

**Articulation Agreement
between
Mercyhurst University
and
Jamestown Community College
for the B.S. Nursing Program**

This document sets forth the conditions, which the parties agree to, upon which Mercyhurst University will admit graduates of Jamestown Community College into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing degree program at Mercyhurst University.

A. Rationale for the articulation agreement

This agreement applies to graduates of Jamestown Community College's ACEN-accredited Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) program in Nursing. Jamestown Community College is an established community college and member of the State University of New York system of higher education. The purpose of this agreement is to ensure, through clear communication, the efficient and orderly movement of students between the institutions while guaranteeing students' continuous advancement in learning. Specifically, this transfer articulation agreement outlines opportunities for graduates of the A.A.S. in Nursing degree program at Jamestown Community College to enter the Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) completion program at Mercyhurst University.

B. Description of how the agreement may be renewed or terminated

1. Jamestown Community College agrees to promptly notify Mercyhurst University upon any substantive modification to the curriculum, and further agrees that the terms of this agreement will no longer hold unless Mercyhurst provides a written approval that the curricular changes do not alter the intent of this agreement.
2. Mercyhurst University agrees to provide Jamestown Community College with information about the B.S. in Nursing program of study and any changes to the curriculum, should they occur. Conditions for admission into the B.S. in Nursing program are stipulated in Section C of this document.
3. Jamestown Community College and Mercyhurst University agree to review the terms, conditions, and effects of this agreement every two years.

4. The terms of this agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other party.

C. Admission requirement and transfer of academic credits

Mercyhurst University agrees that graduates of the ACEN-accredited A.A.S. program in Nursing at Jamestown Community College will be guaranteed admission into the B.S. Nursing program at Mercyhurst University and will be granted at least 64 transfer credits toward the 120 credit requirement for the B.S. degree in Nursing at Mercyhurst University, if they satisfy the following conditions:

1. Graduates of the A.A.S. program in Nursing degree program at Jamestown Community College must complete the Mercyhurst admissions process, which includes submitting an admissions application and providing the application fee and all transcripts from post-secondary institutions.
2. Applicants to the RN to BSN program at Mercyhurst University must meet the admissions requirements of the University as well as all RN to BSN program requirements.
3. Guaranteed admission for graduates of the A.A.S. program in Nursing into the B.S. completion program in Nursing is contingent upon the JCC graduate applying to Mercyhurst University two months prior to the beginning of classes.
4. Successful transfer students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA in all attempted courses at the post-secondary level.
5. Transfer students must achieve a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 in their transferred Nursing courses.
6. Acceptance of Credit: Graduates of the Jamestown Community College A.A.S. in Nursing program automatically transfer all 64 credits of coursework required for that degree toward fulfillment of the Mercyhurst University RN to BSN degree requirements. They can also transfer up to 18 additional credits of courses required for the BSN by taking additional Jamestown Community College courses not required for the A.A.S. in Nursing degree. Students who successfully complete all of these additional Jamestown Community College courses can complete the BSN in one (1) year at Mercyhurst. Table 1 provides specific information regarding the transfer of Jamestown Community College courses.
7. Satisfactory academic progress: To maintain satisfactory academic progress for financial aid, students must have completed (including appropriate Jamestown Community College courses) 71 credits required for the BSN by the end of the fourth semester (an additional summer term may be included in the time frame). To ensure the continued receipt of Federal financial aid awards, students are encouraged to be familiar with grading policies at Jamestown Community College and Mercyhurst University. For example, courses completed with less than C at other institutions will not transfer to Mercyhurst University, nor will credit be awarded for courses completed pass/fail.

Table 1 - BSN Major Requirements - Mercyhurst University

Mercyhurst Requirement Course Number, Title, and Credits		Equivalent Jamestown Community College Course Number, Title, and Credits	
Nursing Program Requirements			
NURS 135	Nursing I & II (5)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (5)</i>	
NURS 155	Pharmacology (4)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (4)</i>	
NURS 150/151	Nursing III & Lab (6)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (6)</i>	
NURS 230/231	Nursing IV & Lab (12)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (12)</i>	
NURS 240A/241A	Nursing V-A & Lab (7)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (7)</i>	
NURS 240B/241B	Nursing V-B & Lab (7)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (7)</i>	
NURS 300	Professional Advancement (3)		
NURS 301	Research & EBP (4)		
NURS 302	Intro to Informatics (3)		
NURS 303	Chronicity (3)		
NURS 400	Health Promotion and Prevention (3)		
NURS 401	Nursing in the Community (6)		
NURS 402	Global Perspectives in Health (3)		
NURS 404	Leadership in Nursing (6)		

REACH (Liberal Arts Requirements)			
<u>Freshman Year Experience</u>			
iMU 101	Introduction to Mercyhurst (1 credit)	Not required for transfer students who have earned 30+ credits	
iMU 102	Involvement at Mercyhurst (1 credit)		
COMP 120	Writing and Research (3 credits)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (3)</i>	

<u>Liberal Arts Experience</u>			
Reason and Faith (6 total credits)		choose 6 credits from different prefixes (6 credits)	
CST, PHIL, RLST (choose 2 from different prefixes)	PHL xxxx	Any PHL course	
	REL xxxx	Any REL course	
	ANT 1530	Comparative Religion	

	ANT/HIS 2570	History of World Religions
Expression (6 total credits)		
ART, DAN, MUS, THEA, (choose 1)	choose 6 credits from different prefixes, one must be an ENG-literature (6 credits)	
	ART xxxx	Any ART course
	DAN xxxx	Any DAN course
	MUS xxxx	Any MUS course
	THE xxxx	Any THE course
ENG (choose 1)	ENG xxxx	Any literature based ENG course
Analytical Thought (7-8 total credits)		
BIO, CHEM, GEOL, PHYS, SCI (choose 1)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (4)</i>	
MATH, STAT (choose 1)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (3)</i>	
Contexts and Systems (6 total credits)		
choose 6 credits from different prefixes (6 credits)		
ECON, HIS, POLI (choose 2 from different prefixes)	ECO xxxx	Any ECO course
	HIS xxxx	Any HIS course
	POL xxxx	Any POL course
Humans in Connection (6 total credits)		
ANTH, PSYC, SOC, WL, and all WL Prefixes (e.g. ARAB, FREN) (choose 2 from different prefixes)	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (6)</i>	
Other REACH Requirements		
BTG 330	Beyond the Gates	
ETH 400	Senior Capstone Ethics	
Additional Courses		
BIO 250	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	<i>fulfilled upon completion of the A.A.S. Nursing degree from JCC (4)</i>
BIO 251	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	

