APPENDIX 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.
IV. AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing and The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing at Schuylkill Health have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatures below.

Robert N. Pangborn  
Vice President & Dean, Undergraduate Education  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Date: 7/1/14  
John Simodejka  
President & CEO  
Schuylkill Health  
Date: 6/26/14

Madlyn L. Hanes  
Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Date: 6/24/14

Paula Milone-Nuzzo  
Dean and Professor, College of Nursing  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Date: 6/24/14
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
- NUTR 251
- ENGL 015 or 030
- MICRB 106 & 107
- PSYCH 100
- CAS 100
- SOC 001 or SOC 005
- HDFS 129

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

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):
___ Type 1       A, B, G                    Nurs 225       3 credits
___ Type 2       B, C, D, G
___ Type 3       B, E, F, G

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        4 credits
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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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:  Portfolio Credits Awarded (Up to 33 credits):

Type 1  A, B, G
Nurs 225  3 credits

Type 2  B, C, D, G
Nurs 230  4 credits
Nurs 250  2 credits
Nurs 301  4 credits

Type 3  B, E, F, G
Nurs 305  3 credits
Nurs 306  3 credits
Nurs 310  3 credits
Nurs 320  3 credits
Nurs 405B  4 credits
Nurs 420  4 credits

AS Nurs credits ______
(Portfolio credits ______)

Total credits granted ______

33 maximum credits

Adviser or Nursing Program Coordinator Signature ___________________________ Date ____________________________

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