

Articulation Agreement
between
St. Louis Community College
and
the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of
the University of the Missouri- St. Louis

RN to BSN Completion

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by University of Missouri-St. Louis, hereinafter referred to as UMSL, and the Junior College District of St. Louis/St. Louis County, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as STLCC. By entering into this agreement, STLCC and UMSL express our mutual commitment to serve students in the St. Louis metropolitan area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement describes the process for Associate Degree in Nursing, hereafter referred to as ADN, graduates to complete the UMSL Bachelor of Science in Nursing, hereafter referred to as BSN at a STLCC campus.

PURPOSE:

These two institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from an ADN or a diploma program as a registered nurse to RN to BSN Completion program by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the ADN prior to transfer. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

For STLCC students entering the RN to BSN completion program, UMSL will credit designated STLCC courses as defined in an addendum to this agreement.

CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT:

Section I: Application and Admissions Criteria for RN to BSN Completion

To apply, students must:

- Complete the University Application
- Submit a \$35.00 Application Fee
- Complete the Supplemental Application
- Submit official transcripts

For students to be admitted to the RN to BSN program, they must meet the following UMSL criteria:

- Admission to the University
- Graduation from a State Board approved associate degree or diploma nursing program

- Evidence of current licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri
- Completion of a minimum of 30 academic (non-nursing) credit hours with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

Section II: Matriculation

RN to BSN students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as UMSL students enrolled under a specific catalogue.

RN to BSN students who have completed the ADN and show evidence of current licensure will have full acceptance into the UMSL RN- BSN Completion program. This acceptance is contingent upon students following the guidelines of the program and conditions of this articulation agreement.

Transfer students will have access to financial aid, scholarships, advising and other student services on the same basis as UMSL students.

When the ADN degree is presented intact, UMSL will conduct no additional review of individual course grades with the exception of a D grade. If the student used a grade of D to complete the Associate Degree or diploma in Nursing and it is a pre-requisite to future coursework at UMSL, the student must retake the pre-requisite course as UMSL students are required to.

RN to BSN students will be required to complete any and all lower level pre-requisite courses to UMSL upper division nursing courses as are required of all students wishing to complete the BSN with UMSL. The ADN does not waive these required courses.

UMSL will apply the same academic admission, progression and graduation standards to students who transfer into the RN to BSN program at STLCC as those applied to UMSL students.

Section III: Facilities and Course Delivery

UMSL and STLCC agree that the courses leading to the completion of the BSN will be offered face- to-face (with the exception of Internet course N3817 Introduction to Nursing and Health Informatics) and will be taught by UMSL faculty on the designated STLCC campus site(s).

UMSL and STLCC agree that the UMSL courses offered each semester will be scheduled on the same one night a week at the same time at the same site for the duration of the program.

STLCC agrees to provide the necessary classroom space each semester on a space available basis.

UMSL and STLCC agree that for the RN to BSN program to continue there must be a minimum of 16 students continuously enrolled.

STLCC and UMSL will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and transfer to UMSL with maximum ease.

STLCC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the opportunities available to them by participating.

STLCC and UMSL will jointly publicize the existence of this articulation agreement.

Section IV: Transfer of Credit

Students with an ADN from STLCC will typically transfer 64 credit hours to UMSL in addition to the 39 clinical hours for completing qualifications as an RN. Acceptance of more than 64 hours of lower division course credit from STLCC will be possible provided that the additional hours are applicable to the baccalaureate degree or/ and are prerequisites to upper division courses in the major; however, in such cases the transferring student must complete all core requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

RN to BSN students must complete the minimum number of course credits from UMSL to meet the graduation requirements for the BSN degree awarded by UMSL.

Section V: Program Plan

Representatives of the advisement staffs of STLCC and UMSL will develop and annually review transfer guides that will provide information on the program and its requirements.

The focused program plan is incorporated as an addendum to this agreement. This addendum specifies the student degree course plan and credit transfer requirements. Such an addendum will be effective when signed by the Chief Academic Officer of the each institution.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year of 2010 and remains in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both institutions. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above and the honoring of the course, program and other requirements attached as appendices to this agreement. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and is subject to review every five years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either institution desire to discontinue the agreement, advance notification of two years will be required for currently enrolled students and if necessary, provisions will be made to accommodate students enrolled in the current cohort.

Additional copies of this agreement are available upon request through the UMSL
Director of Community College Relations, 121 Woods Hall, 314-516-5708.

SIGNATURES:

The Junior College District of St. Louis/St. Louis County, Missouri (STLCC) and
University of Missouri- St. Louis (UMSL) hereby enter into this articulation agreement
leading from the Associate in Arts/Science to a baccalaureate degree by the affixing of
signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

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| Zelema Harris Chancellor St. Louis Community College St. Louis, Missouri | | Donna Dare Vice Chancellor for Education St. Louis Community College St. Louis, Missouri |

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| _____ Date | OR | _____ Date |
| Thomas F. George Chancellor University of Missouri – St. Louis | | Glen Hahn Cope Provost University of Missouri-St. Louis |

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| AND | _____ Date |
| | Julianne G. Sebastian Dean, Nursing University of Missouri- St. Louis |