

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

RN to BSN Articulation Agreement
between
Anne Arundel Community College
and
Notre Dame of Maryland University
2019

I. PURPOSE

Notre Dame of Maryland University, Inc. (NDMU) and Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) enter into this Articulation Agreement (Agreement) so that students enrolled in the Registered Nurse Associate Science Degree program will have a clear understanding of how their credits will transfer to NDMU into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing (RN to BSN) program.

This Agreement facilitates the transfer of prospective graduates and graduates of AACC to NDMU and provides valuable advising tools for the student's first two years of study at the community college. Students need to be in the process of completing their Registered Nurse Associate Science degree at AACC prior to being eligible for consideration under this agreement.

II. ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES

A. NDMU will:

1. Accept the program requirements that AACC students complete for the Registered Nurse Associate Science program as outlined in the documents attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A (AACC to NDMU Articulation Transfer Chart) incorporated and made a part of this agreement and as stated in the NDMU Transfer Policy.
2. Accept transfer-appropriate courses with a grade of "C" or better, up to a maximum of 68 credits in transfer.
3. Provide opportunities for AACC students to participate in activities on the NDMU campus prior to enrollment.
4. Provide concurrent information sessions and advisement opportunities for AACC enrolled students.
5. Provide assistance throughout the financial aid process and distribute information on external scholarships targeted to transfer students.

B. AACC will:

1. Provide opportunities for NDMU Admission's personnel to meet with students.
2. Publicize activities and programs held on the NDMU campus or local sites.
3. Publicize this articulation agreement and notify prospective students of this opportunity.

- C. Jointly AACC and NDMU will:
 - 1. Designate appropriate officials to review this Agreement to make any changes that are mutually agreed to by the parties as needed. This would include the continuing development of program to program articulation guidelines *or possible ATB (associate to baccalaureate) partnership*.
 - 2. AACC and NDMU agree to comply with all provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

III. ADMISSIONS

- A. Students desiring to enter the Bachelor of Science in nursing program must apply to NDMU and meet the requirements for admission to these programs as indicated on the University's website and/or the current University catalog.
- B. Students must be admitted to NDMU as a degree seeking student to be eligible for participation under this articulation agreement.
- C. Students may start the RN to BSN Program of Study at NDMU without a RN license. However, students must have an active unencumbered Maryland or compact RN license before enrolling in NDMU coursework that incorporates experiential learning components with NDMU's practice partners, *and/or* a designated capstone course.
- D. Students without an active unencumbered Maryland or compact RN license will not be awarded thirty (30) upper division nursing credits in the program they are entering.
- E. As per the Maryland Nursing Education articulation agreement, Registered Nurses with an active unencumbered Maryland or compact state RN license articulating to the baccalaureate level are awarded thirty (30) upper division nursing credits in the program they are entering.
- F. NDMU will be responsible for processing the admission of AACC students and/or graduates, and the decision of the NDMU Admission's staff will be final.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. LIABILITY
 - 1. Subject to the limitations of the Local Government Tort Claims Act, AACC shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold NDMU, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising under this Agreement or any extension thereof by reasons of the actions of AACC or its employees or agents.
 - 2. Subject to the limitations of the Local Government Tort Claims Act, NDMU shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold AACC, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising under this Agreement or any extension thereof by reasons of the actions of NDMU or its employees or agents.

B. TERM AND RENEWAL

This Agreement will become effective on the date signed below by both college/university officials. Unless terminated pursuant to the terms outlined below, this Agreement is self-renewing and will continue for consecutive one-year periods using the effective sign date as the starting point. NDMU and AACC will review this Agreement on a biennial basis.

C. TERMINATION CLAUSE

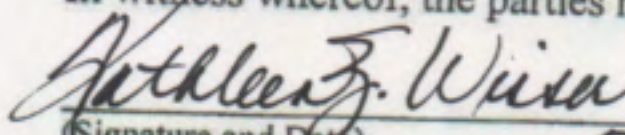
Either party may terminate this Agreement at the end of the initial term or at the end of any renewed term by giving the other party at least six months' written notice prior to the end of the relevant term.

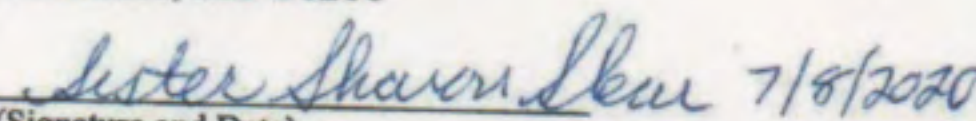
Such termination, however, will not apply to students already accepted to NDMU prior to the notice to termination. NDMU accepted students will be allowed to complete their B.S. in Nursing (RN to BSN) program.

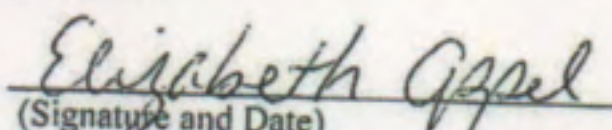
D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This Agreement is not assignable but shall bind the successors of NDMU and AACC.
2. This Agreement will not create an employment or partnership relationship between NDMU and AACC.
3. No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid and binding unless in writing signed and dated by representatives of both parties who have the authority to sign this agreement on behalf of the respective party.
4. Notice of any action taken by either party and required to be reported to the other party under this Agreement shall be mailed, certified delivery, or electronic mail with confirmation receipt to the other party at the addresses stated below:

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this agreement below.


(Signature and Date) 7.8.2020
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(Signature and Date) 7/8/2020
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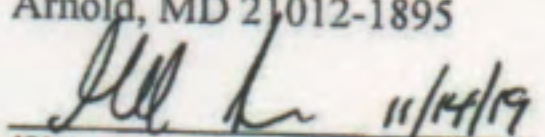

(Signature and Date) 11/14/19
Anne Arundel Community College
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Exhibit A: AACC to NDMU Articulation Transfer Chart

Anne Arundel Community College Equivalent Courses	Credits	Notre Dame of Maryland Prerequisite Requirements	Credits
BIO 231 Human Biology 1 or BIO 233 Anatomy and Physiology 1	4	BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 232 Human Biology 2 or BIO 234 Anatomy and Physiology 2	4	BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 223 General Microbiology	4	BIO 213 Microbiology	4
PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 211 Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 233 Human Growth and Development	3
SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
ENG 101 Academic Writing & Research 1	3	ENG 101 English Composition (General Education Prerequisite)	3
Anne Arundel Community College Equivalent Courses		Notre Dame of Maryland General Education Requirements	
MAT 135 Statistics*	3	MAT 215 Basic Statistics	3
PHL 111 Introduction to Philosophy*	3	PHL 201 Introduction to Philosophy	3
No Equivalent Courses	3	PHL 339 Medical Ethics	3
No Equivalent Courses	3	RST 105 Religion and the Big Question	3
No Equivalent Courses	3	RST 311 World Religions	3
ENG Literature (200 Level)^	3	Literature	3
Any History^	3	History	3
Anne Arundel Community College Electives		Notre Dame of Maryland May Accept as Electives	
MAT 137 College Algebra	3	Mathematics Elective	3

* - Coursework should be completed at AACC after the completion of the RN degree.

^ - Coursework must be completed as Arts and Humanities General Education requirements

Admission to the University

All Registered Nurses (RNs) or students who plan to take NCLEX-RN for licensure admitted to Notre Dame of Maryland University will enter under the following terms:

- A maximum of 68 credits will be accepted in transfer
- No community college nursing credits will be transferred
- All RNs with an active license in Maryland or a compact state will be granted 30 upper-level nursing credits per the Maryland Articulation Model
- RNs will complete the remaining 30 upper-level nursing credits and any additional program requirements through Notre Dame

Note: Students potentially could start at Notre Dame with 98 credits (68 transfer credits + 30 credits per the state-wide agreement).

Credits for Graduation

120 credits for graduation.

Credits Needed from Notre Dame

A minimum of 30 earned credits from Notre Dame is required for graduation. The final 30 credits for the degree must be earned at Notre Dame.

Courses in the Nursing Major

BIO-260 Genetics and Genomics – 3 credits

Nursing core curriculum 30 credits

NUR-309 Nursing Situations/Scholarly Analysis/Call for Justice – 3 credit

NUR-306 Writing for Professionals – 1 credit

NUR-314 Nursing Situations in Palliative Caring – 3 credits **OR**

NUR-315 Advocacy, Policy, and Politics – 3 credits **OR**

NUR-316 Spirituality in Nursing Practice – 3 credits

NUR-319 Holistic Health Assessment and Nutrition Across the Lifespan for Professional Nurses – 5 credits

NUR-400 Information Systems for Caring Practice – 3 credits

NUR-411 Healthy Aging for Professional Nurses – 3 credits

NUR-412 Population Health Through a Caring Lens – 4 credits

NUR-420 Nursing Research for Professional Nurses – 3 credits

NUR-440 Caring Nursing Leadership for Professional Nurses – 3 credits

NUR-450 Capstone Experience – 2 credits