

**Program-To-Program Articulation Agreement  
between  
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania  
and  
Northampton Community College**

**AAS (RN) in Nursing for ESU's Extended Learning Program**

**WHEREAS**, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, located at 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, 18301, an educational institution of the State System of Higher Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called "ESU"), offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing; and

**WHEREAS** Northampton Community College, located at 3538 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 (hereinafter "NCC"), offers an AAS Degree in Nursing; and

**WHEREAS**, both ESU and NCC desire to facilitate the transfer of students from an AAS Degree in Nursing at NCC to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program at ESU and avoid duplication of degree requirements where possible; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the terms of this Agreement, a student who has earned the AAS Degree in Nursing at NCC shall be guaranteed admission to ESU.

**NOW THEREFORE**, ESU and NCC officially confirm the following terms of this Agreement:

- a. **Minimum Qualifications.** In addition to the other requirements set forth in this Agreement, to be eligible for transfer from NCC to ESU under this Agreement, a student must:
- 1) Graduate from NCC with a minimum quality point average ("GPA") of 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale);
  - 2) Graduate from NCC with a minimum Major GPA of 2.25 (4.0 scale);
  - 3) Enroll at ESU within one year of graduation from NCC;
  - 4) Not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from NCC and enroll at ESU;
  - 5) Satisfy all conditions stated in this Agreement and all other regular ESU admission requirements.
- b. **Admission of Transfer Student.** The student must submit a complete application for admission, an official final NCC transcript, indicating receipt of the AAS Degree in Nursing directly to the ESU Office of Admissions. Students are encouraged to apply well before the application deadline dates. (Please refer to University's most recent application for the applicable fall and spring transfer application deadline dates.)
- c. **Once Admitted to ESU:** Upon admission to ESU, the student must submit appropriate advanced deposits that will be credited towards the first semester fees/tuition. The student will follow the curriculum requirements in effect at ESU at the time of the student's enrollment into ESU's Nursing program and will thereafter comply with any changes to the curriculum.
- d. **ESU Student Registration:** After acceptance into ESU, the student must register for courses in accordance with ESU's procedures as directed in the acceptance letter.

e. **Transfer Credits.** ESU will accept a total of 74 credits from NCC which include credits in general education/pre-requisite, co-requisite and free electives, all with grades of "C-" or better. The current accepted credits, as for the date of this Agreement, are detailed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

f. **ESU Transfer Advising.** Using "Exhibit A" as a guide, the ESU Department of Nursing Chairperson will ensure that all transfer course equivalencies listed in "Exhibit A" are applied.

g. **University Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree:** Students are expected to complete all stated University Graduation Requirements and all other General Education, Pre-Requisite, and Major Field requirements as described in ESU's catalog and Departmental policies in order to receive the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

h. **Promote and Publicize:** NCC agrees to publicize this Agreement to prospective students in admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and to inform qualified students matriculating to NCC of the opportunity for admission to ESU under the terms of this Agreement.

i. **NCC Advisement:** NCC agrees to advise NCC students regarding which courses will transfer under this Agreement for the Nursing major as well as General Education requirements that include, but are not limited to, coursework in the Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences.

j. **Coordination of Agreement:** Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate the terms of this Agreement between the two institutions.

k. **Review of Agreement:** Both ESU and NCC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual consent. Each will keep the other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement.

I. **Mutual Terms and Conditions:**

**1) Term of Agreement:** The term of this Agreement will be for five (5) years from the date of final execution by the parties and their respective legal counsel. This agreement may not exceed a period of five (5) years from the date of final execution.

**2) Termination of Agreement:** Either institution may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days notice. However, students who are in their final semester at NCC and have already been accepted into ESU's Nursing Program will be afforded the opportunity to enter ESU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

**3) Nondiscrimination:** The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**4) Interpretation of the Agreement:** The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.

**5) Modification of Agreement:** This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

**6) Relationship of Parties:** The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors and shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

**7) Liability:** Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other for death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.

**8) This Agreement** shall not be enforceable in a court or in the Pennsylvania Board of Claims. In the event of a dispute between the parties, advice and direction will be offered by the Office of the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education.

**9) Entire Agreement:** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

FOR: Northampton Community College

FOR: East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

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## EXHIBIT A

**AAS in Nursing at NCC  
to  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing at ESU**

**Obligations of ESU:** Upon receiving an AAS Degree in Nursing from NCC, ESU accepts the following 74 credits towards the BS degree in Nursing. At this point, he/she will be able to major in Nursing and receive credit for the following courses:

General Education, Pre-Requisite, Co-Requisite Equivalencies			
Northampton Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
NCC Course Number	Credit	ESU Course Number	Credit
BIO 204 Human Anatomy and Physiology	4	BIOL 116 GE: Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences BIOL 117 Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory for Health Sciences	4
English 101 C-English I	3	ENGL 103 English Composition	3
NURS 101- Introduction to Nursing	8	NURS 213 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing  NURS 214 Foundations of Nursing Practice  NURS 416 Health Transition of the Pediatric Client  NURS 315 Nursing Simulation I	3  2  2  1
PSY 103 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100 GN: General Psychology	3
CHEM 135 Chemistry of Life	4	CHEM 115 GN: Chemistry, Molecules and Life CHEM 117 GN: Chemical Basis of Life Laboratory	4
BIOS 254 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 118 GE: Human Anatomy and Physiology II for the health Sciences BIOL 119 Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory for Health Sciences	4
ENGL 151 English II	3	ENGL 203 GN: Advanced Composition	3
MATH 150 Introductory Statistics	3	MATH 110 GN: General Statistics	3
NURS 215 Nursing Care of Patients with M/S Problems	8	NURS 311 Health Trans Middle Adult I	2

		NURS 312 Nursing Care of the Middle Aged Adult I	2
		NURS 327 HLT Trans Middle Adult II	2
		NURS 326 Nursing Care of the Middle Aged Adult II	2
BIOS 202 Microbiology for Allied Health	4	BIOL 424 Mechanisms of Disease I BIOL 461 Mechanisms of Disease I Laboratory	4
NURS 223 Maternal Child Health Nursing	4	NURS 323 HLTH TRANS Childbearing Family	4
		NURS 324 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	4
NURS 224 Care of Mental Health Patients	4	NURS 313 Transitions in Mental Health	2
		NURS 314 Nursing Care of Patients with Mental Health	2
PSYCH 258 Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 225 GN: Lifespan Development Psychology	3
SOCA 103 Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 111 GN: Introduction to Sociology	3
CMTH 102 Speech Communications	3	CMST 111 GN: Speech Communication	3
NURS 321 Nursing Seminar	2	NURS 417 Nursing Care of the Pediatric Client	2
NURS 260 Integrated Concepts of Nursing Practice	6	NURS 411 HLTH Trans 3 Complex Illness	2
		NURS 412 NURISNG Care Complex Illness	2
		NURS 216 Nursing Care of Older Adults	2
PHIL 202 Ethics and Moral Problems	3	PHL 231 GN: Ethics	3
NURS 261 Nursing Practicum	2	NURS 217 Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>

\* RN to BS Student take NURS 309 Dynamics of Nursing Practice = 3 credit course to equal the credits in NURS 325, NURS 415, and NURS 425 Nursing Care Simulation Courses

**Additional ESU Nursing Courses for BS in Nursing**

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 211 Health Assessment for Nurses (Lecture)	3
NURS 212 Health Assessment for Nurses (Lab)	1
NURS 220 Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
NURS 309 Dynamics of Nursing Practice	3
NURS 310 Intro to Evidence Based Nursing Practice	2
NURS 420 Synthesis of Nursing Knowledge	3
NURS 426 Nursing Leadership & Management (Lecture)	2
NURS 427 Nursing Leadership & Management (Clinical)	2
NURS 428 Nursing Care of Diverse Populations in Community (Lecture)	2
NURS 429 Nursing Care of Diverse Populations in Community (Clinical)	2
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>22</b>

### RN to BS NURSING

### General Education Requirements (GE)

### TRANSFER WORKSHEET

Notes:

1) This is not an official credit evaluation—this is for pre-admission purposes only. You will receive your official credit evaluation upon acceptance to ESU. At that time, your academic advisor will complete your official plan of study.

2) GE courses may be completed:

-Prior to enrolling at ESU.

-Online through ESU's regular course schedule.

3) \*\*Please be mindful, 30 credits of upper level and nursing courses must be completed through ESU in order to graduate.

Required GE

\_\_\_\_ English Comp (ENGL 103)

Distributive GE

A. Arts & Letters—12 credits total, must have 4 subject areas

\_\_\_\_ English Language & Literature

\_\_\_\_ Fine Arts

\_\_\_\_ Foreign Language

\_\_\_\_ Performing Arts (CMST 111 Intro to Communication)

\_\_\_\_ Philosophy

B. Science—18 credits total, must have 4 subject areas

\_\_\_\_ Biology (BIO 117--A&P 1; BIO 119--A&P 2)

\_\_\_\_ Chemistry (CHEM 115 & 117 Chemistry, Molecules & Life and Lab)

\_\_\_\_ Computer Science

\_\_\_\_ Mathematics (MATH 110 Statistics)

\_\_\_\_ Physics

\_\_\_\_ Psychology (PSY 100 General Psych)

C. Social Science—12 credits total, must have 4 subject areas



- \_\_\_\_\_ Economics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geography
- \_\_\_\_\_ History
- \_\_\_\_\_ Political Science
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sociology/Anthropology

