RN to BSN

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

The College of Nursing at McNeese State University

AND

The Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College

Spring 2013 – Spring 2016

The College of Nursing at McNeese State University (MSU) and the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) have signed an articulation agreement. This agreement allows students who complete the BRCC's Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (RN Program) to transfer to the MSU Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (RN to BSN Program).

Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as an agreement between Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) and McNeese State University (MSU) to facilitate transfer for students desiring to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) upon completion of their Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ASN) at BRCC.

BRCC students with an ASN degree will be admitted in the RN to BSN program in the College of Nursing at MSU provided they meet the admission requirements. The MSU RN to BSN Program is a completion program that allows a registered nurse with an ASN degree to earn their BSN degree online at MSU.

The total number of credit hours required to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) from MSU is 120 semester hours. This agreement stipulates that 36 credit hours of non-nursing courses in which a minimum grade of 'C' was earned in the ASN Program at BRCC, will articulate to the BSN Program at MSU as depicted on page 4 of this document. In addition, MSU will award 39 credit hours of advanced placement in nursing to the BRCC ASN graduate. RN to BSN candidates must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at MSU to be awarded the degree.

By the completion of one semester at MSU, the RN to BSN student must provide proof of an active unencumbered RN license issued by the state in which they are completing their capstone project. This license must be maintained in order for the RN-BSN students to progress and graduate.

BRCC will:

1. Provide MSU with official student transcripts (student release required) to facilitate the articulation process at MSU and to allow for timely advising.
2. Provide timely communication of degree program changes to MSU.
3. Provide students with information and marketing material related to the RN to BSN Program at MSU.
4. Provide assessment data related to student success to BRCC.

MSU will:

1. Accept BRCC credit hours as depicted on page 4 of this document.
2. Provide BRCC with marketing material for the MSU RN-BSN program.
2. Provide advisement to students interested in the RN-BSN program.
3. Provide timely communication of degree program changes to BRCC.
4. Provide assessment data related to student success and retention to BRCC.

Additional Information:

This agreement is effective upon signing. Either party may terminate the agreement through a written notice of intent at the end of the semester of notification. Should the agreement be discontinued, students who were admitted to the RN to BSN Program at MSU will be allowed to progress through the program and complete.

Changes to this agreement may be made at any time, in writing, with a 60 day notice, with the express agreement of the chief academic officers of each campus.

Both parties will share assessment data and will meet periodically to assess the program.

The Articulation Agreement as depicted on page 4 of this document indicates the current ASN Curriculum at BRCC and the transferability of those credits to a BSN degree at MSU.

BRCC – McNeese RN to BSN Articulation Agreement

Course Number	Course Title	Cr Hrs	MSU Transfer Equivalency
FIRST SEMESTER			
BIOL 230	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIOL 225
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 101
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3	ENGL 101
MATH 101or MATH 110	College Algebra	3	MATH 113
ARTS[1] or HUMN[2]	Art or Humanities	3	US HISTORY ELECTIVE^
	Total Semester Hours	**16**	
SECOND SEMESTER			
BIOL 231	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIOL 226
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 102
PSYC 202	Psychology of Development	3	PSYC 233
NURS 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
	Total Semester Hours	**16**	
THIRD SEMESTER			
NURS 210	Adult Nursing I	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
NURS 212	Mental Health Nursing	4	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
BIOL 210	General Microbiology	4	MBIO 201
	Total Semester Hours	**14**	
FOURTH SEMESTER			
NURS 220	Adult Nursing II	6	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
NURS 222	Maternal Child Nursing	7	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
	Total Semester Hours	**13**	
FIFTH SEMESTER			
NURS 230	Adult Nursing III	7	AP CREDIT FOR THE RN
MATH 204	Elementary Statistics	3	STATS 231
ARTS[1] or HUMN[2]	Art or Humanities	3	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE^
	Total Semester Hours	**13**	**Credits for the RN:**
	Total Curriculum Hours	**72** *	^Must have US History & Fine Arts Elective

***Credits granted for the BRCC ASN RN**: General Education: 36 hours, Nursing AP Credit: 39 hours
Candidates for the BSN degree must complete 30 semester hours at MSU.

Courses needed to complete Online RN to BSN Program:

General Education Courses	Cr Hrs	**MSU Nursing Courses**	Cr Hrs
Chemistry	3	NURS 303 *Wellness Promotion*	3
Literature	3	NURS 326 *Nursing Informatics*	3
Philosophy (200 level course)	3	NURS 390 *Nursing Research*	3
General Electives	7	NURS 391 *Cultural Diversity*	3
		NURS 403 *Ethical and Legal Nursing Practice*	3
		NURS 426 *Community Health Nsg for RN*	4
		NURS 427 *Leadership Role for the RN*	6
		NURS 429 *Advanced Nsg Concepts for RN*	4

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Program Evaluation

MSU will regularly evaluate the performance of students participating in this agreement. If the performance of participating students is significantly lower than that of non-participating students, faculty representatives from MSU and BRCC will meet to review the alignment of courses from the two programs and make appropriate adjustments.

Program Renewal

This agreement will be renewed every three years from the date of signing and will be continued, modified, or terminated upon mutual agreement of both parties. Additional reviews will be conducted at any time at the request of either party.

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