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Memorandum

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FROM: Mary Frances Archey *MFA*

DATE: November 2, 2007

SUBJECT: ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CCAC AND SLIPPERY ROCK

Attached is a copy of a recently signed articulation agreement between CCAC and Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Please feel free to share this information with any faculty or students you feel might be interested.

Thank you.

MFA/dc

An Articulation Agreement

Community College of Allegheny County

and

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

*Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing
to the
Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Articulation Agreement
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Slippery Rock University and Community College of Allegheny County

This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a long-standing, professional relationship between Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (SRU) and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC). SRU enters into this agreement with CCAC as demonstration of this relationship and of the University's commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for community college students. Based on this written agreement and the voluntary, cooperative efforts of both institutions, CCAC graduates of the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing will have a smooth transition into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this written agreement is to outline the terms and conditions of the articulation between the CCAC Associate Degree in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU. The agreement also denotes the transfer policies, services provided, and information available to transfer students.

II. Terms and Conditions of the Agreement

- 1.) CCAC students who have earned an Associate Degree in Nursing are guaranteed admission to the SRU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program if the following conditions are met.
 - A. Students must have earned a 2.5 or above in their associate degree program.
 - B. Students must hold current RN licensure prior to enrolling in clinical nursing courses.
 - C. Students must be in academic good standing at the last institution attended.
- 2.) Transfer credit will be awarded for all completed non-developmental liberal studies coursework where a letter grade of "D" or greater was earned and in accordance with University guidelines.
- 3.) SRU will consider the Liberal Studies Program (LSP) requirements fulfilled for those CCAC students who have completed a minimum of 48 credits of LSP coursework and transfer 63 or more total credits into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program; a course-by-course evaluation will not be required. For those CCAC nursing graduates who pursue another major at SRU, the Liberal Studies Program requirements will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.
- 4.) CCAC students, who have earned an Associate Degree in Nursing and transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU, will be permitted to transfer the total number of non-remedial credits they have earned in accordance with standard University guidelines.
- 5.) CCAC students admitted to the BSN program are required to take a minimum of 39 nursing-related credits towards the 120 credit degree. These 39 credits include:
 - A. 33 credits of upper division nursing requirements
 - B. 6 credits of supportive requirements (statistics and medical/healthcare ethics)
- 6.) CCAC students, who have earned a baccalaureate degree in any field in addition to the Associate Degree in Nursing, are guaranteed admission to the SRU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with post baccalaureate status if the baccalaureate degree QPA is 2.5 or higher. Post baccalaureate nursing students must complete 39 nursing-related upper

division credits to meet the requirements for a BSN. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed to graduate from SRU.

- 7.) Once admitted to SRU, BSN students must follow the appropriate waiver procedure to complete additional courses at a two-year institution.
- 8.) SRU will provide an unofficial audit of transferable credits prior to application to the University, upon the student's request.
- 9.) Upon acceptance of the University's offer of admission and payment of the enrollment deposit, the student will receive an official audit of all completed transferable credits into his/her chosen major.
- 10.) Students who accept SRU's offer of admission prior to the beginning of the advanced registration period will be assigned an academic advisor and a registration date commensurate with SRU students who have earned the same number of credits.

III. Responsibilities of the Parties of this Agreement

- 1.) SRU and CCAC will work cooperatively to support and effectively administer this articulation agreement in the best interest of the students.
- 2.) SRU and CCAC will regularly communicate regarding changes in transfer policies and procedures, curriculum requirements, and any other relevant issues and/or concerns.
- 3.) CCAC agrees to distribute information provided by SRU to its students regarding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and all other majors and services available at SRU.
- 4.) SRU admissions representatives and/or faculty members from the Nursing Department agree to attend transfer day programs at CCAC to meet with students who plan to transfer to SRU.


IV. Agreement Certification

This agreement will be in effect for CCAC students enrolling in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for the fall 2007 semester and forward. The agreement will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. If no changes are needed in five years from the date this agreement is signed, it will be reviewed and renewed if appropriate.

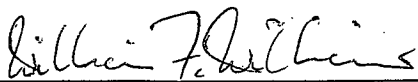
In witness whereof, the parties have affixed their signatures the

_____ Day of _____ 2007

Slippery Rock University:



President

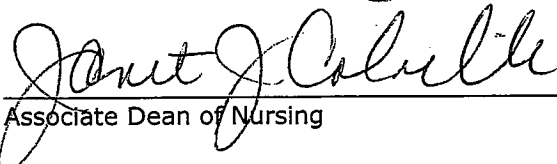


Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Community College of Allegheny County:



President



Associate Dean of Nursing

September 25, 2007

Dr. Michelle Doaz
Associate Dean of Nursing
Community College of Allegheny County
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Dear Dr. Doaz,

During the past few months, Dr. Ramona Nelson, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania Nursing Department Chairperson, and I have worked to update the articulation agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County RN program and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at SRU. I am writing to provide copies of this revised agreement and to request official signatures on the articulation documents, if the agreement meets with your final approval.

The enclosed two copies of the articulation agreement have been approved and signed by Slippery Rock University. If approved at Community College of Allegheny County, please obtain the appropriate signatures, keeping one copy for your records and returning the other copy to my attention in the Office of Admissions.

We enthusiastically look forward to providing continued educational opportunities for your graduates. If you have questions regarding this request or any other issues at Slippery Rock University, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Betsy Stevens
Associate Director for Admissions for Transfer Services

Enclosure

Articulation Agreement (2 copies)

cc: Dr. Ramona Nelson, Nursing Department Chairperson
Dr. Amanda Yale, Associate Provost for Enrollment Services
W.C. Vance, Director of Admissions

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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I. Purpose

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II. Terms and Conditions of the Agreement

1. CCAC students who have earned an Associate in Science in Nursing degree are guaranteed admission to the SRU Bachelor of Science in Nursing program if the following conditions are met.
 - a. Students must have earned a 2.5 or above cumulative grade point average. Students with less than a 2.5 QPA will be considered for provisional admission.
 - b. Students must hold a current RN license prior to enrolling in clinical nursing courses.
 - c. Students must be in academic good standing at the last institution attended.
2. Transfer credit will be awarded for all completed non-developmental liberal studies coursework when a letter grade of "D" or greater was earned and in accordance with University guidelines.
3. For CCAC students who have earned an Associate in Science in Nursing degree and transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU, a block of 30 credits will be awarded for lower division nursing credits. The acceptance of these nursing credits will differ for other academic majors at SRU.
4. SRU will consider the Liberal Studies Program requirements complete for those CCAC students who have earned an Associate in Science in Nursing degree and transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. For those CCAC nursing graduates who pursue another major at SRU, the Liberal Studies Program requirements will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.
5. CCAC students, who have earned an Associate in Science in Nursing degree and transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU, will be permitted to transfer the *total* number of non-remedial credits they have earned in accordance with standard University guidelines. *They will not be limited to 67 credits in transfer*; the maximum number of transfer credits allowed from community colleges for all other academic majors. CCAC students that are admitted to the BSN program are required to take a minimum of 39 SRU credits towards the 128-credit degree. These 39 credits include:
 - 33 credits upper division nursing requirements
 - 6 credits supportive requirements (statistics and medical/healthcare ethics)
6. Once admitted to SRU, BSN students may not take additional courses, for transfer credit to Slippery Rock University, at a two-year institution.
7. SRU will provide an *unofficial* audit of transferable credits prior to application to the

University, upon the student's request.

8. At the time of evaluation of an admission application, SRU will provide an *official* audit of the student's transferable credits to the University.
9. Upon acceptance of the University's offer of admission and payment of the admission deposit, the student will receive an *official* audit of all completed transferable credits into his/her chosen major.
10. Students who accept SRU's offer of admission prior to the beginning of the advanced registration period will be assigned an academic advisor and a registration date commensurate with SRU students who have earned the same number of credits.
11. In order to be eligible for Latin Honors, students must have a minimum of 61 credits from SRU.

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1. SRU and CCAC will work cooperatively to support and effectively administer this articulation agreement in the best interest of the students.
2. SRU and CCAC will regularly communicate regarding changes in transfer policies and procedures, curriculum requirements, and any other relevant issues and/or concerns.
3. CCAC agrees to provide information to its students regarding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and all other majors and services available at SRU.
4. A least once each year upon the request of the SRU Coordinator of Transfer Services or the Nursing Department Chairperson, CCAC will provide the names and addresses (or mailing labels) of graduates of the Associate in Science in Nursing degree.
5. The SRU Coordinator of Transfer Services and/or faculty members from the Nursing Department agree to attend transfer day programs at CCAC to meet with students who plan to transfer to SRU.

IV. Agreement Certification

This agreement will be in effect for CCAC students enrolling in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for the Spring 2000 semester and forward. The agreement will be annually reviewed and updated for renewal.

In witness whereof, the parties have affixed their signatures the

_____ 13th Day of September 2000

Slippery Rock University:

President

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Chairperson, Department of Nursing

Community College of Allegheny County

President

Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs,

Dean of Health/Professions