



Articulation Agreement between Lansing Community College and the Regents of the University of Michigan on behalf of the University of Michigan-Flint

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Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to promote educational mobility and provide a smooth transition for Lansing Community College (LCC) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing students transferring to the University of Michigan-Flint (UM-Flint) for online or mixed-mode (online and on campus) completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, with the option of applying directly to UM-Flint's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for registered nurse applicants who also possess a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field. Lansing Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

Goals

- Increase opportunity for LCC AAS in Nursing graduates to complete a BSN or DNP degree at UM-Flint.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of LCC transfer students to obtain a bachelors or higher academic degree.
- Promote an academic alliance between the UM-Flint and LCC through dialogue and interaction.
- Encourage students to apply and enroll at the UM-Flint.
- Enhance student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- Assist transfer students in the transition from community college to the UM-Flint.
- Increase retention of transfer students through enhanced advisement and closely articulated academic course work.

Article I: Agreement on Principle

LCC and UM-Flint agree that, at the point of admission to the UM-Flint, LCC students may transfer credit from LCC to UM-Flint's School of Health Professions & Studies towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. In an effort to support the transition of RN students to the BSN or DNP program, UM-Flint Undergraduate Admissions will validate course by course transfer credits from the student's RN program as NUR 1XX/2XX transfer credit.

A transfer student from LCC desiring to complete the BSN degree must earn a minimum of 45 credits at the University of Michigan-Flint, including the last 30 credits. The UM-Flint, Office of Admissions does not limit the number of transfer credits. Among the graduation requirements for the UM-Flint BSN degree is completion of a total of 120 credit hours. All other standard admission, curriculum and graduation requirements of LCC, UM-Flint and UM-Flint's School of Health Professions & Studies Department of Nursing must be met. The curricular guide (page 6) describes these areas of agreement.

Article II: Agreement of Program Specifics

Transfer students from LCC to UM-Flint under this agreement will follow the RN to BSN guide on page 6. If satisfactory progress is made at LCC and the student meets all of the transfer eligibility requirements at UM-Flint and the Department of Nursing as described below, the student may transfer to UM-Flint Department of Nursing as a full-time degree candidate as a RN to BSN Program student for the remaining semesters. Requirements for students who follow the LCC/UM-Flint transfer program are as follows:

1. Apply to UM-Flint as a new Transfer RN to BSN Program student. The application may be completed online: <http://umflint.edu/admissions/>. All official transcripts from all colleges attended must be sent directly to the UM-Flint Office of Admissions. Courses transferred from another school to LCC to meet program requirements are subject to review for transferability to UM-Flint. All materials should be received no later than one month prior to the term/semester for which the candidate is seeking admission.
2. Admission requirements and standards in professional nursing will apply for all students entering LCC and UM-Flint. Students will be admitted to the UM-Flint School of Health Professions and Studies as a BSN major. Students must have a record of good standing in the LCC program in terms of both academic and professional conduct in adherence to the Policy on Student and Responsibilities. UM-Flint Department of Nursing has the final and sole discretion of admission into its programs.
3. The student must be a graduate of a state-approved nursing program and must be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam to practice as a registered nurse in the USA.
4. RNs must have earned at least a 2.75 GPA in the AAS in Nursing program and a satisfactory RN performance evaluation in order to be admitted to the program. If candidates do not initially meet the grade point average requirements, they will be required to complete nine (9) credits of coursework at the University of Michigan-Flint with a B (3.0) or better GPA before beginning the RN to BSN Program core curriculum.
5. Individual advisement by a UM-Flint Department of Nursing advisor will be available to Transfer Students from LCC in order to assist students in meeting their educational goals. UM-Flint Department of Nursing advisors will communicate the most efficient educational pathway possible for a LCC nursing graduate to complete a BSN and/or DNP degree through UM-Flint.
6. Degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of admission to the RN to BSN Program core curriculum. Credit in nursing and in non-nursing courses may be acquired through transfer of credits, credit by examination (CBE), and by course enrollment. Students must achieve grades of C+ (2.3) or higher in all required prerequisite and all NSC/NUR coursework.
7. The earning of credit by examination (CBE) is based on the premise that the knowledge and skills acquired through course completion may be validated in other ways. Passing a standardized examination validates mastery of subject matter of the course. Credit may be earned by successful completion of the examinations for NSC 209-Nutrition, NSC 210-Pathophysiology, and NSC 235-Pharmacology. Each examination may be taken no more than twice. If a student does not pass an exam on the second attempt, enrollment in the course is required. There is a fee for each exam attempt.
8. Tuition and fees will be paid by the student at the rate of the institution through which the course is offered.
9. Rules and regulations which govern grades, transcripts, scholastic standing, academic warning, probation, re-admission, academic conduct, student rights and responsibilities, course prerequisites, and program progression will be dictated by the campus at which courses are taken.

Article III: Agreement on Communication

LCC and UM-Flint Department of Nursing agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with common and respective publics concerning the established relationships between the two institutions. Communication will include the development of various kinds of publications to inform people who might benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by a BSN and/or DNP program. The appropriate faculty and staff in both institutions will share information in the agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will also provide counseling to prospective students.

LCC and UM-Flint Department of Nursing further agree to communicate concerning curriculum changes which may affect the agreed-upon relationship between programs of respective colleges and to communicate any plans which may lead to further opportunities for program articulation between the two colleges.

Article IV: Maintenance and Review Body and Procedures

LCC and UM-Flint Department of Nursing agree to maintain a Joint Articulation Review Faculty Group for the following purposes:

1. To evaluate the continuing effectiveness of established curricular guides and to facilitate change and refinement of those guides as needed;
2. To facilitate renewal of the articulation agreement;
3. To serve as the vehicle for communication concerning changes in programs involved in the existing agreements or plans which might lead to greater articulation changes; and
4. To serve as the vehicle for communication concerning changes in programs involved in the existing agreements or plans which might lead to future articulation changes; and
5. To resolve problems regarding students in extraordinary circumstances.

Article V: Curricular Guide

The following Curricular Guide is meant to serve as academic planning tools for LCC students seeking to transfer credit and pursue the RN to BSN Program transfer option or pursue admission to the DNP program. Additional information on transfer credit can be found at the University of Michigan-Flint Transfer Equivalency Website: http://sis.umflint.edu/prod/zwsxfer.find_state.

Dual enrollment as a Guest Student is available to students who wish to begin taking UM-Flint BSN requirements or DNP prerequisites while still taking courses at LCC. In addition to general education courses, LCC students can take a variety of nursing elective courses while completing courses in LCC's nursing or other programs.

In an effort to accommodate working RNs, the University of Michigan-Flint RN to BSN and DNP programs are offered online. On campus and mixed-mode course offerings may also be available for BSN classes as well.

The requirements and equivalencies are subject to change. Sufficient notice will be given to permit necessary adjustments whenever possible. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to obtain the most current information from the UM-Flint Catalog, website or academic department.

Article VI: Miscellaneous Provisions

1. This Agreement will become effective on the last date of signing and shall remain in effect for one (1) academic year, expiring on **June 30, 2014**. At that time, this Agreement will automatically renew for another one (1) academic year up to end date, 2017. Should either party wish to terminate this Agreement, notification shall be given in writing at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of termination. In the event of termination, the parties shall cooperate and use their reasonable best efforts to let any students already enrolled and taking classes in the BSN program to complete their program already in progress.
2. The LCC agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the University and its officers, directors, agents, faculty members, employees, and students from any and all loss and liability, including claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees, and expenses of any nature whatsoever, for personal injury, death, or damage to property arising out of or claimed to arise out of or in any way be connected with any negligent acts or omissions of LCC or any of its officers, directors, agents, and employees, including the negligent supervision of students, pursuant to this Agreement, and such indemnification will survive any termination of this Agreement. The University agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless LCC and its officers, directors, agents, and employees from any and all loss and liability, including claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees, and expenses of any nature whatsoever, for personal injury, death, or damage to property arising out of or claimed to arise out of or in any way be connected with any negligent acts or omissions of the University or any of its officers, directors, agents, faculty members, employees, and students pursuant to this Agreement, and such indemnification will survive any termination of this Agreement.
3. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any addenda, shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties.
4. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are hereby merged into this Agreement.
5. Each party shall accept, assign, supervise, and evaluate qualified students regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, height, or weight, in accordance with laws of the United States. In addition, UM-Flint accepts students without regard for sexual orientation (including gender identity and gender expression) in accordance with the policies of The University of Michigan.
6. This Agreement shall be deemed to be made under the laws of the State of Michigan and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.
7. Any and all notices given under this Agreement shall be directed to:

Lansing Community College

and

University of Michigan-Flint

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Signature Page

The University of Michigan-Flint
RN to BSN PROGRAM CURRICULAR GUIDE
 Lansing Community College (LCC) AAS in Nursing Graduates

STUDENT: _____ UMID: _____ EMAIL: @umflint.edu ADMIT TERM: **Fall 2013** DATE: 5/29/13

GENERAL EDUCATION

ENGLISH COMPOSITION 3-6 credits

LCC Course Options

ENG	111	English Composition I	WRIT 121 (4); WRIT 131 (4); WRI 121 (2.67)
ENG	112 ¹	English Composition II	WRIT 122 (4); WRIT 132 (4); WRI or ENG 122 (2.67), ENGL 122 (4), or ENGL 132 (4)

DISTRIBUTION & SUITE OPTIONS

HUMANITIES 6 credits; attribute = **H**

ENG	1XX	Engl. Dept.	ENG 270 (4); ENGL 132 (4); ENG 256 (3); & many others
ENG	208/ 203	Poetry/Drama	ENGL 201 (4); ENGL 202 (4)
HUM	1XX	Hum. Dept.	HUM 101 (2.67); HUM 201 (2.67); & many other HUMS

SOCIAL SCIENCE 6 credits; attribute = **S**

PSY	1XX	Intro to Psychology	PSY 200 (4)
PSY	313 ¹	Lifespan Dev. Psych	PSY 205 (3)

GLOBAL STUDIES 3 credits; attribute = **GS**

NUR	369 ¹	Transcultural Hlth Care	
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FINE ARTS 3 credits; attribute = **F**

ART	1XX	Intro to Design	ARTS 102 (3)
THE	100	Intro to Theatre	THEA 110 (3)

MANY OTHER OPTIONS

HEALTH and WELL BEING 3 credits; attribute = **HW**

BIO	168	Anat & Phys II	BIOL 202 (4)
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FINANCE and QUANTITATIVE LITERACY 3 credits; attribute = **FQ**

BUS	211	Statistics	STAT 170 (4) or STAT 205 (4)
MTH	120	Pre-Calculus Math	MATH 121 (4) & 122 (3) or MATH 126 (5)

NATURAL SCIENCE 4 credits; attribute = **N/NL**

Must include at least one (1) credit hour of laboratory experience.

BIO	135	Microbiology (N/NL)	BIOL 203 & 204 (4)
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TECHNOLOGY 3 credits; attribute = **T**

NSC	373 ¹	Computers in Health Care		X
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CAPSTONE 3 credits; attribute = **CAP**

NUR	420	Leadership/Mgt in NUR for RNs	(5)		X
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OTHER TRANSFER CREDITS -

TRANSFER: PFHW 163 = PED 1XX (2); BIOL 201 = BIO 167 (4)

For a complete list of approved UM-Flint courses in each category, go to:
<http://umflint.edu/gened/approvedcourselist.htm>.

Pending formal approval of courses, this checklist could change.
 Consult with your Nursing Advisor with any questions.

NURSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Valid, unencumbered registered nurse license in the U.S.
- Nursing school cumulative GPA minimum 2.75 required or must complete 9 credits with a B or better at UM-Flint prior to admission to NUR Core Curriculum.
- Positive RN Performance Evaluation
- Acceptable Criminal Background Check using UM-Flint required vendor.
- Acceptable signed Disclosure Statement

NURSING FOUNDATION

			Semester Credits/Grade
NSC	180 ¹	Legal/Moral Dec in NUR/HCR for RNs	
NUR	204 ¹	Health Assessment for RNs	
NSC	210 ²	Pathophysiology for RNs	
NSC	209 ²	Nutrition (or NUR 205 + NSC 208)	
NSC	235 ²	Pharmacology for RNs (or NUR 203 + NSC 234)	NUR 200 (3)

NSC 209, 210, & 235 are available by credit-by exam (CBE).

NURSING CORE

Completion of Nursing Foundation coursework and RN Licensure must be verified for enrollment in Nursing Core Curriculum.

BSN SEMESTER ONE

NUR	256	Gerontological Nursing for RNs (2)		
NUR	300	Transition to Prof Nursing (3)		
NUR	316	Nursing Research for RNs (3)		

BSN SEMESTER TWO

NUR	408	NUR Issues & Trends for RNs (2)		
NUR	412*	Community Health Nursing for RNs (6)		

*6 clinical hrs/week-must be arranged 1 semester prior to enrollment. All information pertinent to clinical courses is sent through the listserve with instructions and deadlines for submitting material for each clinical. Missing this information may delay your progression.

BSN SEMESTER THREE

NUR	420*	Leadership/Mgt in NUR for RNs (5)		
NUR	421	Synthesis of Knowledge for Professional Nursing (2)		

*6 clinical hrs/week-must be arranged 1 semester prior to enrollment

NURSING ELECTIVES--4 credits from NSC/NUR 350-399 (except NUR 369); 499.

NSC	373 ¹	Computers in Health Care (3)		
NSC/NUR			(2-3)	

NURSING PASSING STANDARD: A minimum C+ grade is required in all nursing prerequisites, NUR, and NSC coursework.

UM-FLINT GRADUATION RULES:

- Complete all General Education categories.
- BSN degree = minimum of 120 credits of which a minimum of 45 are UM-Flint credits; (30 credits with a previously conferred UM-Flint degree).
- Last 30 credits must be completed at UM-Flint.