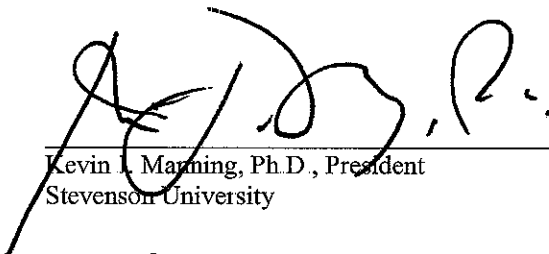


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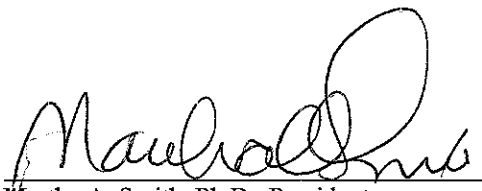
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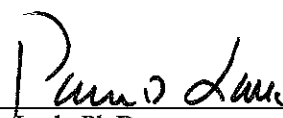
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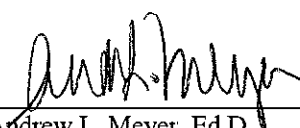
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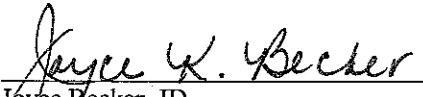
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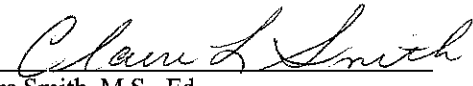
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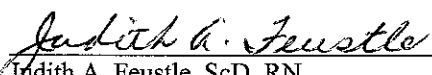
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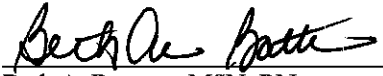
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This agreement is in effect fall 2009
This agreement will be reviewed biennially

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Anne Arundel Community College, Associate of Science in Nursing and Stevenson University, Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

Anne Arundel Community College (here after referred to as AACC), a multi-campus community college in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and Stevenson University (formerly Villa Julie College), a liberal arts college in Baltimore County, Maryland, agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of a Associate of Science (A.S.) in Nursing Degree and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing. They further agree that students from AACC, through this articulation policy, will be allowed to transfer credits earned for the A.S. at AACC to Stevenson University, leading to the award of the B.S. degree at Stevenson University. The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

1. The program is designed for graduates of the A.S. degree in Nursing at AACC. A maximum of 70 credit hours from AACC will be allowed toward fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion. In accordance with the Maryland Higher Education Commission Statewide RNBS Articulation model a student will be awarded 30 upper-level division credits (NURS 499) for having an active, unencumbered Maryland State Nursing License. These 30 upper-level credits are in addition to the maximum of 70 credits a student can transfer in.
2. All course credits as delineated in the attached articulation plan will be accepted as transfer to fulfill Stevenson University requirements for the RN to BS program. Only courses in which the student earns a grade of "C" or better are eligible for transfer.
3. Graduates of AACC who have completed the A.S. in Nursing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale will automatically be accepted into the baccalaureate program at Stevenson University. Students whose G.P.A. is lower than 2.5 GPA will need to complete non-nursing courses for a semester (working closely with the Recruiter/Advisor to determine what courses will transfer into Stevenson's B.S. in Nursing program) and submit a new transcript showing a 3.0 or higher in those courses. At that time, the application will be re-reviewed for acceptance into Stevenson University.
4. Credits earned from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores) are included in the maximum of 70 credits that will be accepted by Stevenson University toward degree requirements. An appropriate score is determined by Stevenson University and students must submit original test scores/results to Stevenson University. Tech Prep credits will not transfer. Credit awarded for experiential learning ("life experience") is not recognized by, and is not transferable to,

Stevenson University. In accordance with the Maryland Higher Education Commission Statewide RNBS Articulation model a student will be awarded 30 upper-level division credits (NURS 499) for having an active, unencumbered Maryland State Nursing License. These 30 upper-level credits are in addition to the maximum of 70 credits a student can transfer in.

5. The application process requires the following items: an admissions application, two professional recommendations and official transcripts from all academic institution's the applicant has attended in the past. For any international credits the student must submit an international credit evaluation from either WES or AACRAO.
6. Students intending to transfer are welcome to complete the admission application to Stevenson University at any time during their Associate Degree program. Other interested RNs can apply at will.
7. While AACC and Stevenson University do not presently have a dual enrollment program should one be agreed to, this agreement will not preclude students from participation and students may apply for and receive the benefits of dual enrollment. Those students would then be subject to the policies of said program should they apply.
8. AACC students who have completed the A.S. in Nursing will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at Stevenson University. The Financial Aid Offices at Stevenson University and Anne Arundel Community College will follow a consortium agreement, which specifies the responsibilities of each institution with regard to student financial aid
9. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. AACC and Stevenson University agree to publicize this program. They further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary. The agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice to the other. Termination of the agreement will not affect any students currently enrolled at AACC in the Nursing major at the time of termination, and they shall be able to transfer credits pursuant to this agreement.
- 10 Stevenson University will establish a mechanism to provide information on the academic progress of the AACC student enrolled as a result of this agreement.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into to serve the instructional needs of AACC students and graduates. The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this articulation agreement.

There are three specific goals under this agreement. First, it is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from AACC's nursing major to the B. S. in nursing at Stevenson University as efficiently as possible. AACC graduates will understand how Stevenson University transfers the credits they earn at AACC, as well as the changes in requirements that may permit more flexible scheduling once the student has been admitted to and enrolled at Stevenson University. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond the A.S. degree from AACC. The Statewide RN to BSN Articulation Model as approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission forms a foundation for this agreement, and both colleges agree to follow the model.

Second, this agreement is a publication of a clear set of understandings and expectations for both institutions and programs. Making our expectations clear to students and between institutions not only contributes to the first goal, but also allows institutions to work collaboratively to meet the needs of AACC graduates. Like any policy agreement, this articulation agreement will need to be updated, revised and refined as instructional programs are revised.

Third, AACC encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway in Nursing for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in the Nursing profession. This articulation agreement facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

The following sections describe the specifics of the agreement.

A.S. in Nursing-B.S. in Nursing Transfer Agreement

The Nursing degree at AACC is considered a career program. Therefore, nursing students who transfer to Stevenson University will have their coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis to determine which of the Stevenson University general education requirements and discipline requirements have been met. By taking full advantage of the AACC- Stevenson University course agreements outlined below, the transfer student will matriculate at junior standing. Further, this agreement allows the student who has obtained an A.S. Degree in Nursing from AACC and who has enrolled in the Nursing major at Stevenson University to apply *up to 70* transfer credits to required components of the major.

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between the A.S. in Nursing at AACC and the B.S. in Nursing at Stevenson University.

Lower Division Stevenson University Requirements*

COURSE EQUIVALENTS

Articulated Courses-Anne Arundel CC	Articulated Courses-Stevenson University
Any credit, college-level course	Chemistry
BIO 231 Human Biology 1 or BIO 233 Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 205 Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 232 Human Biology 2 or BIO 234 Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 206 Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO 223 General Microbiology	BIO 203 Microbiology
BIO 135 Principles of Nutrition or BIO 136 Principles of Nutrition and Laboratory	BIO 240 Nutrition
COM 110 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication or COM 111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication COM 116 Fundamentals of Oral Communication for Non-Native Speakers	Communication course
ENG 111 Composition and Introduction to Literature 1**	ENG 151 English Composition**
ENG 112 Composition and Introduction to Literature 2**	ENG 152 Writing About Literature**
MAT 135 Elementary Statistics	MATH 110 Basic Statistics
Any 1 credit or more Physical Education course***	Physical Education 1 credit***
PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 211 Developmental Psychology	PSY 108 Human Growth & Development
SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101 Introduction Sociology
ART, MUS, THA GEN ED, DAN 100	Fine Arts (3 cr.) – ART, MUS, FLM, THEA
PHL 142 Ethics	PHIL 415 Professional Ethics
ENG 200, 201, OR 207	English Writing Course 200 + Level
Any HIS Course	History Course
ENG 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 235, 250	Literature Course
PHL 100, 111, 141, 151	Philosophy Course
PHL 201 OR 202	Religion Course

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*In accordance with the Maryland RN to BSN Articulation Model, individuals with an active unencumbered Maryland or compact RN license articulating to the baccalaureate level are awarded thirty upper-division nursing credits in Stevenson University RN to BS program.

** AACC students successfully completing ENG 121 will satisfy VJC's ENG 152 requirement
International students may substitute ENG 115/ENG 116 for ENG 151/ENG152.

*** Studio DAN courses may be used to satisfy the PE requirement.

Upper Division Stevenson University Requirements

All AACC transfer students with an A. S. in Nursing will be required to take a minimum of 30 credits of upper division coursework at Stevenson University.

In addition to the general education requirements indicated in the preceding section of this articulation agreement, the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing at Stevenson University requires students to successfully complete the following course work:

Stevenson University		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
NURS 411	Professional Seminar I	5
NURS 415	Professional Seminar II	5
NURS 312	Physical Assessment and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 315	Information Technology in Nursing and Health Care	3
NURS 314	Nursing Research for RN's	3
NURS 424	Health in the Community	4
NURS 414	Nursing Leadership for RN's	2
NURS 434	Clinical Seminar/Practicum	5
	Minimum Required Credit:	30

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Courses in which students earn a grade of less than "C" at AACC are not acceptable for transfer.

Nursing students transferring from Anne Arundel Community College to the RN to BS Program at Stevenson University should be aware that the Nursing curriculum is built upon a series of established course sequences. For students to progress through the program, they must have the appropriate pre-requisites, co-requisites, and must also achieve sufficient GPA levels.