Articulation Agreement
Between
Nursing@Simmons RN-MSN Programs
and
Anne Arundel Community College

This Agreement is entered into between Simmons College ("Simmons") and Anne Arundel Community College ("AACC") for the purpose of facilitating enrollment of Anne Arundel Associate Nursing degree holders into the Nursing@Simmons RN-MSN Nurse Practitioner Program (the "Program"). Program requirements are attached.

Purpose of Articulation Agreement
1. To facilitate the progression of the Anne Arundel Community College Associate Degree Nursing graduates into the Simmons College Nursing@Simmons RN-MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Program.
2. To provide ongoing information and advising to Anne Arundel Community College students to enable them to prepare for the MSN in Nursing with role preparation as Family Nurse Practitioners.
3. To provide a seamless transition and flexibility in career mobility for Anne Arundel Community College nursing students.
4. To increase the number of nurses prepared at the master’s level nationally in response to the Institute of Medicine (IOM Future of Nursing Report (2010)).

Entry Requirements and Qualifications
1. Students applying for the RN-MSN program must submit the following to the Simmons School of Nursing and Health Sciences:
   • Completed Simmons College Application (fee will be waived for Anne Arundel Community College students)
   • Documentation of RN licensure (proof must be submitted prior to beginning classes at Simmons College)
   • Completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing from Anne Arundel Community College with a 3.0 GPA or higher
   • Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended, regardless of whether or not a degree was obtained
   • Current Resume
   • One- to two-page personal statement addressing career goals, how the applicant’s experience to date has prepared her/him for the Family Nurse Practitioner role and why Nursing@Simmons is the best fit.
   • Two letters of recommendation, one from the program advisor and the other from a clinical faculty member The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if native language is not English. The School of Nursing and Health Sciences TOEFL code is 3761.
Transfer Credits

1. During their final year at Anne Arundel Community College, students planning to enter the RN-MSN program may take up to three (3) courses as a non-matriculated student at Simmons College. These could include a selection from the courses listed below:

   NURP 404  Normal and Abnormal Physiology
   NURP 345  Contemporary Issues in Nursing
   NURP 492  Health Assessment
   SNHS 450  The Health Care System
   Math 118  Statistics

   Students must receive a grade of B or better in these courses to proceed into the program.

2. Simmons College will accept MA 135 taken at AACC for credit for MA 118. Students must receive a grade of B or better to receive credit for this course.

3. Submission of an application does not guarantee admission.

Scholarship Opportunities

Simmons will offer a 10% scholarship on a per credit tuition basis for students from AACC provided Simmons receives the following opportunities to market and inform AACC students of the Simmons Nursing programs:

- Semi-Annual meeting with AACC Health Professions Academic Advisor to inform students about the Simmons College Nursing programs

- Four times each year, email (provided by Simmons) to AACC students with program information.

- Two times a semester in class presentations.

- Two times a semester on-campus marketing opportunities.

- Include Simmons nursing program in orientation materials for AACC students.

This agreement will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution by both parties. At the end of five years, the agreement will be reviewed and renewed with the agreement of both parties.

This agreement may be terminated at the request of either institution, with or without cause, by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the non-terminating party. Termination will not affect the status of students already accepted into the Simmons programs.
Each college agrees to notify the other of any significant curricular changes during the time of this agreement. In situations where significant changes are made, a review of the agreement will be initiated to ascertain the continuing validity of the agreement.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be filed in a state or federal court within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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