Health graduates into the RN to BS program at Penn State. Schuylkill Health graduates who qualify for admission into Penn State and who have completed the Schuylkill Health Diploma program requirements will be admitted by Penn State and enrolled into the RN to BS major (NURN) based on meeting the prerequisites and all conditions of this agreement.

II. PROCEDURES

Counseling, admission, and the transfer of students under the terms of this agreement will be accomplished through the application of the following procedures and policies:

1. Schuylkill Health will promptly notify Penn State upon any substantive curriculum modification to the articulated program, and further agrees that the terms of this agreement will no longer apply to the program unless Penn State provides written approval that the curriculum changes do not alter the intent of this agreement. Penn State will likewise promptly notify Schuylkill Health of any substantive curriculum modification to the articulated program.
2. Upon completion of the Schuylkill Health RN diploma program, a student will be considered for admission into the Penn State RN to BS program (NURN major) if the student has maintained a quality point average of 2.0 (4.0 = A). Calculation of the Grade Point Average for the purpose of admission includes the following:
 - a. All grades including those of repeated courses (credits for repeated courses cannot count more than once).
 - b. Grades from all post-secondary institutions attended (current and prior).
3. Penn State may require a higher quality point average because of space availability or changes in the program. Such requirements will be promptly communicated to the director of the program at Schuylkill Health. The change in quality point average will take effect with those students entering Schuylkill Health in the fall semester after the institution has been notified.

4. RN to BS students should follow the admission procedures outlined in the Penn State Bulletin; prior to starting any clinical courses, students must provide evidence of Registered Nurse licensure from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This allows new graduates who are scheduled to take the licensing examination to begin the program. If a person is not awarded a license, he or she must withdraw from the program.
5. Students must complete a series of prerequisite courses before being admitted to The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing major. (See Appendix A for details of the transfer agreement).
6. A grade of "C" or better is required for all prescribed nursing courses. Students must also have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 prior to placement in the required 200-level nursing courses.
7. Penn State College of Nursing recognizes the portfolio assessment policy established by The Pennsylvania State University. The College of Nursing recognizes NLN accredited diploma schools of nursing coursework in lieu of credit by exam for students who meet established criteria. Registered Nurse students meeting established criteria may obtain up to 33 credits based on the Portfolio Assessment (Appendix B).

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Agreement should be reviewed every five years and will be revised as necessary. All revisions are to be agreed to by each institution's institutional representatives.
2. The terms of this agreement shall remain in effect, except as stipulated in certain previous terms listed herein, until terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement, with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other parties.
3. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement and terms of understanding between Penn State and Schuylkill Health, and supersedes any other prior articulation agreements between the two parties.

Appendix A
**PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL and THE JOSEPH F. McCLOSKEY SCHOOL OF
NURSING AT SCHUYLKILL HEALTH COURSE TRANSFER POLICY**

Students must complete a series of prerequisite courses before being admitted to the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing at Schuylkill Health (Schuylkill Health) Nursing major. These courses are:

BIOL 129, 141, & 142	MICRB 106 & 107	SOC 001 or SOC 005
NUTR 251	PSYCH 100	HDFS 129
ENGL 015 or 030	CAS 100	

The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing graduates may register for non-clinical RN to BS courses. The first non-clinical course recommendation is Nursing 390: Nursing Transition. This course is designed to help them assess their nursing skills and adjust to the expectations of a bachelor's degree nursing program. All registration for clinical courses requires evidence of Registered Nurse licensure from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Penn State College of Nursing recognizes the portfolio assessment policy established by The Pennsylvania State University. The College of Nursing recognizes NLN accredited diploma schools of nursing coursework in lieu of credit by exam for students who meet established criteria. Registered Nurse students meeting established criteria may obtain up to 33 credits based on the Portfolio Assessment (Appendix B).

Credit by verification or portfolio is not available for the following courses:

NURS 200W	NURS 251	NURS 417
NURS 390	NURS 357	Additional 6 credits in NURS 400 level courses
NURS 465	NURS 475	

Students must complete all degree requirements for the RN to BS degree to be granted. Please see the Recommended Academic Plan for Nursing RN to BS Degree Program found in the RN to BS Handbook and meet with your Academic Advisor to monitor progress.

Appendix B
Credit by Portfolio Assessment for the Licensed Registered Nurse (RN)
RN to BS Program
Education/Experience Verification

The College of Nursing of the Pennsylvania State University awards up to 33 credits by portfolio assessment for fundamental nursing courses. Students must meet certain criteria (refer to the credit by portfolio form in the student handbook for the required criteria) to be eligible for the portfolio credit award. There is a fee payable at the time of the credit award. All students must earn at least 36 of their last 60 credits at Penn State in order to receive a degree from Penn State. Please see the student handbook for the actual form.

Applicant has met the following criteria:

- A. Graduated within 3 years from basic program.
- B. Has a valid RN license
- C. Graduated more than 3 years ago
- D. 1,000 hours practice in last 3 years (documentation attached)
- E. Earned credit in N390 and one of the 400 level clinical courses
- F. Earned 3 credits in N495 – counts as nursing elective
- G. Will earn 36 of last 60 credits at The Pennsylvania State University

Credit Granted for the Following
Combination of Criteria:

Portfolio Credits Awarded (33 credits):

<input type="checkbox"/> Type 1	A, B, G	Nurs 225	3 credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 2	B, C, D, G	Nurs 230	4 credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 3	B, E, F, G	Nurs 250	2 credits
		Nurs 301	4 credits
		Nurs 305	3 credits
		Nurs 306	3 credits
		Nurs 310	3 credits
		Nurs 320	3 credits
		Nurs 405B	4 credits
		Nurs 420	<u>4 credits</u>
			33 maximum credits

APPENDIX B – CREDIT BY PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT

Credit by Portfolio Assessment for the Licensed Registered Nurse (RN)

RN to BS Program Education Verification

The College of Nursing of the Pennsylvania State University awards up to 33 credits by portfolio assessment for non-PSU fundamental nursing courses dependent on the number of transferred nursing credits from another program/university. Students must meet certain criteria (refer to the Credit by Portfolio form for the required criteria) to be eligible for the portfolio credit award. There is a fee payable at the time of the credit award and will be applied to your tuition bill. All students must earn at least 36 of their last 60 credits at Penn State in order to receive a degree from Penn State.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Credit by Portfolio

Student Name: _____ PSU ID Number: _____

Date: _____

Current License: State _____ Number _____

Program Attended: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Diploma Program? _____ Yes _____ No

Number of Nursing credits earned in AS program _____

Diploma graduates receive 33 portfolio credits.

AS graduates (from a program/university other than Penn State) receive credits as needed to meet 33 portfolio credits.

Applicant has met the following criteria:

- A. Graduated within 3 years from basic program
- B. Has a valid U.S. RN license
- C. Graduated more than 3 years ago
- D. 1,000 hours practice in last 3 years (documentation attached)
- E. Earned credit in N390 and one of the 400 level clinical courses
- F. Earned 3 credits in N495 – counts as nursing elective
- G. Will earn 36 of last 60 credits at The Pennsylvania State University

**Credit Granted for the Following
Combination of Criteria:**

- Type 1 A, B, G
- Type 2 B, C, D, G
- Type 3 B, E, F, G

AS Nurs credits _____
(Portfolio credits _____)

Total credits granted _____

Portfolio Credits Awarded (Up to 33 credits):

Nurs 225	3 credits
Nurs 230	4 credits
Nurs 250	2 credits
Nurs 301	4 credits
Nurs 305	3 credits
Nurs 306	3 credits
Nurs 310	3 credits
Nurs 320	3 credits
Nurs 405B	4 credits
Nurs 420	<u>4 credits</u>
	33 maximum credits

Adviser or Nursing Program Coordinator Signature

Date