

Articulation Agreement
Between The George Washington University School of Medical and Health Sciences and
Northern Virginia Community College
AS in Science to BS in Health Science in Pharmacogenomics

I. PURPOSE

The Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and The George Washington University agree to collaborate to offer a pathway that will provide students at NVCC access to a career in the biotechnology field in order to better serve the residents of Northern Virginia. This articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between The George Washington University, through its unincorporated division, The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences ("GWUMC" or "University") and NVCC, a Northern Virginia educational institution. GWUMC and NVCC recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Therefore, GWUMC and NVCC enter into this agreement for the purpose of articulating policies and procedures governing the matriculation of NVCC graduates holding the Associate of Science in Science into the Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences in Pharmacogenomics degree program at GWUMC.

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. GWUMC will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from NVCC into a Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences in Pharmacogenomics ("BSHS Program") degree program at GWUMC which in turn may lead to eligibility for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Shenandoah University provided the NVCC student meets the criteria for moving forward at each degree level. Transferring NVCC applicants must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA,) and other admissions criteria as other native or transfer students applying for transfer to GWUMC. Students from NVCC who successfully complete the requirements for admission to the BSHS Program will be reviewed by a joint admissions committee comprised of equal numbers of NVCC and GWUMC faculty to be appointed by their respective institutions. GWUMC will reserve an agreed upon number of placements in the BSHS Program for NVCC graduates who satisfy the requirements for admission.
2. NVCC students who graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Science and have a NVCC curriculum GPA of at least 3.0 are guaranteed admission to GWUMC. Students also must a minimum of a 3.0 in science courses.
3. GWUMC and NVCC will jointly market the BSHS Program and will jointly approve marketing materials for inclusion in NVCC publications and websites. GWUMC will provide marketing material to NVCC students and prospective students about the BSHS Program and will include information about the Associate of Science in Science in GWUMC brochures and bulletins.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. In consultation with GWUMC faculty, NVCC will develop a special advising sheet for students in its Associate of Science degree in Science. This advising sheet will recommend a course of study within the Science program, specifying courses that articulate with the GWUMC program and including the prerequisite course content required for admission to the BSHS Program.
2. NVCC will permit GWUMC faculty to meet with and advise NVCC students about the BSHA Program, including admissions requirements.
3. Students completing the Associate of Science degree in Science at NVCC will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at GWUMC.
4. Where course equivalencies exist for required courses and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply to GWUMC graduation requirements in the student's stated major field of study. If the courses are taught at the 300 or 400 level at GWUMC, students will be required to take courses to earn upper division credit.
5. Credit for courses in which grades of D were earned usually will not be transferred.
6. GWUMC will provide information sessions about the BSHS Program at least once a semester for prospective NVCC students.
7. GWUMC will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. GWUMC also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions.
8. GWUMC will evaluate Prior Learning Activity for Credit Evaluation and other life experiences for possible credit.
9. GWUMC will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to NVCC.
10. Students transferring from NVCC will be required to complete a minimum of 55 semester hours of GWUMC coursework to be eligible for the GWUMC degree. Courses representing credits beyond the 65 semester hours allowed in transfer will be considered to have been completed under the general University transfer guidelines and will not have to be repeated at GWUMC. However, credits for those courses may not accompany the course.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

GWUMC and NVCC agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. NVCC will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement and who will work with a coordinator from GWUMC. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. GWUMC agrees to provide NVCC reports of enrolled NVCC transfer students, their majors and academic performance when 10 or more are enrolled in any given year.

GWUMC will convene an advisory group with representatives from NVCC, GWUMC, and Shenandoah University (SU), the members of which will be determined by each school, to review the success of the collaborative efforts that are the subject of this Agreement and to make recommendations to enhance the collaboration. NVCC, GWUMC, and SU will identify three (3) faculty/administrative representatives to serve on this advisory group.

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. The transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at NVCC will be honored by GWUMC if the student completes an AS degree and successfully transfers to GWUMC within 4 years of that first enrollment at NVCC.
2. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.
4. Notices: All notices, demands or other writings to be given, made or sent under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been fully given, made or sent when made in writing and deposited in the United States mail or transmitted by commercial expedited delivery service, registered and postage prepaid, and addressed to the relevant Party at the address set forth below.

To GWU: Dr. Jean Johnson
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5. Monies: There will be no exchange of monies for any of the collaborative efforts that are the subject of this Agreement.

E. Miscellaneous


1. Assignment. This Agreement is not assignable or transferable by any party without the prior written consent of the other party.
2. Non-Discrimination. The parties hereto shall abide by all applicable Federal, state, and local law as and regulations and University policies or statements prohibiting discrimination.
3. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid, or Unenforceable under present or future law as effective during the term hereof, such provision shall be fully severable. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Agreement, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect unaffected by such severance, provided that the severed provision(s) are not material to the overall purpose and operation of the Agreement.
4. Waiver. Waiver by any party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement or warranty or representation herein set forth shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision. The failure to exercise any right here upon shall not operate as a waiver of such right. All rights and remedies provided for herein are cumulative.

4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement and supersede any prior agreements, releases, or stipulations, oral or written, and all other communications between the Parties relating to such subject matter.
5. Governing Law. This Agreement is executed in and intended to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia, and the laws of the District of Columbia, including choice of law rules, shall apply to it and its interpretation.
6. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by the written agreement of the parties.

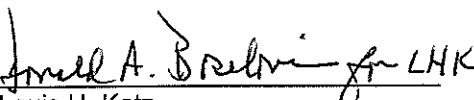
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives as of the date first below written.

By: 
 Name: Jean Johnson, PhD
 Title: Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences
 School of Medicine and Health Sciences
 The George Washington University

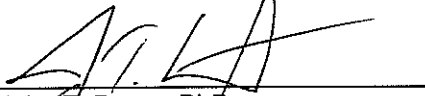
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By: 
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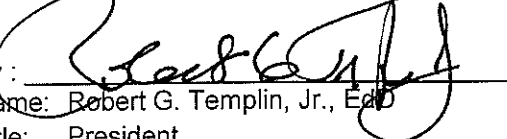
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 The George Washington University

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 Northern Virginia Community College

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