

Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs

Fall 2025

between

Holyoke Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Objectives:

1. To attract qualified students to Holyoke 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 Holyoke 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. Holyoke 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 non-nursing credits from the Holyoke 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. Holyoke Community College and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Holyoke 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: Holyoke Community College

Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

UMASS DARTMOUTH'S RN-BS in NURSING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS			
Holyoke Community College		UMass Dartmouth	
Course	credit	Course	credit
Pre-requisites (15 credits)			
MTH 142 Statistics (recommended)**	3	MTH 147 Fundamentals of Statistics	3
BIO 217 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I	3
		BIO 223 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
BIO 218 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 222 Anatomy & Physiology II	3
		BIO 224 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
BIO 229 Microbiology	4	BIO 251 Medical Microbiology	3
		BIO 261 Medical Microbiology Lab	1
University Studies Requirements (27 credits)			
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENL 101 Critical Writing & Reading I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENL 102 Critical Writing & Reading II	3
PSY 110 Principles of Psychology	3	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
PSY 216 Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 220 Lifespan Human Development (Social Science)	3
		Social Science	3
SOC 110 Principles of Sociology	3	SOA 101 Intro to Sociology	3
		Philosophy	3
		Humanities (6 credits)	6
Electives (6 credits)			
NTR 101 Introduction to Nutrition	3	BIO 105 Human Nutrition	3
		UMassD 3 non-credit nursing course fulfilled through an Elective or a University Studies Requirement	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 Pharmacology	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

Holyoke Community College graduates may transfer up to 45 nursing portfolio credits upon successful enrollment into UMass Dartmouth's RN-to-BS online degree program. These credits along with the 33 non-nursing credits result in a cumulative total of 78 transfer credits toward UMass Dartmouth's BS in Nursing degree.

*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.

**If MAT 104 College Algebra was taken instead of MTH 142 Statistics, it will transfer as an Elective course into UMass Dartmouth providing it was successfully completed. Statistics will remain as a requirement for the RN-to-BS in Nursing program.