

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
THE JOSEPH F. McCLOSKEY SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**I. PURPOSE**

The College of Nursing of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) and The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing (JMSON) establish this articulation agreement to facilitate the admission of JMSON graduates into the RN to BSN program at Penn State. JMSON graduates who qualify for admission into Penn State and who have completed the JMSON diploma program requirements will be admitted by Penn State and enrolled into the RN to BSN major (NURN) based on meeting the prerequisites and all conditions of this agreement.

**II. 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:

1. The JMSON will promptly notify Penn State upon any substantive curriculum modification to 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. Penn State will likewise promptly notify JMSON of any substantive curriculum modification to the articulated program.
2. Upon completion of the JMSON diploma program, a student will be considered for admission into the Penn State RN to BSN program (NURN major) if the student has maintained a quality point average of 2.0 (4.0 = A). Calculation of the Grade Point Average for the purpose of admission includes the following:
  - a. All grades including those of repeated courses (credits for repeated courses cannot count more than once).
  - b. Grades from all post-secondary institutions attended (current and prior).
3. Penn State may require a higher quality point average because of space availability or changes in the program. Such requirements will be promptly communicated to the director of the program at JMSON. The change in quality point average will take effect with those students entering JMSON in the fall semester after the institution has been notified.
4. RN to BSN students should follow the admission procedures outlined in the Penn State Bulletin; prior to starting any clinical courses, students must provide evidence of Registered Nurse licensure from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This allows new graduates who are scheduled to take the licensing examination to begin the program. If a person is not awarded a license, he or she must withdraw from the program.


5. Students must complete a series of prerequisite courses before being admitted to The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing major. (See Appendix A for details of the transfer agreement).
6. A grade of "C" or better is required for all prescribed nursing courses. Students must also have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 prior to placement in the required 200-level nursing courses.
7. Penn State College of Nursing recognizes the portfolio assessment policy established by The Pennsylvania State University. The College of Nursing recognizes NLN accredited diploma schools of nursing coursework in lieu of credit by exam for students who meet established criteria. Registered Nurse students meeting established criteria may obtain up to 33 credits based on the Portfolio Assessment (Appendix B).

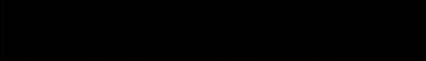
### III. GENERAL CONDITIONS


1. The Agreement should be reviewed every five years and will be revised as necessary. All revisions are to be agreed to by each institution's institutional representatives.
2. 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.
3. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement and terms of understanding between Penn State and JMSON and supersedes any other prior articulation agreements between the two parties.


### IV. AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing and The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatures below.

 2/26/18  
Robert N. Pangborn Date  
Vice President & Dean, Undergraduate Education  
The Pennsylvania State University

 10/30/17  
Cynthia Cappel, DNP, RN Date  
~~Acting~~ Vice President of Education  
Lehigh Valley Health Network

  
Madlyn L. Hanes Date  
Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses  
The Pennsylvania State University

 01/25/18  
Janice Penrod Date  
Interim Dean and Professor, College of Nursing  
The Pennsylvania State University

**Appendix A**  
**PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL and THE JOSEPH F. McCLOSKEY SCHOOL OF**  
**NURSING TRANSFER POLICY**

Students must complete a series of prerequisite courses before being admitted to the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing. These courses are:

BIOL 129, 141, & 142	MICRB 106 & 107	SOC 001 or SOC 005
NUTR 251	PSYCH 100	HDFS 129
ENGL 015 or 030	CAS 100	

The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing graduates may register for non-clinical RN to BSN courses. The first non-clinical course recommendation is Nursing 390: Nursing Transition. This course is designed to help them assess their nursing skills and adjust to the expectations of a bachelor's degree nursing program. All registration for clinical courses requires evidence of Registered Nurse licensure from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Penn State College of Nursing recognizes the portfolio assessment policy established by The Pennsylvania State University. The College of Nursing recognizes NLN accredited diploma schools of nursing coursework in lieu of credit by exam for students who meet established criteria. Registered Nurse students meeting established criteria may obtain up to 33 credits based on the Portfolio Assessment (Appendix B).

Credit by verification or portfolio is not available for the following courses

NURS 200W	NURS 251	NURS 417
NURS 390	NURS 357	Additional 6 credits in NURS 400 level courses
NURS 465	NURS 475	

Students must complete all degree requirements for the RN to BSN degree to be granted. Please see the Recommended Academic Plan for Nursing RN to BSN Degree Program found in the RN to BSN Handbook and meet with your Academic Advisor to monitor progress.

**Appendix B**  
**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Credit By Portfolio Assessment For The Licensed Registered Nurse (RN) Form**

The College of Nursing of the Pennsylvania State University awards up to 33 credits by portfolio assessment for non-PSU fundamental nursing courses. Number of credits awarded depends upon the number of nursing credits transferred from another program/university. To receive the portfolio award, 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 of the portfolio credits award. All students must earn at least 36 of their last 60 credits at Penn State in order to receive a degree from Penn State. In their next-to-last semester, students should contact their adviser to request that their portfolio credits be awarded.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PSU ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current License: State \_\_\_\_\_ License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Portfolio Credits Awarded (up to 33 credits):

NURS 225	3 credits	NURS 230	4 credits
NURS 250	2 credits	NURS 301	4 credits
NURS 305	3 credits	NURS 306	3 credits
NURS 310	3 credits	NURS 320	3 credits
NURS 405B	4 credits	NURS 420	4 credits

Diploma Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Diploma graduates receive 33 portfolio credits.

Associate's degree (AS) graduates receive credits as needed to meet 33 portfolio credits.

Associate's degree program? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

AS NURS Credits \_\_\_\_\_ + Portfolio Credits \_\_\_\_\_ = 33 credits

Adviser or Nursing Program Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_