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

I. PURPOSE

The College of Nursing of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) and The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing (JMSON) establish this articulation agreement to facilitate the admission of JMSON graduates into the RN to BSN program at Penn State. JMSON graduates who qualify for admission into Penn State and who have completed the JMSON diploma program requirements will be admitted by Penn State and enrolled into the RN to BSN 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. The JMSON 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 JMSON of any substantive curriculum modification to the articulated program.

2. Upon completion of the JMSON diploma program, a student will be considered for admission into the Penn State RN to BSN 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 JMSON. The change in quality point average will take effect with those students entering JMSON in the fall semester after the institution has been notified.

4. RN to BSN 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 JMSON 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 have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatures below.

Robert N. Pangborn Date
Vice President & Dean, Undergraduate Education
The Pennsylvania State University

Madlyn L. Hanes Date
Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses
The Pennsylvania State University

Janice Penrod Date
Interim Dean and Professor, College of Nursing
The Pennsylvania State University

Cynthia Cappel, DNP, RN Date
Acting Vice President of Education
Lehigh Valley Health Network
Appendix A

PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL and THE JOSEPH F. McCLOSKEY SCHOOL OF NURSING TRANSFER POLICY

Students must complete a series of prerequisite courses before being admitted to the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing. These courses are:

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

The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing graduates may register for non-clinical RN to BSN 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 BSN degree to be granted. Please see the Recommended Academic Plan for Nursing RN to BSN Degree Program found in the RN to BSN Handbook and meet with your Academic Advisor to monitor progress.
Appendix B
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Credit By Portfolio Assessment For The Licensed Registered Nurse (RN) Form

The College of Nursing of the Pennsylvania State University awards up to 33 credits by portfolio assessment for non-PSU fundamental nursing courses. Number of credits awarded depends upon the number of nursing credits transferred from another program/university. To receive the portfolio award, students must possess a current and valid RN license. A fee will be applied to the student’s tuition bill and is payable at the time of the portfolio credits 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. In their next-to-last semester, students should contact their adviser to request that their portfolio credits be awarded.

Student Name: ___________________________ PSU ID Number: ______________

Date: __________________

Current License: State _______ License Number ______________ Expiration Date ____________

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  4 credits

Diploma Program? ____Yes _____No

Diploma graduates receive 33 portfolio credits.

Associate’s degree (AS) graduates receive credits as needed to meet 33 portfolio credits.

Associate’s degree program? ____Yes _____No

AS NURS Credits ______ + Portfolio Credits ______ = 33 credits

Adviser or Nursing Program Coordinator Signature: __________________________________________

Date: ___________________________