

**NURSING ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND
NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

PURPOSE

This articulation agreement is designed to provide a pathway for students who complete the Nursing AAS and the General Studies AS degree programs at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and who wish to transfer to George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The agreement coordinates transfer policies, enhances advising, and promotes the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits

ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. George Mason University (Mason) will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from NVCC's Nursing program into the Registered Nurse Accelerated Pathway leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Mason.
2. NVCC students applying to Mason by the posted semester transfer application deadline who graduate with an AS in General Studies degree, have earned at least 24 semester (or 36 quarter) hours of transferable work at NVCC, and have an NVCC curriculum grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.75 are guaranteed admission to Mason, with the exception of cases where factors in a student's academic or personal record may be considered in denying the benefits of this agreement. Those students who, in addition, complete the NVCC Nursing AAS degree program and have achieved a passing score on the NCLEX (the national nursing examination for registered nurses) are guaranteed admission in Mason's Registered Nurse Accelerated Pathway leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.
3. Students transferring from NVCC to Mason's Registered Nurse Accelerated Pathway leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program must meet the same prerequisites, GPA and other admission criteria as for other transfer or native students applying to those programs.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. Students completing the General Studies AS at NVCC as well as the Nursing AAS, who meet all other requirements of this agreement, will be considered to have met all of Mason's lower division university general education requirements.
 - a. Students admitted to Mason's Registered Nurse Accelerated Pathway leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program must complete ENGL 302 Advanced Composition at Mason before starting the program or during their first semester enrolled in the program.

- b. Students who have earned a grade of "D" in an NVCC course may be required to repeat the course at Mason in order to have met all lower division general education requirements at Mason. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at Mason.
2. Students transferring from NVCC will be required to complete a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division coursework to be eligible for the Mason degree.
 - a. As defined in the Mason transfer guides, 100/200 level courses may be used to fulfill certain 300/400 level requirements of a degree at Mason. However, no General Education NVCC courses may be applied toward the requirement for 45 upper-level course credits. RN students entering this degree program are awarded 30 Advanced Placement credits in Nursing upon successful completion of NURS 334 Nursing as a Health Profession and Discipline. These 30 credits are applicable to the required 45 upper-level course credits required for degree completion at Mason.
3. Only courses taken at NVCC are covered by this agreement.
 - a. Mason will evaluate credit awarded by NVCC for AP, CLEP, or any other sources based on work not completed at NVCC, including credit by internal exams.
 - b. Mason will evaluate Prior Learning Activity for Credit Evaluation and other life experiences for possible credit.
 - c. Credit is not guaranteed for these sources, and will be reviewed for credit consistency with Mason standards.
 - d. Two courses with essentially the same content (as determined by Mason) cannot both be counted toward the same degree.
4. Mason will maintain an online transfer guide allowing the students to view course equivalencies. Wherever possible, this information will be maintained with the most recent NVCC information compared to the most recent Mason course offerings.
5. Students should complete the course work specified in the attachment.

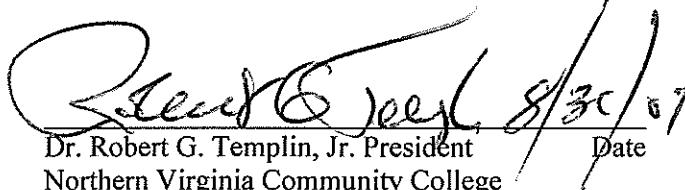
C. Update/Report/Relationship

Mason and NVCC agree to meet annually to review this agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement. Each institution agrees to provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Mason agrees to provide NVCC reports of enrolled NVCC transfer students and their academic performance.

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. 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.
2. This agreement will go into effect for those NVCC students entering Mason Spring 2008, and 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.

Approval Granted by:


Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. President
Northern Virginia Community College

Date
8/30/07


Dr. Peter Stearns, Provost
George Mason University

Date
9/27/07



Addendum A

NVCC Dual Degree Nursing and General Education Degree Requirements

Course		Credits
General Education Courses		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Applications & Concepts OR CSC 110 Introduction to Computing	3
HIS	History Elective	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Electives	6
MTH 157	Elementary Statistics OR PSY 213 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	4 OR 3
NAS 161	Health Science I	4
NAS 162	Health Science II	4
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	2
PHI 220	Ethics	3
PSY 201	Introduction to Psychology I	3
PSY 202	Introduction to Psychology II	3
SDV 101	Orientation to Health Care OR Other SDV course	1
Nursing and Allied Health Courses		
HLT 141	Introduction to Medical Terminology	1
HLT 250	General Pharmacology	3
NUR 111	First-level Nursing I	8
NUR 118	First-level Nursing II	8
NUR 150	Community-based Nursing in a Multicultural Environment	3
NUR 216	Integrated Concepts II	9
NUR 217	Nursing Concepts III	9
NUR 254	Nursing Dimensions	1
NUR 255	Nursing Organization & Management	3
Total		86-87

LPN nurses take NUR 115 LPN Transition (4 cr)

ENG 111, NAS 161-162, and SDV are prerequisites to entry into the NVCC Nursing program.

After completing NVCC's Nursing program, students may sit for the NCLEX exam.

Addendum B

George Mason Course Requirements for Completion of BSN

Course		Credits
ENGL 302	Advanced Composition	3
NURS 334:	Nursing as a Health Profession and Discipline	3
NURS 441:	Nursing of Clients in Communities and Large Groups	5
NURS 425:	Comprehensive Health Assessment	3
NURS 442:	Case Studies in Community Health Nursing	1
NURS 436:	Leadership and Management of Health Care	3
NURS 465:	Examination and Integration of Professional and Health Care Issues	3
NURS 440:	Community Health and Epidemiology	3
NURS 453	Research in Nursing and Health Sciences	3
NURS	Nursing Elective From any 400 or 500 level nursing course	3
	Total	30