

Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs

between

**Berkshire Community College
and
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

Objectives:

1. To attract qualified students to Berkshire Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation, including curricular reviews, on-site visits, and joint academic advising for students attending Berkshire Community College.

Stipulations:

1. This agreement applies to transfer students with an Associate of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse licensure in the state they reside.
2. Berkshire Community College graduates may transfer up to 45 nursing portfolio credits upon successful enrollment in UMass Dartmouth's RN-BS online degree program. These credits coupled with the transfer of 33 non-nursing credits from the Berkshire Community College associate degree in nursing, results in a cumulative total of 78 transfer credits applied to the BS in Nursing program at UMass Dartmouth.

Mutual Responsibilities:

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives.
2. Berkshire Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Berkshire Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, advising and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from the two-year institution to the four-year institution.

Review/Revision:

1. Both institutions will periodically review this agreement. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will require a full review of this articulation agreement. Revisions will be implemented with one year notice prior to termination of the agreement.

Articulation Agreement

Institution: Berkshire Community College

Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

UMASS DARTMOUTH'S RN-BS in NURSING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS			
Berkshire Community College		UMass Dartmouth	
Course	credit	Course	credit
Pre-requisites (15 credits)			
		MTH 147 Fundamentals of Statistics	3
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I	3
		BIO 223 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 222 Anatomy & Physiology II	3
		BIO 224 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
BIO 207 Microbiology	4	BIO 251 Medical Microbiology	3
		BIO 261 Medical Microbiology Lab	1
University Studies Requirements (27 credits)			
ENG 101 Composition I or ENG 103 Honors Composition I***	3	ENL 101 Critical Writing & Reading I	3
ENG 102 Composition II or ENG 104 Honors Composition II***	3	ENL 102 Critical Writing & Reading II	3
PSY 107 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
SOC 105 Introductory Sociology	3	SOA 101 Intro to Sociology	3
PSY 204 Human Growth & Development	3	PSY 220 Lifespan Human Development (Social Science)	3
		Social Science**	3
		Philosophy	3
		Humanities (6 credits)	6
Electives (6 credits)			
COM 104 Intro to Interpersonal Comm; COM 105 Intro to Oral Comm; COM 107 Intro to Oral Comm in Bus or COM 106 Intro to Oral Interpretation of Lit	3	ENL 270 Speech Communication or FRE 800 Free Elective	3
General Education Elective (100 level or higher)	3	Elective	3
RN-BS Curriculum (73 credits)			
Associate Degree in Nursing and NCLEX licensure	45	Nursing Portfolio	45
		NUR 301 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
		NUR 306 Professional Nursing	3
		NUR 214 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing	3
		NUR 322 Holistic Health Assessment for RNs	4
		NUR 302 Selective Mechanics of Disease & Related Pharmacol	3
		NUR 328 Population Health Nursing	3
		NUR 410 Healthcare Informatics	3
		NUR 452 Nursing Care of Persons with Chronic Illness	3
		NUR 409 Leadership in Nursing	3
TOTAL CREDITS	78	TOTAL CREDITS*	121

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*Courses highlighted in blue represent the 31 minimum residency credits to be completed at UMass Dartmouth. The 31 residency credits consist of 28 nursing core credits and 3 non-nursing credits.

**3 credit non-nursing UMassD course can be any University Studies Requirement that is not fulfilled by a transfer course such as a Social Science, Philosophy, or Humanities.

***ENG 101 or 103; ENG 102 or ENG 104 are recommended. If an ENG course at a 100 level or higher is successfully completed other than the recommended sections, it will be reviewed for transfer equivalency.

If MAT 123 Elementary Statistics is successfully completed, it will fulfill UMassD's MTH 147 Fundamentals Statistics (3 credits).

If MAT 136 Mathematics for Science is successfully completed it will transfer as additional credits fulfilling a UMassD Elective (3 credits).