

UPDATE & RENEWAL
Articulation Agreement
between
Kirtland Community College
and
Saginaw Valley State University
C.M.L. College of Health & Human Services

- I. This agreement updates and replaces all previous agreements and is designed to facilitate the transition of graduates from the specified Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) (Code AAS DDRN4) or in L.P.N.-A.D.N. (Code AAS DADN4) at Kirtland Community College and transferring to Saginaw Valley State University for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree through the traditional R.N.-to-B.S.N. completion program.

Kirtland Community College (KCC) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

- A. **Recognitions and Criteria:** As a Michigan State Board of Nursing Approved Program preparing students for the Associate Degree in Nursing, the Department of Nursing at KCC is recognized as meeting national standards related to knowledge and skill needed for nursing practice. This status shall permit KCC's A.D.N. graduates who meet the following criteria to have up to thirty-nine (39) semester hours of nursing knowledge validated and recorded as listed in this document. This recording of credits will occur in conjunction with completion of **NURS 301: Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** and will be based upon a *record review* which is to include documentation of the following:

1. Graduated with a GPA of 2.5 or better (provide official transcripts); and
2. Current unencumbered Michigan license to practice as an R.N.*; and
3. An approved plan of study, which includes student's goals and individualized plan for program completion. Transfer credits will be considered in this process; and
4. Successful completion of NURS 301 including the professional **portfolio**.

*Students who have not yet passed the NCLEX-RN test for licensure as an R.N. *may* be able to enroll in only the **NURS 301: Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course, provided they agree to meet special conditions/deadlines as set forth in consultation with the SVSU Nursing Department.

- B. **Validated Articulation Credits:** KCC transfer students 1) whose transcripts reflect completion of the specified KCC program noted above, 2) who are registered as R.N.s in Michigan, and 3) who are pursuing SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. will validate the following thirty-nine (39) SVSU Nursing credits upon successful completion of SVSU's **NURS 301: Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course and the corresponding **record review (noted above in Item I.A.):**

NURS 241-3/Nurse Provider: Pharmacology
NURS 242-3/Nurse Provider: Pathophysiology
NURS 245-2/Nurse Provider Clinical I
NURS 251-3/Care Designer I: Health Assessment
NURS 261-2/Professional Integration I
NURS 341-3/Nurse Provider Concepts II

NURS 345-4/Nurse Provider Clinical II
NURS 361-2/Professional Integration II
NURS 441-3/Nurse Provider Concepts IV
NURS 445-4/Nurse Provider Clinical IV
NURS 461-2/Professional Integration IV
NURS 471-3/Nurse Provider Concepts V
NURS 475-5/Nurse Provider Clinical V

These validated credits will be recorded above and beyond the three (3) semester hours of credit earned for completion of the **NURS 301: Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course and will be recorded at a level corresponding to the SVSU courses listed above.

- C. **Maximum Credits:** Validated articulation credits (39 credits, as noted above in Item I.B.) and transfer credits shall not exceed ninety-three (93) credits total.
- D. **Program Requirements:** SVSU nursing-related program courses totaling twenty-eight (28) credits are then required to complete the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program:
One of the following four-credit statistics courses:
MATH 132B-4/Statistical Methods: Biostatistics or
MATH 132A-4/Statistical Methods: General Statistics or
PSYC 299-4/Statistics or
PS 225-4/Statistics or
SOC 225-4/Statistics or
An equivalent 4-credit statistics course (see transfer.svsu.edu for an on-line listing of current community college transfer equivalencies into SVSU).
(A prerequisite to some NURS coursework, Statistics may be taken concurrently with NURS 301 at the latest.)
NURS 301-3: **Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** (*the first NURS course for R.N.s upon admission to the SVSU R.N.-to-B.S.N. program*)
NURS 377-3/Nursing Care of Populations
NURS 379-3/Health Promotion for Diverse Populations
NURS 401-3/Nursing Leadership and Ethics
NURS 479-3/Nursing and Health Care Systems Change
Elective Courses: Nine (9) upper-division, credits, selected per consultation with and approval of SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. Coordinator.
- E. **Degree Requirements:** Articulation students, like all students, must satisfy any remaining SVSU degree requirements, such as the thirty-one (31) credit SVSU residency requirement. See Item II below.
- F. **Eligibility Limitations:** The provisions of this agreement pertain only to R.N. students beginning the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program at SVSU.
- G. **Change of Major:** If a student changes his/her major at SVSU from R.N.-to-B.S.N. to another program, then the student's transfer credits will be re-evaluated in the usual course-by-course manner.
- H. **Admission/Enrollment:** The R.N.-to-B.S.N. is a limited-enrollment program at SVSU. This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into SVSU or the SVSU R.N.-to-B.S.N. program. Articulation students must apply for admission as must any other students.
- II. **Other Degree Requirements:** Requirements at Saginaw Valley State University are as stated in the SVSU catalog under which the student first enrolls at SVSU. Any curriculum guides which might use this agreement as their basis will reflect subsequent catalog changes.

NOTE: Basic Skills, General Education, and Communication Intensive requirements remaining will be examined/determined in the usual manner: course-by-course and case-by-case. *However, students transferring into the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program may wish to petition (based on extensive BIOL background in the nursing associate degree) the SVSU Registrar for potential waiver of SVSU's 2-department General Education requirement in Natural Science/Category 4.*

- III. **Periodic Review and Academic/Curriculum Contacts:** The requirements herein will be reviewed and revised (if necessary to revise) by both KCC and SVSU:

The *academic* signatories of this agreement and/or their *departmental* designees shall maintain at least annual contact with each other and will communicate in writing to each other (and to the articulation office at their home institution) any curricular or other changes which may affect the accuracy/integrity of this basic agreement.

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- IV. **Effective Period:** This update/renewal document is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate; notice of termination shall be given in writing at least one year prior to the effective date of termination. Qualified students applying to SVSU during or after the semester of this document's update/renewal shall be considered under this agreement.