

# Articulation Agreement

## Saginaw Valley State University C.M.L. College of Health and Human Services

and

## Kellogg Community College

1. This new agreement is designed to facilitate the transition of graduates from the specified Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (ADN) or Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – Advanced Placement at Kellogg Community College and transferring to Saginaw Valley State University for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) through the RN-to-BSN completion program.

Kellogg 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 an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredited 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 ADN graduates who meet the following criteria to have up to 32 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 Michigan license to practice as an RN; 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 resume.

Students who have not yet passed the NCLEX-RN test for licensure as an RN may be able to enroll in only the NURS 301, Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice, provided they agree in writing 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 one of the specified KCC programs noted above;
  2. Who are registered as RNs in Michigan; and
  3. Who are pursuing SVSU's RN-to-BSN will validate the following 32 SVSU Nursing credits upon successful completion of SVSU's NURS 301, Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice, and the corresponding record review:

SVSU Course	SVSU Title	SVSU Credits
NURS 241	Nurse Provider: Pharmacology	3
NURS 245	Nurse Provider Clinical I	4
NURS 251	Nurse Care Designer: Health Assessment	3
NURS 261	Professional Integration I	2
NURS 341	Nurse Provider Concepts II	3
NURS 345	Nurse Provider Clinical II	4

NURS 361	Professional Integration II	2
NURS 441	Nurse Provider Concepts IV	3
NURS 445	Nurse Provider Clinical IV	4
NURS 455	Nurse Provider Clinical Internship	4

C. **Maximum Credits.** Validated articulation credits (32 credits, as noted above in Item 1B) and transfer credits shall not exceed 93 credits total.

D. **Program Requirements.** SVSU nursing-related program courses totaling 28 credits are then required to complete the RN-to-BSN program:

One of the following 4 credit statistics courses:

MATH 132B, Statistical Methods: Biostatistics

MATH 132A, Statistical Methods: General Statistics

PSYC 299, Statistics

PS 225, Statistics

OR an equivalent 4 credit statistics course (see [www.transfer.svsu.edu](http://www.transfer.svsu.edu) for an online 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.)

SVSU Course	SVSU Title	SVSU Credits
NURS 301	Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 377	Nursing Care of Populations	3
NU7RS 379	Health Promotion for Diverse Populations	3
NURS 401	Nursing Leadership and Ethics	3
NURS 479	Nursing and Healthcare Systems Change	3
Elective	Upper-division credits from list of courses approved for the program (with the RN-to-BSN Program Coordinator)	9

E. **Eligibility Limitations.** The provisions of this agreement pertain only to RN students beginning the RN-to-BSN and to MSN program at SVSU.

F. **Change of Major.** If a student changes their major at SVSU from RN-to-BSN and to MSN to another program, then student's transfer/articulation credits will be re-evaluated in the usual course-by-course manner.

G. **Admission/Enrollment.** The RN-to-BSN and to MSN is a limited-enrollment program at SVSU. This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into SVSU or the SVSU RN-to-BSN and to MSN program. Articulation students must apply for admission as must any other students.

2. **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 bases 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 RN-to-BSN program may wish to petition (based on extensive BIOL background in the nursing associate degree) the SVSU Registrar for potential waiver of SVSU's two-department General Education requirement in Natural Science – category 4.

3. **Periodic Review and Academic/Curriculum Contacts.** The requirements herein will be reviewed and revised (if necessary) 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.

Primary academic/curriculum contacts for this agreement are:

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4. **Effective Period.** This agreement 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.

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