



ACADEMIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

A.S. in Nursing at Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield, MA and B.S.N. in Nursing (RN-BSN Program) at Elms College, Chicopee, MA

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement for the transfer of Springfield Technical Community College graduates from the *A.S. in Nursing* degree program into the Elms College RN-BSN program.

Objectives of this Agreement:

1. To attract qualified candidates from Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) to full-time and part-time on campus and online RN-BSN program options offered by Elms College.
2. To promote a seamless transition for students from Springfield Technical Community College's Associate's degree in Nursing to full-time or part-time status in the Elms College RN-BSN on campus and online programs.
3. To provide program information and procedural guidelines for part-time and full-time students at Springfield Technical Community College who plan to enroll in the RN-BSN program at Elms College.
4. To encourage academic coordination, collaboration, and joint academic advising between the faculty in the Springfield Technical Community College Nursing Department and the Elms College School of Nursing.
5. To offer STCC part-time and full-time students the opportunity to transfer up to 90 credits into the RN-BSN on campus or online programs at Elms.
6. To offer STCC part-time and full-time NURS.AS students accelerated RN-BSN degree completion programs on ground or online.

Stipulations of this Agreement:

1. This articulation agreement will be in effect for five years and will be renewable for another five years by consent of Springfield Technical Community College and Elms College. This articulation agreement can be reviewed within 90 days after written notice by either party.
2. Elms College provides the opportunity for STCC students to complete the Bachelor's in Nursing (BSN) degree program in 12 or 15 months from the date of enrollment.

3. This articulation agreement will be in force, and should be considered the entire agreement, until superseded by a formal contract between Elms College and Springfield Technical Community College that explicitly replaces this agreement.
4. This agreement will apply to Springfield Technical Community College transfer students who have completed an Associate's degree.
5. This agreement guarantees that students who earn an Associate's degree in Nursing at Springfield Technical Community College will enter Elms B.S. in Nursing (RN-BSN) Program with at least 70 transfer credits. All additional courses taken to satisfy major requirements must meet the standards set by Elms College. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT A.**
6. Transfer students to the Elms College RN-BSN program may transfer up to a maximum of 90 credits for which students have achieved a "C" grade or better within the past 10 years from Springfield Technical Community College. Elms College requires that a minimum of 30 credits must be Elms credits earned as a matriculated Elms College student.
7. Springfield Technical Community College students will be given transfer credit for satisfactorily completing Elms College core requirements, general education requirements, and any acceptable equivalent RN-BSN program requirements, up to the maximum allowed for transfer or necessary to satisfy graduation requirements, at time of admission.

Review and Revision Procedures:

1. Review of this agreement shall take place at least every two years or as needed from the date of the signed agreement.
2. At the request of either party, a review of the contents or implementation of this agreement will be conducted by the programs.
3. Elizabeth Fiscella, Associate Professor/Director of RN-BSN Programs at Elms College and Lisa Fugiel, Director of the STCC Nursing Program may make changes in the attached list of courses accepted for Elms transfer credit without renegotiating the entire agreement.

Assistance Provisions:

1. Springfield Technical Community College and Elms College will list this articulation agreement on their websites and in appropriate print documents at their respective institutions.
2. Springfield Technical Community College and Elms College will collaborate in encouraging qualified students to participate in the RN-BSN program at Elms College by providing the necessary assistance and supports to assure a seamless transition between the two institutions.

Mutual Responsibilities:

1. The Director of Nursing and her/his faculty and the Transfer Counselor at STCC will advise students enrolled in the NURS.AS program at STCC. The attached list of courses accepted for Elms College transfer credit assures maximum transfer of credits that meet the core requirements of Elms College Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree requirements.
2. The Director of the RN-BSN Programs at Elms College, along with the Assistant Director of Off-Campus, Online and Part-Time Admission in the Office of Continuing Education at Elms College will advise and assist transfer applicants in compiling the required credentials for transfer to the Elms College RN-BSN program.
3. Transfer applicants from Springfield Technical Community College applying under this agreement shall be eligible for Elms College financial aid and housing consideration as appropriate to the selected RN-BSN program based on full time or part time status.
4. The final acceptance of off-campus, online and part time applicants comes from the Elms College Dean of Continuing Education.



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ATTACHMENT A
REQUIRED ELMS NURSING COURSES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
(Including course descriptions)

Fall	Spring	Summer
Fall I	Spring I	Summer I
<p>NUR3101: Nursing as a Profession (3 credits) This course is designed as a bridge course for the registered nurse student who is advancing towards the baccalaureate or master's level.</p>	<p>NUR3107: Genomics in Nursing (3 credits) This course provides the student with a basic foundation to understanding the science of genomics and its implications for nursing practice.</p>	<p>NUR4308: Quality and Safety in Healthcare (3 credits) This course provides opportunity for the student to examine and critique aspects of the healthcare system that serve as a foundation for the provision of safe and quality-based patient centered care.</p>
<p>NUR2600: Professional Communication in Nursing (3 credits) This course focuses on communication skills that are essential for professional nurses: clear exposition, persuasive argument, effective synthesis, mastery of mechanics, and confident delivery.</p>	<p>NUR3207: Family Theory (3 credits) This course will introduce the student to the development of family health nursing. It will provide understanding of select theories, frameworks, and concepts that will assist in understanding family dynamics and the relationship to family health promotion.</p>	<p>PHI2408: Healthcare Ethics (3 credits) CORE</p>
<p>NUR3001: Technology for the Online Student (1 credit) This course focuses on developing online skills such as Moodle courses, email and Word documents.</p>		
Fall II	Spring II	Summer II * (12-month Program)
<p>NUR3102: Adult Physical Health Assessment (3 credits) This course designed for the registered nurse who is advancing towards the baccalaureate level and builds upon assessment skills and decision making competencies in the practical application of health assessment as the basis for nursing intervention and practice.</p>	<p>NUR3400: Evidence-Based Nursing (3 credits) Evidence-based practice is a process involving the examination and application of research findings or other reliable evidence that has been integrated with scientific theories.</p>	<p>NUR6400: Leadership and Management (3 credits) The purpose of this leadership/management course is to analyze the organizational and systems premises, theories, research, and contemporary practices in leadership and management.</p>
<p>MAT1009: Statistics (3 credits) CORE</p>	<p>NUR4405: Population Health Nursing (3 credits)</p>	<p>NUR5302: Healthcare Policy and Advocacy (3 credits)</p>

	Current efforts to promote health and decrease acute care utilization represent a major shift in 21 st century goals of the United States healthcare system.	This course focuses on the leadership role of nurses in the development, analysis, advocacy, interpretation and implementation of institutional and public policy for healthcare and clinical practice.
REL: (3 credits) CORE		

** 15-month Program will run the "Summer II" courses in Fall I

STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 30 CREDITS AT ELMS COLLEGE AND EARN A TOTAL OF 120 CREDITS FOR THE B.S.N. DEGREE FROM ELMS COLLEGE.

STCC General Education/Core and Nursing Courses	Credits	Equivalent at STCC
English Comp/Writing (101 and 102)	6	ENG 101, 102
Anatomy & Physiology I & II w/labs	8	BIO 231, 231L,232.232L
Microbiology w/lab	4	BIO 235, BIO 235L
General Psychology	3	PSY 101
Human Growth and Development	3	PSY210
Sociology	3	SOC 101
General Elective	3	Recommendation: ART, HIS, REL, PHL, or MAT 115
Nursing Block of Courses	40	-
Total Nursing A.S. Program at STCC	70	
Elms General Education/Core Required Courses (Taken at STCC, Elms or transferred in.)		
Fine Arts (Music, Art, Theater)	3	Any ART, MUS, THR
History	3	Any HIS
Religion	3	PHL 110 World Religions
Statistics	3	MAT 115
Healthcare Ethics	3	PHL 201 Ethics in the Modern World OR Any PHL Course
Total of Elms General Education/Core Courses	15*	
Elective Credit	4*	
Elms RN-BSN Nursing Courses	31	
Total Degree Completion Credits	50	
Total Elms BSN Credits	120	

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STCC NURS.AS CREDITS	70
ELMS RN-BSN COURSEWORK	31
GENERAL EDUCATION/CORE COURSEWORK*	15
ELECTIVE CREDIT*	4

*STCC, Elms or transferred to Elms.