

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ROSS AND CAROL NESE COLLEGE OF NURSING
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, WORLD CAMPUS
AND
JERSEY COLLEGE**

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing (Nese CON), The Pennsylvania State University World Campus (Penn State WC), and Jersey College (Jersey College).

PURPOSE

The Nese CON, Penn State WC, and Jersey College establish this agreement to facilitate the admission of students who wish to obtain their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) through a 1+2+1-degree program. During year 1, students will apply and if admitted to Penn State WC will take general education courses (Appendix A). During years 2 and 3, students will complete their associate degree in nursing (ADN) at Jersey College. During year 4, graduates of the Jersey College ADN program, who successfully maintained a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination (for) Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) will be reenrolled by Penn State and admitted into the RN to BSN Option of the BSN program with advanced standing at Penn State World Campus. Provisional admission may be granted to new graduates who are scheduled to take the NCLEX-RN. Students may begin taking classes before passing the NCLEX-RN but must possess an active and valid RN license to enroll in required RN to BSN clinical courses to complete the program.

PROCEDURES

Counseling, admission, and the transfer of students under the terms of this agreement will be accomplished through the application of the following procedures and policies:

- Jersey College will promptly notify the Nese CON of any major curriculum modification, such as substantive curriculum revamping of the articulated program, and further agrees that the terms of this agreement will no longer apply to the program unless Penn State provides written approval that the curriculum changes do not alter the intent of this agreement.
- The Nese CON will likewise promptly notify Jersey College of any substantive curriculum revamping to the articulated program.
- Financial Aid will be processed at the student's school of enrollment.

Interested students will be admitted through the traditional enrollment process and enroll in Penn State World Campus as a first-year Nursing pre major (NRCOM) student. During their first year, students are required to take courses from a prescribed list. (See Appendix A).

Students must express their intent to pursue their RN to BSN through the 1+2+1 program by the end of their first semester at Penn State WC.

At the end of their first semester, students will also need to apply and be accepted into Jersey College for their ADN program. Students may only apply if they have completed a minimum of 12 credits at Penn State WC. Students will need a GPA of 2.5 or greater from Penn State WC. Students accepted into the 1+2+1 program will have a reserved spot at Jersey College in the cohort following the completion of their 1st year at Penn State. Please see Appendix B for the current Jersey College Entrance Requirements.

Students must receive a 2.0 (C) or higher in English 15 and Math 21 to transfer those Penn State course credits into the Jersey College ADN program.

Upon completion of the Jersey College ADN program with a GPA of 2.0 (4.0 = A) and successfully passing the NCLEX-RN, the student may re-enroll into Penn State. Penn State may require a higher quality point average because of space availability or changes in the nursing program. Such requirements will be promptly communicated to the director of the Jersey College ADN program by the Nese CON. The change in grade point average will take effect with those students entering Jersey College in the fall semester after the institution has been notified.

Provisional admission may be granted to Jersey College ADN graduates who are scheduled to take the NCLEX-RN. Students may begin taking classes before passing the NCLEX but must possess an active and valid RN license to enroll in required RN to BSN clinical courses to complete the program.

A grade of "C" or better is required for all prescribed Penn State nursing courses.

The Nese CON recognizes the portfolio assessment policy established by Penn State. The Nese CON recognizes accredited ADN coursework and licensure in lieu of credit by examination. RN to BSN students meeting established criteria may obtain up to 33 credits based on the Portfolio Assessment. To receive the portfolio credits, students must possess a current and valid RN license. A fee will be applied to the student's tuition bill and is payable at the time the portfolio credits are awarded.

All students must earn at least 36 of their last 60 credits at Penn State to receive a degree from Penn State.

Penn State will accept transfer credits based on the Jersey College courses evaluated for Penn State equivalency. Please see Appendix C for the list of courses and transfer credits accepted.

Students who reenroll at Penn State are then able to complete their RN to BSN. Please see Appendix D for the list of the courses needed to complete a RN to BSN at Penn State.

Appendix E shows the full pathway for students to complete the 1+2+1 program.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Agreement will be reviewed every five years by Penn State WC, the Nese CON, and Jersey College. The agreement may not be amended, modified, supplemented, or terminated except by a written instrument signed by Nese CON, Penn State WC, and Jersey College.

The terms of this agreement shall remain in effect, except as stipulated in certain previous terms listed herein, until terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement, with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other parties. In the event of termination by either party, each party's responsibilities for the education of students described in this Agreement shall continue until all cohorts of students who are officially enrolled at the time of the notice of termination have graduated from both the ADN and BSN phases of the program.

The Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties, superseding any other prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements. Any changes, corrections, or additions to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party.

AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

The Pennsylvania State University Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, Penn State World Campus, and Jersey College have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatures below.

 May 14, 2024

Renata S. Engel Date
Vice Provost for Online Education
World Campus
The Pennsylvania State University

 May 1, 2024

Steven B. Litvack, Esq. Date
President
Jersey College

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Laurie Badzek Date
Dean for Ross and Carol Nese
College of Nursing
The Pennsylvania State University

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Jeff Adams Date
Interim Vice Provost/Dean
Undergraduate Education
The Pennsylvania State University

APPENDIX A

Courses Taken During the First Year at Penn State World Campus

Semester 1 Fall	Credits	Semester 2 Spring	Credits
ENGL 15	3	CAS 100A, B, or C	3
MATH 21 or GQ	3	STAT 200	4
General Humanities (GH)	3	CHEM 130 or 110/111	3 or 4
PSYCH 100	3	General Art (GA)	3
Interdomain	3	Interdomain	3
New Student Orientation (NSO)	0		
Total	15	Total	16 or 17

APPENDIX B

Jersey College Entrance Requirements

To be accepted into the Jersey College (ADN) program students must:

- Complete two semesters totaling 24 credits at Penn State World Campus
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Receive a combined score of 165 in reading and mathematics (with a minimum of 80 on the reading section) on the Jersey College Entrance Exam.

Jersey College will waive the entrance exam if you meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Have a GPA of 3.0 after the first 12 credits at Penn State.
- Have an SAT of 990 or higher. Or an ACT of 19 or higher.

Students must receive a 2.0 (C) or higher in English 15 and Math 21 to transfer those course credits into the Jersey College ADN program.

Jersey College will provide a scholarship of 10% of the tuition cost for those students entering the program with at least a 3.0 GPA.

APPENDIX C
Transfer Credits Awarded for Jersey College ADN

Jersey College Courses		Penn State Equivalent	Credits
BIO 204/207		BIOL 161/162	4
BIO 205/207		BIOL 163/164	4
BIO 202 includes lab		MICRB 106/107	4
PSY 201		HDFS 129/PSYCH 212	3
HUN 201		NUTR 251/100	3
SOC 201		SOC 1 or SOC 5	3
NUS 215* 3.0 cr (split)		Nursing Supporting Course- Any level	3
NUS 215* 3.5 cr (split)		Nursing Electives	3.5
*or NUS 216			
	Total Transferred Credits		27.5

APPENDIX D

Required Courses to Complete your RN to BSN at Penn State WC

Semester 7 Fall	Credits	Semester 8 Spring	Credits
NURS 390	3	NURS 417	4
NURS 357	3	NURS 475	3
NURS 352	3	NURS 200W	3
NURS 465	3	Nursing Supporting Course 400-level	3
ENGL 202 A, B, C, or D	3	General Elective	1
	15		13

APPENDIX E Pathway for a 1+2+1 BSN

Step 1: First Year at Penn State World Campus	Semester 1 Fall	Credits	Semester 2 Spring	Credits
	ENGL 15	3	CAS 100A, B, or C	3
	MATH 21 or GQ	3	STAT 200	4
	General Humanities (GH)	3	CHEM 130 or 110/111	3 or 4
	PSYCH 100	3	General Art (GA)	3
	Interdomain	3	Interdomain	3
	New Student Orientation	0		
	Total	15	Total	16 or 17
Note: Before you begin your 2nd semester at Penn State, you will need to apply to Jersey College for their RN program. You will need to have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.				
Step 2: Attend Jersey College and complete their ADN Program	Jersey College Courses		Penn State Equivalent	Credits
	BIO 204/207		BIOL 161/162	4
	BIO 205/207		BIOL 163/164	4
	BIO 202 includes lab		MICRB 106/107	4
	PSY 201		HDFS 129	3
	HUN 201		NUTR 251/100	3
	SOC 201		SOC 1 or SOC 5	3
	NUS 215* (split)		Nursing Supporting Course- Any level	3
	NUS 215* 3.5 cr (split)		Nursing Electives	3.5
	*Or NUR 216			
		Total Transferred Credits		27.5
Step 3: Take the NCLIEX Exam and reenroll at PSU			Note: Take the NCLIEX-RN exam and apply for licensure. Contact the Registrar at Penn State World Campus to reenroll to complete your BSN.	
	RN License	33		
	Penn State will award you 33 credits			
Step 4: Complete your BSN at Penn State World Campus	Semester 7 Fall	Credits	Semester 8 Spring	Credits
	NURS 390	3	NURS 417	4
	NURS 357	3	NURS 475	3
	NURS 352	3	NURS 200W	3
	NURS 465	3	Nursing Supporting Course 400-level	3
	ENGL 202A, B, C, or D	3	General Elective	1
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