

This letter of agreement delineates the terms of understanding between Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) and BCC Bergen Community College regarding a program that would facilitate the achievement of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from RCNJ by students/graduate of the BCC Associates Degree in Science Program in Nursing.

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

AGREEMENT made and entered into on 9/28/18 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 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;  
and

WHEREAS, BCC is an associate's degree granting community college dedicated to offering a comprehensive set of affordable, accessible, high-quality credit and non-credit courses as well as degree and on-degree programs;  
and

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 confirm in writing the terms of mutual and individual responsibilities related to the articulated program of education leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

I. General Description of the Program

- A. **Design of the Program** – RCNJ proposes a plan whereby Nursing students who have earned the associates degree in Nursing from BCC, can enroll in the RCNJ BSN program through a program of study that includes courses taught at BCC and courses at RCNJ. The program will allow transfer of up to 90 credits from BCC and require that all BSN graduates satisfy the upper level Nursing and remaining degree completion coursework as identified in the curriculum checksheet. Any and all students who complete the AAS in Nursing degree through BCC, wishing to participate in this articulation agreement and earn up to 90 transfer credits, must satisfy the identified courses through prior transfer credit from an accredited institution or BCC, prior to the enrollment in the BSN program at RCNJ.

B. **Routes of Entry** – BCC students who meet the established admission criteria will need to apply through the RCNJ Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions. All students must meet the standard admissions requirements. All students participating in the outlined plan will maintain financial aid eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

C. **The Program** – The chart below outlines the Ramapo portion after completion of the AAS degree and additional credits. The BSN portion may be completed in 3 semesters for those completing the 90 credits through BCC.

<b>Ramapo</b>					
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>HRS</b>	<b>Winter Semester</b>	<b>HRS</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>HRS</b>
NURS 312 – Nursing Informatics	4	Elective	4	NURS 330 – Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 316 – Pathophysiology	4	Elective (Leadership Skills)	2	NURS 425 – Community Centered Nursing	4
NURS 325 – Nursing Research and EBP	4			NURS 445 – Leadership in a Global World	4
NURS 460 – Clinical Management	4			NURSING ELECTIVE	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

**Summary of Credits**

AAS degree at BCC – 66  
 Additional Credits at BCC – 24  
 Nursing and Other Courses at RCNJ – 38  
 TOTAL – 128

**Additional Credits at BCC**

Students should take the 24 credits in addition to the requirements of the AAS Nursing degree.

The 24 credits are as follows, 4 identified courses and 4 electives, all 3 credits each;

- MAT 150
- COM 102
- PHR 110
- POL 101
- (4) Electives, at least 100 level or above

**Academic Advising and Recruitment**

RCNJ will assign a Ramapo admissions and academic advisor to BCC and work with the BCC Nursing faculty to host information sessions and advisement sessions to assist students in accomplishing all coursework as outlined on the curriculum checksheet.

Students in the BCC AAS Nursing program who have identified that they wish to progress through this articulation program and to the RCNJ BSN will apply to RCNJ in their last semester at BCC and their application fee will be waived.

### **RCNJ College Graduation Requirements**

This MOU allows for exceptions to RCNJ's current transfer and residency requirements for students who transfer to RCNJ through this agreement. All upper level Nursing requirements and other courses outlined in the remaining (38) credits in the curriculum checksheet must be RCNJ to ensure that the final 38 credits of a student's program courses are taught by RCNJ faculty.

### **Program Quality Control**

RCNJ and BCC will establish a committee to monitor the course equivalencies and academic preparation of students to ensure each program continues to meet its professional standards. The BCC Associate Dean of Nursing and the Assistant Dean of RCNJ Nursing program will meet twice a year with the advisors from each program and review the progress of the program as well as processes, procedures, and student learning outcomes.

**SELF-INSURANCE BY INSTITUTION** – INSTUTION is an agency of the State of New Jersey. Any agreement or arrangement signed or entered into on behalf of 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, NJSA 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, NJSA 59:13-1, et seq., and the availability of appropriations. The State of New Jersey does not carry public liability insurance, but the liability of the State and obligation of the State to be responsible for tort claims against its agencies and employees are covered under the terms and provision of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. The Act also creates a special self-insurance fund and provides for payment and claims against the State of New Jersey against its employees for which the State of New Jersey is obligated to indemnify against tort claims which arise out of the performance of their duties. Claims against the University or its employees should be referred for handling to the Attorney General, Division of Law, Claims Service Section, Richard Hughes Complex, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey self-fund for Works Compensation and Disability.

- A. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION** – The parties agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A 10:2-4, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A 10:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issues there under.
- B. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILTY ACT** – The parties agree to comply with all provisions of the American with Disability Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. 14
- C. **COMPLIANCE – LAWS** – The parties shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the contract.
- D. **SUBCONTRACTION OR ASSIGNMENT** – The Agreement may not be subcontract or assigned in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of both parties. Such consent, if grated, shall not relieve either party of any of its responsibilities under the contract.
- E. **MAINTENACE OF RECORDS** – The parties shall maintain records associated with the performance of this contract in accordance with the applicable provisions of the NJ State Record Retention Policy. Such records shall be made available to either party upon request for purpose of conduction and audit or for ascertaining other information.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and date below.

Bergen Community College

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