



Articulation Agreement

For the RN to BSN Nursing Program

Between

Northern Essex Community College

and

Southern New Hampshire University – College of Online and Continuing Education

I. PURPOSE OF THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

1. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) and the Northern Essex Community College (NECC), in the spirit of academic cooperation, and in order to facilitate the seamless transfer of ADN nursing graduates Northern Essex Community College to SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education (SNHU-COCE), hereby do enter into an academic articulation agreement. Successful implementation of the Agreement is dependent upon communication of its content to all involved participants and the assumption of responsibility by both institutions for such communications.

The purpose of the agreement is to provide an accessible and affordable nursing educational continuum that will enable Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree in Nursing program graduates to move seamlessly into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program with SNHU. Graduates and alumni may transfer a minimum of 60 credits and a maximum of 90 credits from Northern Essex Community College to a SNHU Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), provided the criteria outlined in Section II are met.

II. TRANSFER PATHWAY(S)

1. SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education welcomes students who wish to transfer from Northern Essex Community College. To be eligible for unconditional enrollment under this articulation agreement into the BSN program at SNHU, the student must submit proof of having been awarded an Associate degree in Nursing from Northern Essex Community College in the form of an official transcript from the Northern Essex Community College and submit proof of successfully passing the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.
2. As SNHU is regionally accredited, all academic course work in which a student has earned a grade of "C" or higher is fully transferable based on the attached course equivalents. Academic course work in which a student has earned a "C-" or better will transfer provided the Overall GPA of transferring coursework is a 2.5 or higher.



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3. **Based on the attached transfer schedule (Appendix 1)**, SNHU guarantees transferability of the included credits from the Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree in Nursing to the SNHU Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Up to 90 credits may be accepted in transfer toward a bachelor degree program.
4. Students transferring from Northern Essex Community College may enroll at SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education as full or part time students.
5. NECC students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for conditional admission by SNHU, but admission will not be guaranteed.

III. TERMS

1. In recognition of this agreement to articulate, and provided the individual identifies Northern Essex Community College on his or her application form, all NECC associate degree nursing graduates/alumni will receive a **ten percent (10%) tuition reduction** on classes taken at Southern New Hampshire University - College of Online and Continuing Education, applicable as of the date this Agreement is fully executed by the parties below. No tuition credit or refund shall be made retroactively for any eligible NECC alumnus already enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University on the date of execution of this Agreement; however, the tuition reduction shall be applied to such eligible nursing graduates for course enrollments following the execution of this Agreement. Programs offered at military tuition assistance levels are not subject to this reduction. Northern Essex Community College associate degree nursing graduates must inform Southern New Hampshire University admissions representatives that they are transferring under the Nursing Articulation Agreement to receive their tuition reduction.

Southern New Hampshire University may change its tuition rates at any time at its sole discretion and the reduction will be calculated based on the current tuition in effect for the applicable academic term for the enrolled program. Eligible employees and alumni shall not be entitled to any other reduction and are subject to all other admission and continuation requirements as set forth in the respective Southern New Hampshire University policies and catalogs.

2. Southern New Hampshire University agrees to provide Northern Essex Community College, on official letterhead and at their request, an annual update of student enrollment and academic progress, to include general data on how many students have transferred to Southern New Hampshire University, completed at least three terms and are making satisfactory academic progress through their program (as defined in the SNHU catalog).

3. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the fully executed document, shall be reviewed annually and shall continue until terminated. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing. Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction. Both parties agree to teach out the then current Consortium program for students enrolled prior to the date of termination of the Agreement.
4. The official, signed document, stamped "ORIGINAL" is to be filed in the Southern New Hampshire University VPAA office, and signed copies will be distributed to appropriate parties.
5. Admission criteria, academic requirements, and other admission requirements will be subject to the applicable Catalog at the time of the students' admission . Students who have begun their Northern Essex Community College program of study or students in the process of enrolling prior to the effective date of any without cause termination will be grandfathered in to continue receiving the discount offered in this Agreement until such time such students complete or discontinue enrollment in their program.
6. This Articulation Agreement is based on the current curriculum of both educational institutions. Each institution is responsible for notifying the other of any substantive changes to the curriculum.
7. The parties grant to each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and servicemarks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to Northern Essex Community College students and alumni. Use of trademarks, servicemarks and logos will comply with use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return any and all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at termination or expiration of the Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or servicemarks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or servicemarks.
8. Northern Essex Community College agrees to regularly communicate information regarding this agreement to students via email and direct mail (costs to be incurred by SNHU), via Northern Essex Community College website, and to host SNHU representatives on campus for recruitment activities during the academic school year. Northern Essex Community College agrees to allow access to ADN alumni director information as defined by NECC pursuant to FERPA for direct advertising efforts. SNHU

- agrees to collaborate with Northern Essex Community College to promote this agreement and provide support services including information for advising and transition services.
9. The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives or employees of the other.
 10. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.

IV. CONTACTS FOR COORDINATION:

All notices and other communications required hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or received when using overnight courier or three business days after being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

General Articulation Communication to Southern New Hampshire University:

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College of Online and Continuing Education
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Northern Essex Community College
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or to such other persons or places as either party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other.

DATE: _____

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APPENDIX 1

Articulation Guide

Northern Essex Community College
 Associate Degree in Nursing
 to
 SNHU B.S. Nursing
 2+2 Pathway Online

Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree Nursing Courses (Courses may vary):		Southern New Hampshire University BS Nursing Courses	
General Education Requirements			
ENG101	3	ENG122 College Composition I	3
ENG102	3	ENG123 College Composition II	3
MAT125*	4*	IHP 340 Applied Statistics	3
MAT Elective* (MAT 120, 122 or 130)	3/4*	MAT Elective	3
BIO121	4	BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO122	4	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO220	4	Microbiology	4
PSY101	3	PSY 108 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY110	3	PSY 211 Lifespan Growth & Development	3
Elective*	3*	HIS, LIT or PHL General Education Elective	3
Elective*	3*	HIS, LIT or PHL General Education Elective	3
Elective*	3*	ECO & SCS Social Behavioral Elective	3
N/A	-	IHP 220 Normal & Therapeutic Nutrition or Challenge Exam	3
	24-39		42
Nursing Courses			
Clinical Nursing Credits from AD Program	36	Clinical Nursing Credits from AD Program	36
		RN to BSN Courses at SNHU	30
Free Electives			
SOC101	3	Free Elective (to replace SNHU 107)	3
NUR110	4	Free Elective (additional nursing credits >36)	4
Humanities Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Elective*	2	Free Elective	2
	10-12		12
Total Transferable Credits	70-87	Total Credits Required SNHU	120

The Associate of Science in Nursing program at NECC is 70 credits and all credits will transfer into Southern New Hampshire University RN to BSN program.

*These BSN required General Education courses may be taken at NECC and transferred or they may be taken at SNHU

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Nursing Courses	
NUR 310 Nursing Leadership & Management	6
NUR 320 Patient-Centered Assessments	6
NUR 330 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice	6
NUR 410 Community and Global Health	6
NUR 480 Legal, Ethical & Health Policy and Capstone	6
Additional Courses	
Therapeutic Nutrition or NLN Challenge Exam	3
Credits taken only at SNHU	33
Total Credits in SNHU Bachelor's Degree	120

SNHU accepts up to 90 credits towards a bachelor's degree. Should a student decide to take additional courses through NECC beyond the associate's degree to maximize transfer credits, the above courses are provided as a mapping tool. A 90-credit transfer would leave students with a minimum of 30 credits remaining to complete at SNHU for their BS Nursing.

Total Allowable Transferred Credits	90	Credits left to complete Bachelor's Degree 30