

**GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**and**  
**BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**for**  
**Associate Degree in Nursing**  
**to**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (online)**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Bucks County Community College.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Bucks County Community College agree to establish this program-to-program guaranteed admissions agreement whereby students who complete the requirements for the Associate Degree (A.D.) in Nursing and meet the admission requirements as stated in this agreement may enter the fifth semester with at least full junior standing in Bloomsburg University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) online Degree program. The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To demonstrate the establishment of a seamless Program to Program guaranteed admissions agreement that involves the participating community college and a 4-year Bachelor Degree granting institution.
2. To enable qualified graduates of the Bucks County Community College A.D. in Nursing to build upon their education by earning a B.S.N. degree.
3. To enable Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to attract a more diverse population of students to the B.S.N. program.

4. To enable community college graduates to obtain a quality education at a low cost, and, in doing so, provide the Commonwealth with qualified nurses with a baccalaureate degree.
5. To ensure recognition of the continuity of academic progress and transferability of credits between two-year and four-year programs.

## **PROCEDURES**

Bucks County Community College agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to prospective students in Bucks County Community College admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at Bucks County Community College of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as Bloomsburg University) under the terms of this agreement.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in the guaranteed admissions program:

1. Complete an Associate Degree (A.D.) in Nursing at Bucks County Community College with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. At the time of application to Bloomsburg University, provide official high school transcripts or GED and official transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester. The application fee will be waived.
3. Upon receiving the associate degree, Bucks County Community College students are responsible for providing a final official transcript to Bloomsburg University.
4. Students must pay Bloomsburg University tuition and fees when completing Bloomsburg University courses.
5. Students must successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX) prior to beginning Bloomsburg University Nursing courses.

The following items will apply to all matriculated students who have earned Associate of Applied Degree (A.D.) in Nursing at Bucks County Community College:

1. A block transfer of 67 credits will be accepted from Bucks County Community College for graduates of the Nursing A.D. degree. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements in the A.D. Nursing degree will be evaluated for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis for up to a total of 85 credits (see Appendix A). Therefore, up to 18 additional credits that qualify for required GEP courses may be earned at Bucks County Community College as noted in Appendix A. The student must complete 30 of their last 60 credits at Bloomsburg University to be granted the BSN. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will not transfer.

2. Bloomsburg University recognizes the A.D. degree may be certified and confirmed by the completion of community college courses, dual admission credits, transfer course credits, life experience portfolio credits, developmental course credits, , articulated credits from Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, CLEP testing, AP courses, military training credits and any other courses or learning elements that have been accepted by the community college as meeting the requirements for their A.D. degree.
3. Bloomsburg University assumes the A.D. degree graduate has fulfilled thirty (30) General Education Points (GEP's) reflective of MyCore, Bloomsburg University's General Education program. Students will fulfill their remaining ten (10) GEP's earned through the required courses in the Bloomsburg University BSN program. These points will be earned by the prescribed courses that have been identified and delivered in the program to meet the graduation requirements for the BSN major.
4. Students who elect to change their major at Bloomsburg University will receive a new transfer evaluation using the standard course-by-course method of evaluation.

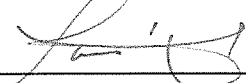
#### **CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. Each institution will identify an appropriate contact person who will monitor compliance with the terms of this agreement.
2. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained.
3. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification of the other at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination, except that commitments already in effect for students who have applied to Bloomsburg University will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach such as a lack of response to requests for information or a lack of adequate participation, either party may terminate this agreement.
4. The relationship of the parties to this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
5. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities as a result of this agreement. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit Bloomsburg University's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education or Bloomsburg University.
6. This agreement represents the understanding between the parties at this time.
7. This agreement can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.

8. This agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

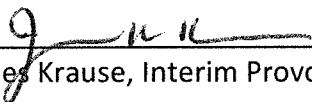
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed pursuant to due and legal action authorizing the same to be done the date first written above.

**For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:**

  
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Bashar W. Hanna, Ph.D. President

7. 9. 2018  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**

  
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James Krause, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President

7/2/18  
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Date

**For Bucks County Community College**

  
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Stephanie Shanblatt, Ph.D, President

5/31/18  
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Date

**For Bucks County Community College**

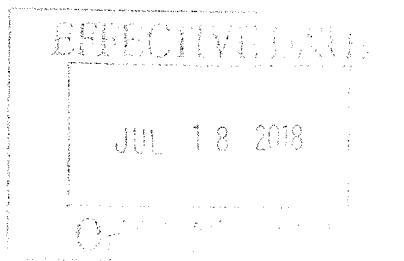
  
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Lisa G. Angelo, Provost

5/30/18  
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Date

**For Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education:**

  
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University Legal Counsel

7-18-18  
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Date



| APPENDIX "A"        |             |         |  |                  |             |      |         |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|--|------------------|-------------|------|---------|
| BUCKS COURSE NUMBER | COURSE NAME | CREDITS |  | BU COURSE NUMBER | COURSE NAME | GEPS | CREDITS |

| General Education Requirements (credits) |                            |           |  |               |                         |           |           |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|--|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| COMP110                                  | English Comp 1             | 3         |  | ENG101        | Foundations of Writing  | Goal 1    | 3         |
| COMM110                                  | Effective Speaking         | 3         |  | COM103        | Public Speaking         | Goal 1    | 3         |
| BIOL181                                  | A & P I                    | 4         |  | BIO 173       | A&P I                   | 0         | 4         |
| BIOL182                                  | A & P II                   | 4         |  | BIO 174       | A&P II                  | 0         | 4         |
| BIOL228                                  | Microbiology               | 4         |  | BIO 242       | Microbiology **         | Goal 5    | 3         |
| PSYC110                                  | Introduction to Psychology | 3         |  | PSYCH 101     | General Psychology      | Goal 6    | 3         |
| SOCI110                                  | Intro to Sociology         | 3         |  | SOC 211       | Principles of Sociology | Goal 6    | 3         |
| CHEM101                                  | Chemistry A                | 4         |  | CHEM 101      | Intro to Chemistry      | Goal 3, 5 | 3         |
| HLTH120                                  | Nutrition                  | 3         |  | BIO 205       | Nutrition               | Goal 9    | 3         |
| <b>Total:</b>                            |                            | <b>31</b> |  | <b>Total:</b> |                         |           | <b>29</b> |

| Course which can be advised to take and transfer in... |                           |           | Bloomsburg Required Courses (24 credits) |               |                                       |                |           |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| COMP111  | English Comp II           | 3         |  | INTSTUDY204   | Intro to College Research Writing     | Goal 1 & 2     | 3         |
| MATH115  | Elementary Statistics     | 3         |  | MATH141       | Statistics                            | Goal 3         | 3         |
| POLI112  | American Pol. Issues      | 3         |  | POLISCI181    | Contemporary Issues in World Politics | Goal 1, 2 & 10 | 3         |
| MGMT230  | Principles of Management  | 3         |  | MGMT 244      | Principles of Management              | 0              | 3         |
|  | None                      |           |  | COMMSTUD313   | Conflict Management                   | 0              | 3         |
|  | None                      |           |  | ECON150       | Intro to Health Economics             | 0              | 3         |
| MEDA205  | Medical Assisting         | 3         |  | PHIL290       | Medical Ethics                        | Goal 4         | 3         |
| EDUC160  | Intro to Exceptionalities | 3         |  | SPECED101     | Intro to Exceptionalities             | Goal 4 & 10    | 3         |
| <b>Total:</b>  |                           | <b>18</b> |  | <b>Total:</b> |                                       |                | <b>24</b> |

|                                |           |  |  |   |                               |        |   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|--------|---|
| Total Possible Transfer Credit | 49        |  |  |   |                               |        |   |
| Block RN Credits               | 36        |  |  | <b>I. Required Nursing Courses (19 credits)</b> |                               |        |   |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>85</b> |  |  | NURSING 305                                     | Role Development for the Prof | Goal 2 | 3 |

|               |                                  |   |  |  |             |  |           |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------|--|-----------|
| NURSING 306   | Introduction to Nursing Research | 0 |  |  |             |  | 3         |
| NURSING 451   | Transcultural Health             |   |  |  | Goal 2 & 4  |  | 3         |
| NURSING 310   | Family Nursing 1                 |   |  |  | Goal 4      |  | 2         |
| NURSING 314   | Nursing Care of Older Adults     |   |  |  | 0           |  | 2         |
| NURSING 100   | Personal Health                  |   |  |  | Goal 9 & 10 |  | 3         |
| NURSING 230   | Drug Use & Abuse in Society      |   |  |  | Goal 2 & 10 |  | 3         |
| <b>Total:</b> |                                  |   |  |  |             |  | <b>19</b> |

| II. Required Clinical Sequence (9 credits) |                         |  |  |  |               |  |            |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|---------------|--|------------|
| NURSING 410                                | Public Health Nursing 4 |  |  |  | Goal 4 & 10   |  | 5          |
| NURSING 414                                | Leadership & Management |  |  |  | 0             |  | 4          |
| <b>Total:</b>                              |                         |  |  |  |               |  | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>Electives</b>                           |                         |  |  |  |               |  | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>Block of 36 Credits given for RN</b>    |                         |  |  |  | <b>Total:</b> |  | <b>36</b>  |
| <b>Total:</b>                              |                         |  |  |  |               |  | <b>120</b> |

\*\*One (1) additional Biology general elective credit will be awarded.