

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Quinsigamond Community College

and

Worcester State University

Associate of Science in Nurse Education Degree

to

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree: RN-to-BS Program

April 22, 2015

Statement of Purpose

Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) and Worcester State University (WSU) appreciate that for many students the path to a bachelor degree may begin at a community college. Recognizing the long history of Quinsigamond graduates transferring successfully to Worcester State, and the similarities among programs and curricula, this Agreement is formed to enable the seamless transfer of Quinsigamond graduates to Worcester State University.

Further, the purpose of this agreement is to provide seamless transition between the two identified academic programs below by

- identifying all required and equivalent courses for the relevant programs at each institution, and
- facilitating credit transfer and guarantee of admission for students who meet the agreed upon criteria.

Participants

This agreement has been entered into by Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA and Worcester State University, Worcester, MA.

Programs/courses included in this agreement

- A. The Quinsigamond Community College **Associate of Science in Nurse Education Degree** will be accepted toward the Worcester State University **Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree: RN to BS Program**.
- B. All coursework included in the QCC Associate of Science in Nurse Education degree will be accepted and applied towards required coursework and electives as stipulated in the WSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN to BS program. **See Appendix A.**
- C. **In addition, a "third year" of QCC coursework will be accepted towards BS degree requirements. See Appendix A-Agreement Specific Notes.**

Terms and Conditions of Transfer:

- A. Graduates of the QCC Associate of Science in Nurse Education degree with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission into the WSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN to BS program under the terms of this agreement.
- B. Graduates of the QCC Associate of Science in Nurse Education degree are required to have achieved and provide documentation validating NCLEX-RN success (including Massachusetts RN licensure) in order to matriculate into the WSU RN to BS program.
- C. An unencumbered license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a requirement to participate in course with a clinical practica. Therefore, graduates of the QCC Associate of Science in Nurse Education degree will only be permitted to enroll in in NU 332: Transition to Professional Nursing and NU 342: Health Assessment prior to attainment of the Massachusetts RN license.
- D. All Nursing coursework (38 credits) completed in the QCC Associate of Science in Nurse Education program will be accepted and applied towards Nursing course requirements the WSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN to BS program, with up to 31 Nursing credits remaining to be completed at WSU.

- E. In addition, QCC Nurse Education graduates participating in this agreement will be provided the opportunity to complete a "third year" of additional coursework to meet WSU RN to BS program requirements and obtain the benefits of the MassTransfer Block (34-35 general education credits). See Appendix A-Agreement Specific Notes.
- F. Exclusively for the purposes of this agreement, up to 90 QCC credits will be recognized by WSU and accepted in transfer to apply towards the Nursing BS degree.
- G. All Nursing coursework from the sending program (QCC) must be completed with grades of "C" or better in order to transfer to WSU.
- H. Quinsigamond students who do not meet the aforementioned standards will be considered for admission to Worcester State on a case-by-case basis.
- I. Students who have bachelor's degrees will be responsible for completing the 31 credits in Nursing required at WSU; all other degree requirements will be fulfilled by the first bachelor's degree and by the coursework completed at Quinsigamond as part of this Agreement. Students who have master's degrees or who take one or more courses at a 4-year degree-granting institution may be eligible for additional transfer credit, which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Communications and Advising

Communication and advising is central to effective transfer/articulation. Recognizing this:

- A. The colleges agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purposes of promotion and advising
- B. The colleges agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate.
- C. The colleges agree to notify each other promptly, in writing, of substantive changes in curricula that might affect the Agreement.

Implementation and Length of agreement

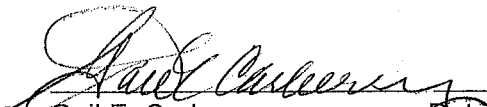
- A. Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester State University agree that this Agreement becomes effective on April 2, 2015.
- B. This agreement will remain in effect for 5 years from the date above unless terminated or amended by either party with prior written notice.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude either college from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

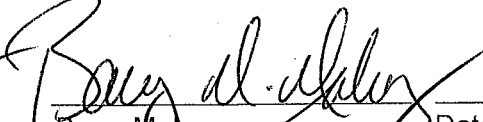
Signatures of institutional leaders and representatives

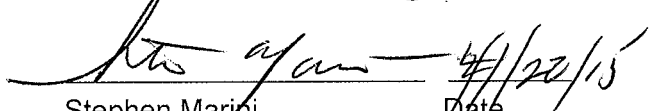
The relevant administrators and/or academic department chair of each institution shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

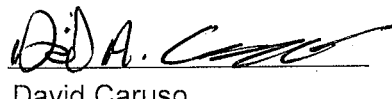
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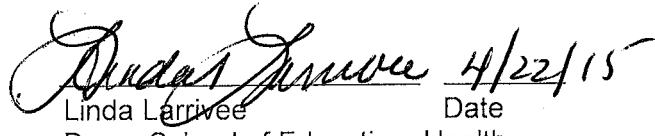

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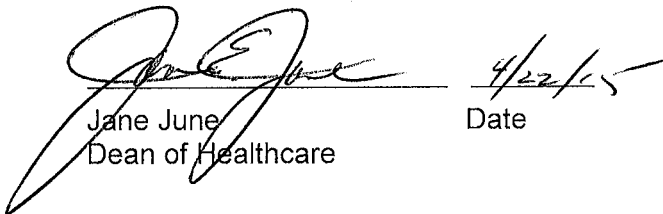

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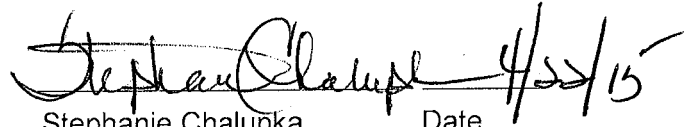

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Appendix A

QCC/WSU Three Plus One Program BS Degree NURSE EDUCATION

Course Title	Course #	Offered	Plan to Take	Grade	Credits	Total Semester Credits	Prerequisites
Semester 1 (QCC)							
Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 111	F/S/SU			4		BIO 101 or High School Advanced Placement Biology, Coreq: ENG 101
English Composition & Literature I	ENG 101	F/S/SU			3		ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Introduction to Public Health	PHA 101	F/S			3		ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Statistics	MAT 122	F/S/SU			3	13	MAT 099 with a "C" or better on the MAT 099 departmental final exam or appropriate place score
Semester 2 (QCC)							
Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 112	F/S/SU			4		BIO 111
Fundamentals of Nursing	NUR 104	F/S			7		Coreq: BIO 112, PSY 101, NUR 103
Current Concepts in Nursing & Health Care I	NUR 103	F/S			1		Coreq: BIO 112, PSY 101, NUR 104
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101	F/S/SU			3	15	Coreq: ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Semester 3 (QCC)							
Medical Microbiology	BIO 232	F/S/SU			4		BIO 112 or CHM 123 or CHM 105
Medical Surgical Nursing I/Maternal Newborn	NUR 105	F/S			8		NUR 101 or NUR 103 and NUR 104, Coreq: BIO 232, PSY 121
Survey of Life Span Development: Conception to Death	PSY 121	F/S/SU			3	15	PSY 101
Semester 4 (QCC)							
English Composition & Literature II	ENG 102	F/S/SU			3		ENG 101
History Elective					3		
Medical Surgical Nursing II/Pediatric	NUR 201	F/S			10		NUR 105, Coreq: ENG 102, any HST, SOC 101 or SOC 111
Introductory Sociology (Principles) or	SOC 101	F/S/SU			3		Coreq: ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Social Problems & Social Change	SOC 111				3	19	Coreq: ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Semester 5 (QCC)							
Humanities Elective		F/S/SU			3		
Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing III/Mental Health	NUR 202	F/S			10		NUR 201, Coreq: NUR 203, Humanities Electives
Current Concepts in Nursing & Health Care II	NUR 203	F/S			2	15	NUR 201, Coreq: NUR 202
Semester 6 (QCC)							
Introduction to Global Health	PHA 102	F/S			3		ENG 100 or appropriate place score
Humanities Elective		F/S/SU			3		
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Semester 7 (WSU)							
Transition to Professional Nursing	NU 332	F			3		
Health Assessment	NU 342	F			4		
LASC Elective	LASC	F/S			3	10	
Semester 8 (WSU)							
Nursing Research Seminar or Research for Evidence Based or Research for Evidence-Based Practice*	NU 430	S			3		MAT 122 or MA 150, NU 332
Advancing Perspectives in Chronic Illness	NU 432	S			9	12	NU 332, NU 342
Semester 9 (WSU)							
Professional Nursing Leadership in Organizations or Nursing Leadership and Administration*	NU 452	F			3		NU 332
Community Nursing Capstone	NU 472	F			9	12	NU 432
Total Credits Required						120	

*RN to MS Fast Track Program allows 6 graduate credits (500 level) taken while completing Semester 8&9 to count towards both the BS and MS in nursing degrees only when RN meets the criteria for the Fast Track Program, completes an application for admission to the RN MS Fast Track Program through the Graduate School. The RN MS Fast Track Application process must be completed in Semester 7. Only grades of B- or above can be counted toward the MS in Nursing. Fast Track students must take courses in the MS Program the semester after completing the BS degree, otherwise 500 level courses taken in Semester 8&9 will count only towards the BS degree unless they in excess of the credits required for the BS degree.