

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

between

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

and

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

for

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS Nursing)

to

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing online

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 17th day of August, 2018, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Northampton 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 Northampton Community College agree to establish this program-to-program guaranteed admissions agreement whereby students who complete the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) 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 Northampton Community College AAS 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. online 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

Northampton Community College agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to prospective students in Northampton Community College admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at Northampton 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 AAS degree in Nursing at Northampton 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 AAS degree, Northampton 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 courses and provide a copy of their official RN license to the Bloomsburg University admissions office.

The following items will apply to all matriculated students who have earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing at Northampton Community College:

1. A block transfer of 72 credits will be accepted from Northampton Community College for graduates of the Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing Degree. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements in the Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing will be evaluated for possible transfer credit on a course-by-course basis for up to a total of 81 credits (see 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 be evaluated locally on a student by student basis. Bloomsburg University shall ensure consistency and equity in the application of credit from non-regionally accredited institutions.

2. Bloomsburg University recognizes the Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing 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 Associate Degree.
3. Bloomsburg University assumes the Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing 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. Bloomsburg University will accept Northampton Community College credits in accordance with the State System Board of Governor's Policy 1999-01 – Student Transfer Policy. The transfer of grades below a "C" will be reviewed in the same manner as the grading policy for native BU students so long as the student has earned the AAS degree with an overall GPA of 2.0.
5. 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, 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:

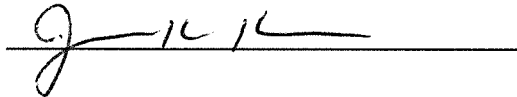


Bashar W. Hanna, Ph.D. President

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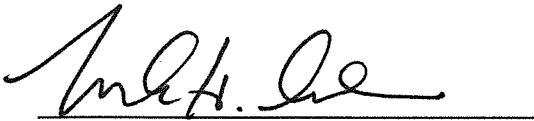


James Krause, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President

7/27/18

Date

For Northampton Community College:

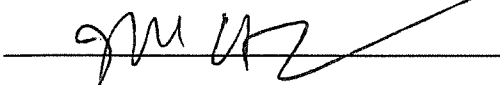


Mark H. Erickson, President

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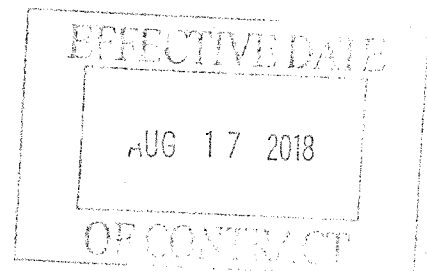
For Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education:



University Legal Counsel

8-17-18

Date



APPENDIX A						
NCC COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	BU COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	GEPS	CREDITS

General Education Requirements (33 credits)						
ENGL101	English	3	ENG101	Foundations of Writing	Goal 1	3
ENGL151	English II (Literature)	3	INSTUDY204 **	Intro to College Research Writing	Goal 1& 2	3
BIOS204	Human A&P I	4	BIO173	A&P I	0	4
BIOS254	Human A&P II	4	BIO174	A&P II	0	4
BIOS202	Microbiology	4	BIO240	Microbiology	Goal 5	3
CNTH102	Speech Communication	3	COMMSTUD102	Intro to Communication Studies	Goal 6	3
Math140	College Algebra	3	MATH109	College Algebra	0	3
PSYC103	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYCH101	General Psychology	Goal 6	3
PSYC258	Developmental Psychology	3	PSYCH210	Lifespan Psychology	0	3
SOCA103	Sociology/Anthropology	3	SOC211	Principles of Sociology	Goal 6	3
PHIL202	Ethics and Moral Problems	3	PHIL292	Contemporary Moral Problems	Goal 4	3
BIOS115*	Essentials of Biology	4				
CHEM135*	Chemistry of Life	4				
Total:		36-44	Total:			35

Course which can be advised to take and transfer in...			Bloomsburg Required Courses (24 credits – 3 of which are INSTUDY204 as above)			
MATH150	Introductory Statistics	3	MATH141	Statistics	Goal 3	3
			POLISCI181	Contemporary Issues in World Politics	Goal 1, 2 & 10	3
BUSA205	Management Fundamentals	3	MGMT244	Principles of Management	0	3
			COMMSTUD313	Conflict Management	0	3
			ECON150	Intro to Health Economics	0	3
			PHIL290	Medical Ethics	Goal 4	3
SPED160	Intro to Special Education	3	SPECED101	Intro to Exceptionalities	Goal 4 & 10	3
Total:		9	Total:			21
Total Possible Transfer Credit		45				
Block RN Credits		36				
Total:		81	I. Required Nursing Courses (19 credits)			
			NURSING 305	Role Development for the Professional	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
			Total:			19

*Some NCC students may have needed to complete pre-requisite courses, adding 4-8 additional credits to their

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

** INSTUDY204 Intro to College Research Writing is also a required general education course for the RN-BSN program