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This letter of articulation defines the terms of understanding between Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) and BCC Bergen Community College regarding a non-credit course that the achievement of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from RCNJ by students that complete the BCC Associates Degree in Nursing.

RN/BSN ARTICULATION PROGRAM
BETWEEN
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
AND BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGREEMENT made and entered into on 9/28/11 by and between Ramapo College of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as RCNJ and Bergen Community College, hereinafter referred to as BCC.

WHEREAS, RCNJ is a baccalaureate and master's degree granting college dedicated to the provision of instruction in the humanities, the natural, behavioral and social sciences, business education and social work, and health professions;

WHEREAS, BCC is an associate's degree granting college that provides a comprehensive set of affordable, accessible, high quality, full and part-time courses as well as several degree and on-degree programs;

WHEREAS, RCNJ and BCC wish to conduct strong educational programs grounded in the strengths of both institutions without needless duplication of resources;

NOW THEREFORE, RCNJ and BCC wish to enter into an articulation program of education leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

I. General Description of the Program

- A. **Design of the Program** - RCNJ recognizes a dual credit pathway in which students who have earned the associate's degree in nursing from BCC can complete the RCNJ BSN program through a program of study that includes courses that are shared between the two institutions at RCNJ. The program will allow transfer of up to 30 credits from BCC and to identify that an BSN graduate who has completed the BCC nursing program and completed completion coursework will be eligible to receive a baccalaureate degree from RCNJ. Students who complete the AACN standards for practice BSN program and wish to participate in this articulation agreement and earn up to 60 transfer credits, must satisfy the identified courses through prior transfer credit from an accredited institution or BCC prior to the articulation of BSN program at RCNJ.

B. **Routes of Entry** - BCC students who meet the admission requirements will need to apply through the BCC Admissions Office. All students must meet the standards outlined in the outlined plan with minimum financial aid eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

C. **The Program** - The short-term nursing program is a 16-credit program leading to an AAS degree and additional credits. The program is completed in two semesters for a total of 32 credits. The program is designed to meet the needs of the BCC community.

Fall Semester	HRS	Winter Semester	Spring Semester	Credits
NURS 312 - Nursing Informatics	4		NURS 339 - Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 310 - Fundamentals	4		NURS 340 - Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 375 - Nursing Research and EBP	4		NURS 445 - Leadership in a Global World	4
NURS 460 - Management	4		NURSING ELECTIVE	4
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	TOTAL	16

Summary of Credits

AAS degree at BCC: 66
 Additional Credits at BCC: 24
 Nursing and Other Courses: 4
 TOTAL: 94

Additional Credits

Students who complete the 24 credits of the BCC Nursing degree:

The 24 credits are as follows: 4 identified courses, 4 identified electives, and 16 elective courses.

- MAT 150
- COM 132
- PHR 110
- POL 101
- (4) Electives

Academic Advising

RCNJ will assign a Ramapo admissions advisor to assist students with the BCC admission process. BCC will assign a BCC nursing advisor to assist students with the BCC nursing program. Students must meet with their advisors to discuss the program and the admission process.

Students in the BCC AAS Nursing program must meet with their advisors through this orientation. Students must meet with their advisors at BCC and their application fee must be paid.

RCNJ College Graduation Requirements

This MOU allows for exceptions to RCNJ's current graduation requirements for students who transfer to RCNJ through this agreement. All transfer students must complete other courses outlined in the following table, except for the requirement of either course 24780 or 24781, or both, or a student's previous courses at other RCNJ schools.

Program Quality Control

RCNJ and BCC will establish a committee to monitor the course equivalencies and academic preparation of students to ensure each program maintains its standards. BCC Associate Dean of Learning and the Associate Dean of RCNJ will meet at least once a year with the advisors from each program and review the program's processes, procedures, and student learning outcomes.

SELF-INSURANCE BY INSURANCE

Jersey. Any agreement of insurance or other financial arrangement made by the State of New Jersey by a State official or employee shall be subject to all of the provisions of the New Jersey Torts Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Governmental Immunity Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-2 et seq., and the New Jersey Governmental Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-3 et seq., and the liability insurance, but the liability of the State and obligation by the State to be responsible for tort claims against its employees are covered under the provisions of the New Jersey Torts Claims Act. The Act also creates a special self-insurance fund and provides for payment of claims against the State of New Jersey against its employees in the State of New Jersey is obligated to indemnify its employees during a state of class action and new reports on their duties. Claims against the State of New Jersey shall be filed with the Attorney General, Division of Law, Claims Section, Richard Hughes Campus, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey self-fund its Workers Compensation and Disability.

- A. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION** - The parties agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:6-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 10:6-3 through N.J.S.A. 10:6-38, and all rules and regulations issued thereunder.
- B. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT** - The parties agree to comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-350, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.
- C. **COMPLIANCE - LAWS** - The parties shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the contract.
- D. **SUBCONTRACTING AND ASSIGNMENT** - The State shall not subcontract, assign, or assigned in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of both parties. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve either party of any of its responsibilities under the contract.
- E. **MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS** - The parties shall maintain records and documents that the performance of this contract, including but not limited to all reports of the New State Record Keeping Policy. Such records shall be made available to the other party upon request for purposes of evaluation and monitoring of the contract's performance.

IN WITNESS
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Signature

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