



## **Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs**

### **Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Boston**

The University of Massachusetts, Boston and Bristol Community College, hereby enter into an agreement (the "Agreement"), to facilitate the transfer of students enrolled in the Associate in Science program in Nursing at Bristol Community College into the RN-BS program in Nursing at University of Massachusetts Boston this 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024.

#### **Objectives:**

1. To attract qualified students to Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Boston.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation between ASN and BSN programs.

#### **Stipulations:**

1. This agreement applies to Bristol students who have obtained an Associate of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse licensure in the state they reside.
2. Bristol Community College students who meet the requirements will receive their Bristol Nursing degree as a package of transfer credit and have the remainder of courses specific to UMass Boston's Nursing requirements for their BSN.

#### **Mutual Responsibilities:**

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives on behalf of each institution.
2. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Boston will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites upon mutual agreement of the language.
3. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts Boston agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, transfer advising and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition between institutions.

#### **Eligibility for Admissions:**

Students in Bristol's Associate in Science in Nursing program will be admitted into UMass Boston's RN-BS program who have met the requirements set forth in this Agreement and the requirements of the University program, contingent upon the following:

1. Successful completion of Bristol Community College Associate in Science in Nursing program as evidenced by an official transcript reflecting a conferred ASN degree and minimum 2.5 GPA.
2. Current valid Massachusetts RN license.
3. Review of Personal Disclosure responses on the admission application.

**Application Process:**

To be admitted to the RN-BS program, students must submit a UMass Boston application and official college transcripts. Students must adhere to application deadlines. A copy of the valid RN License must be submitted prior to class registration. Bristol students will receive the following application benefits based on the articulation agreement: Application Fee Waiver

**Review/Revision:**

1. Designated representatives from each institution will evaluate and review this agreement every two years. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will require a full review of this articulation agreement. Revisions will be implemented with one year's notice prior to termination of the agreement.

**Curriculum and Program:**

1. Students must complete 30 credits in residency at UMass Boston.
2. Five six-credit Nursing Major courses will be completed in an online and asynchronous format.
3. Students must also fulfill all health science prerequisites as well as required general education and distribution requirements to earn a UMass Boston degree.

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**Institution: Bristol Community College**

**Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts Boston**

Students completing their ASN at Bristol Community College will receive a minimum of 30 credits from their ASN program towards their UMass Boston BSN degree, as well as 42 credits awarded from their RN Licensure. The remainder of the courses to complete at UMass Boston will be comprised of major and university general education requirements.

**The following additional courses are required for a UMass Boston degree and can either be taken prior to transferring or at UMass Boston:**

<b>Bristol Community College</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>UMASS Boston Requirement</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>
MTH 119 Fundamental Statistics	<b>3</b>	MATH 125 Introductory Statistics	<b>3</b>

World Language or World Culture	<b>6</b>	Contact UMB for assistance in selecting BRISTOL courses	<b>6</b>
Arts or Humanities	<b>3</b>	Contact UMB for assistance in selecting BRISTOL courses	<b>3</b>
Human Growth and Development	<b>3</b>	Contact UMB for assistance in selecting courses	<b>3</b>

**The following courses must be completed at UMass Boston:**

<b>Courses in Major (must be taken in sequence)</b>	
NUR 314 Pharmacology (C grade required)	3
NUR 360 Professional Issues in Nursing (C+ grade required)	6
NUR 361 Heal Assessment & Promotion (C+ grade required)	6
NU 362 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice (C+ grade required)	6
NU 461 Community Health Nursing for RN's (C+ grade required)	6
NU 462 Legal & Ethical Health Policy (C+ grade required)	6
<b>Total Nursing Credits</b>	<b>33</b>

\*If you have already completed Pharmacology, please consult with the UMass Boston admissions representative to discuss the transferability of the course.

**TERM, TERMINATION AND TEACH-OUT**

This term of this Agreement shall be from 04/05/2024, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

- A. **Without Cause.** This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party by giving written notice to the other at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice.
- B. **With Cause.** If either Party breaches any material term or condition stated herein or fails to perform or fulfill any material obligation required by this Agreement, the nonbreaching party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the alleged breaching party stating the circumstances of the breach at least seven (7) calendar days before the effective date of termination stated in the notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the notice of termination provided by the nonbreaching party may state a period during which the alleged breach may be cured by the breaching party, which cure shall be subject to approval by the nonbreaching party. In the event of a breach the breaching party may be subject to any and all applicable contract rights and remedies available to the University. Applicable statutory or regulatory penalties may also be imposed.

Notwithstanding Sections A and B above, if this Agreement is terminated for any reason while students are participating in the program, all rights and privileges provided under this Agreement to currently enrolled students in the program in Nursing shall continue until the end of the semester in which termination of this Agreement occurs.

University of Massachusetts Boston's designated representative will be the RN-BS program director and Bristol Community College's representative will primarily be the Dean of Nursing.

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties and with respect to the subject matter governed herein, and shall not be deemed to be waived, added to or modified orally; and no waiver, addition, modification, or amendments shall be valid unless in writing, and signed by the authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without giving effect to its conflicts of law principles govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement and all of the transactions it contemplates, including, without limitation, its validity, interpretation, construction, performance and enforcement.

**Forum Selection.** The Parties agree to bring any action arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship between the Parties in the state courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk County, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof. The Community College expressly consents to the jurisdiction of the state courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk County, in any action arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship between the Parties, waiving any claim or defense that such forum is not convenient or proper. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit any other legal rights of the Parties.

The Parties acknowledge that the University is an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No provision (or lack of provision) shall be construed explicitly or implicitly to be a waiver or limitation of the University's sovereign immunity or rights or defenses arising out or related to its sovereign immunity including; but not limited to, its rights under the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act.

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Date 7/8/2024