

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

between

WESTMORELAND COUNTY 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 13th day of October, 2017, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Westmoreland 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 Westmoreland County 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 Westmoreland County 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

Westmoreland County Community College agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to prospective students in Westmoreland County Community College admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at Westmoreland 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 AAS degree in Nursing at Westmoreland 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 AAS degree, Westmoreland 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 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 Westmoreland County Community College:

1. A block transfer of 63 credits will be accepted from Westmoreland County 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 75 credits (see Appendix A). The student must complete 30 of their last 45 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 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 Westmoreland County 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.

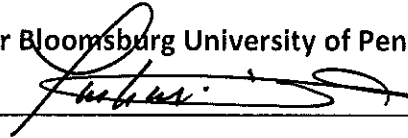
CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

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:

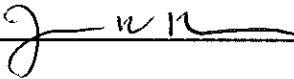


Bashar W. Hanna, Ph.D. President

10.13.2017

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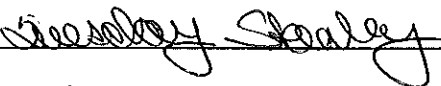


James Krause, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President

10/17/17

Date

For Westmoreland County Community College:

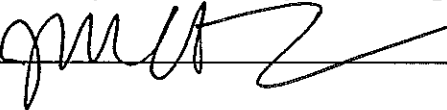


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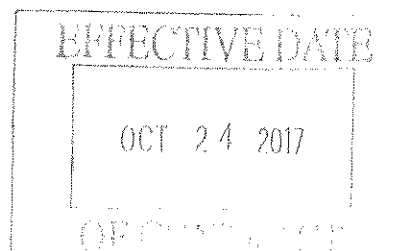
For Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education:



University Legal Counsel

10-24-17

Date



APPENDIX A

WESTMORELAND COURSE NUM	COURSE NAME	Credits	BU Course Num	Course Name	GEPS			
General Education Requirements								
ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 101	Foundations of Writing	Goal 1		3	
BIO171	A&P I	4	BIO173	A&P I		0		4
BIO172	A&P II	4	BIO174	A&P II		0		4
CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	COMPSCI 110	Intro Computer Science				3
PSY160	General Psychology	3	PSY101	General Psychology	Goal 6			3
BIO265 ***	Microbiology	4	BIO240	Microbiology	Goal 5			3
We can petition this course to apply to our BIO240 Microbiology			BIO299	Micro Lab				1
		Total					Total	21
Courses which can be advised to take and transfer in...								
			Bloomsburg Required Courses (24 credits)					
ENG 164	Advanced Compositon	3	INTSTUDY204	*Intro to College Research Writing	Goal 1 & 2			3
MTH 160	Statistics	3	MATH141	Statistics	Goal 3			3
None		0	POLISCI181	Contemporary Issues in World Polit	Goal 1,2 &10			3
BUS 158	Principles of Management	3	MGMT244	Principles of Management		0		3
None		0	COMMSTUD313	Conflict Management		0		3
None		0	ECON150	Intro to Health Economics		0		3
HCM 165	Law and Ethics for Health Care	3	PHIL290	Medical Ethics	Goal 4			3
CHC 194	Children with Special Needs	3	SPECED101	Intro to Exceptionalities	Goal 4 & 10			3
		Total					Total	24
I. Required Nursing Courses: (19 credits)								
			Nursing 305	Role Development for the Profes	Goal 2			3
Electives			Nursing 305	Introduction to Nursing Research				3
ALH 120	Phramacology	3	Nursing 451	Transcultural Health	Goal 2,4			3
			Nursing 310	Family Nursing 1	Goal 4			2
Total Possible Transfer Credits		39	Nursing 100	Personal Health	Goal 9, 10			3
			Nursing 230	Drug Use & Abuse in Society	Goal 2, 10			3
Block RN Credits		36					Total	19
II. Required Clinical Sequence: (9 credits)								
			Nursing 410	Public Health Nursing 4	Goal 4, 10			5
			Nursing 414	Leadership & Management				4
							Total	9
			Block of 36 Credits given for RN				Total	36
								11
							Total	120