

# James Madison University R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program Memorandum of Agreement

## James Madison University and Reynolds Community College

James Madison University (JMU) and Reynolds Community College (JSRCC), recognizing the need for registered nurses to achieve baccalaureate degrees in nursing through an education system that promotes seamless academic progression, hereby resolve to adopt a James Madison University R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program Memorandum of Agreement.

The R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program is designed for nursing students who wish to obtain an Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Nursing at JSRCC and complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N) Degree via the R.N. to B.S.N. Program at JMU. Students who 1) have been accepted into the Reynolds Community College nursing program, 2) present transcripts reflecting a cumulative GPA on all college work attempted of 2.5 or better on a 4-point scale, 3) have completed all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better, 4) are able to meet JMU School of Nursing Technical Standards for nursing practice (posted on the JMU School of Nursing website), and 5) complete a transcript review with the R.N. to B.S.N. program that reflects all prerequisite courses have been or will be completed by the time a student will enter the first co-enrollment semester are eligible for the R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program and will follow the R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Curriculum Outline and Advising Guide.

The Co-Enrollment Program Memorandum of Agreement provides JSRCC nursing students with the opportunity to dually enroll at JMU as Non-Degree Seeking Students while completing the Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Nursing at JSRCC. For a two-year period, JSRCC nursing students enroll in specified JMU R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program courses and JSRCC Clinical Component nursing courses concurrently; a total of 26 nursing credits earned during the co-enrollment period (thirteen credits earned at JSRCC and thirteen credits earned at JMU) will be applied toward the B.S.N Degree. After students earn the Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Nursing at JSRCC and obtain a current unrestricted R.N. license in any state, Washington D.C., or a U.S possession or territory, they will be admitted to the JMU R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program as a degree-seeking student and will have the application fee waived. Students must complete their Associate Degree in nursing from JSRCC within three years; failure to complete an associate degree in nursing from JSRCC will result in automatic removal from the JMU R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program.

R.N. to B.S.N. Co-Enrollment Program students must, prior to graduation with a B.S.N. degree, provide proof of employment as an R.N. for a minimum of 540 hours. Students will receive 37 experiential portfolio credits upon presenting the Proof of Employment documentation. Additional requirements to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing include:

- Thirteen additional general education credits that may be taken concurrently at JSRCC and/or JMU with nursing course work but must be completed prior to graduation. These required General Education courses are:
  - o Cluster 2: Human Questions and Contexts (3 credit hours)

- o Cluster 2: Visual and Performing Arts (3 credit hours)
- o Cluster 2: Literature (3 credit hours)
- o Cluster 4: The American Experience (4 credit hours)
- Three additional JMU RN to BSN Program requirement credit hours that may be taken concurrently at JSRCC and/or JMU with nursing course work but must be completed prior to graduation.
- o Completion of all nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better
- o Official transcripts for all transfer and affiliated courses are on file in the JMU Office of the Registrar
- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate (includes transfer credit from JSRCC).
   Of the 120 credit hours, students must earn a minimum of 60 credit hours at a four-year institution and a minimum 30 credit hours at JMU.

Accompanying this Memorandum of Agreement is a <u>Curriculum Outline and Advising Guide</u>, which specifies the courses that the student will take at JSRCC and JMU.

## TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

- 1. JSRCC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Memorandum of Agreement at JSRCC. JMU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of this Memorandum of Agreement at JMU.
  - Representing JMU will be the Vice Provost for Academic Development.
  - Representing JSRCC will be the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- 2. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this Memorandum of Agreement to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). JMU and JSRCC will review this Memorandum of Agreement every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing Memorandum of Agreement.
- 3. The Memorandum of Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the Memorandum of Agreement may take advantage of its terms for four years after termination becomes effective.

**Approval of Memorandum of Agreement:** 

Dr. Kimber Britt

Vice President of Academic Affairs

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## Curriculum Outline and Advising Guide: JMU School of Nursing RN-BSN Co-Enrollment Plan

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Note: This document is only a guide.

JMU requires that students eam 120 credit hours to graduate. Of the 120 credit hours, students must earn a minimum of 60 credit hours at a four-year institution and a minimum 30 credit hours at JMU.

JSRCC AAS Nursing Program Admission Requirements Course Title JMU Course Equivalent Course Credits Awarded by JMU BIO 290 & 270 BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Physiology I12 ENG 111 College Composition I WRTC 100 PSYC 160 PSY 230 Developmental Psychology 3 SDV 100 College Success Skills Non-Transferable Total Required JSRCC Prerequisite Credits Accepted by JMU 10

JSRCC Cou	irses		JMU Courses			
Course Title	JMU Course Equivalent	Course Credits Awarded by JMU	Course Title	Course Credits Awarded by JMU		
Fall Semester (1	<sup>st</sup> Year)		Fall Semester (1st Year	)		
NSG 100 Introduction to Nursing Concepts	NSG 350	4	NSG 324 RN/BSN Strategies for Success	1		
NSG 106 Competencies for Nursing Practice	NSG 351	2	NSG 325 Concepts in Aging	3		
BIO 142 Human Anatomy & Physiology II <sup>12</sup>	BIO Credit	4				
NSG 130 Professional Nursing Concepts	Non-Transferable	0				
NSG 200 Health Promotion and Assessment	Non-Transferable	0				
Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Pr	rogram	10	Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	4	Total Semester Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	14
Spring Semester	(1st Year)		Spring Semester (1st Yea	r)		
NSG 152 Health Care Participant	Non-Transferable	0	NSG 464 Introduction to Nursing Research	3		
NSG 170 Health/Illness Concepts	Non-Transferable	0				
BIO 150 Introductory Microbiology <sup>1</sup>	BIO 280	4				
Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Pr	rogram	4	Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	3	Total Semester Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	7
Fall Semester (2	<sup>nd</sup> Year)		Fall Semester (2nd Year	)		
NSG 210 Health Care Concepts I	NSG 356	3	NSG 462 Issues in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3		
NSG 211 Health Care Concepts II	NSG 356L	4				
ENG 112 College Composition II	WRTC 103	3				
Course Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to	BSN Program	10	Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	3	Total Semester Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	13
Spring Semester (2nd Year)			Spring Semester (2nd Yea			
NSG 252 Complex Health Concepts	Non-Transferable	0	NSG 460 Healthcare Informatics	3		
NSG 230 Advance Professional Nursing Concepts	Non-Transferable	0				
NSG 270 Nursing Capstone	Non-Transferable	0				
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective 3		3			m 13	
Course Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to	BSN Program	3	Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	3	Total Semester Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	6
Total JSRCC Co-Enrollment Credits to Coun SSN Program	t Toward JMU RN to	27	Total JMU Co-Enrollment Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	13	Total Co-Enrollment Credits to Count Toward JMU RN to BSN Program	40

End of Co JSRCC/JMU Enrollment: Students will be automatically admitted into the traditional RN to BSN Program providing that the JSRCC Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing has been earned and a current unrestricted RN license has been obtained.

<sup>1</sup> BIO 141, BIO 142, AND BIO 150 - A grade of "C" or higher is required. These courses must be repeated if they were taken more than eight years prior to application for admission to the PVCC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Both BIO 141 and BIO 142 must be completed to receive BIO 270 and 290 credit; additionally, both courses must be completed AT THE SAME INSTITUTION.

<sup>3</sup> JSRCC Humanities/Fine Arts elective PHI 227 will fulfill the JMU RN to BSN program's Philosophy requirement.

### JMU RN to BSN Program

Course Title	Course Credits Awarded by JMU
Fall Semester (3rd Year)	
NSG 333 Health Assessment	3
NSG 463 Professional Role Transition	3
Total Semester Credits	6
Spring Semester (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	
NSG 461 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology	3
NSG 471 Leadership and Management in Healthcare	3
Total Semester Credits ,	6
Summer Semester (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	
NSG 466 Community Health Practicum	1
NSG 469 Caring for the Public's Health: Community Health Nursing	4
Total Semester Credits	5
Total JMU RN to BSN Program Credits	17

**Experiential Learning Credit** 

Credit Source	Course Credits Awarded by JMU
Licensed RN Clinical Practice Credits	12
Professional Portfolio Credits	25
Total Experiential Learning Credits	37

Additional JMU RN to BSN Program Requirements: The following RN to BSN requirements must be completed - at the student's discretion at either JSRCC and/or JMU- prior to graduating from JMU.

JMU RN to BSN Program Requirement	JMU Courses	JSRCC Courses (equivalents for transfer)	Course Credits Awarded by JMU
Sociology (Choose one)	SOCI 000, 101, 374	SOCI 200, 201, or 215	3
al Additional JMU RN to BSN Program Requirement Cred	its		3

Additional General Education Requirements: The following JMU General Education requirements must be completed - at the student's discretion at either JSRCC and/or JMU- prior to graduating from JMU.

JMU General Education Requirements	JMU Courses	JSRCC Courses	Course Credits Awarded by JMU  3  3
eneral Education Cluster 2: Human Questions and Contexts	HIST 101; HIST 102; HUM 250; HUM 251; HUM 252; PHIL 101; REL 101	HIS 111 or 112; HUM 201, 202, 211, 212, 215, 216, or 259; PHI 100, 101, 102, 200, 211 or 212; REL 230 or REL 231	
General Education Cluster 2: Visual and Performing Arts	ART 200; ARTH 205; MUS 200; THEA 210	ART 100, 101, 102, 105, 111, 112, 201, or 202; MUS 121 or 122; CST 130 or 141	
General Education Cluster 2: Literature	ENG 222; ENG 235; ENG 236; ENG 239; ENG 247; ENG 248; ENG 260; HUM 200	ENG 230, 233, 236, 237, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 267, 268, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 276 or 278; HUM 111 or 112	
General Education Cluster 4: The American Experience	HIST 225, HIST 000: POSC 225	PLS 130, 135 or 211 OR HIS 121 and HIS 122. NOTE: both HIS 121 and HIS 122 must be successfully completed in order to fulfill the requirement.	4
otal Additional General Education Credits			13

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Credit Source	Course Credits Awarded by JMU
Total JSRCC Prerequisite Credits	10
Total JSRCC Co-Enrollment Credits Accepted by JMU and Applied to JMU RN to BSN Program	27
Total JMU Co-Enrollment Credits Applied to JMU RN to BSN Program	13
Total JMU RN to BSN Program Credits	17
Total Experiential Learning Credits	37
Total Additional JMU RN to BSN Program Credits	3
Total Additional General Education Credits	13
Total Credits	120

#### Co-Enrollment Period Information

To enroll in JMU Nursing courses as a Non-Degree Seeking Student during the Two-Year Co-Enrollment Period:

Complete and submit the Non-Degree Seeking Student Application Form, including information about residency. Apply online at <a href="http://www.applyweb.com/apply/imucess/index.html">http://www.applyweb.com/apply/imucess/index.html</a>. Choose "Create Your Account," and then proceed to "Non-Degree Seeking Student Application." When you submit your application, there will be a \$20 application fee that can be paid online with a credit or debit card, or by electronic check.

Estimated Cost of Enrollment as a Non-Degree Seeking Student at JMU During the Two Year Co-Enrollment Period\*\*\*: Includes Application Fee and Tuition:

1st Semester \$1642

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester \$1194

3rd Semester \$1244 4rh Semester \$1194

\$5274 Total

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>The university reserves the right to adjust tuition and fee charges because of rising costs or other conditions upon approval of the JMU Board of Visitors.