

**Articulation Agreement
Between
Metropolitan Community College and
The University of Kansas, through its School of Nursing**

Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is to set guidelines for establishing a cooperative relationship between the two programs and to facilitate mobility of students who complete their associate degree program in nursing from Metropolitan Community College (MCC) to transfer to the University of Kansas, School of Nursing (KUSON) for the attainment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Admission to the University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Nursing:

Students who complete an Associate Degree in Nursing at MCC and who are licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) will be prepared to apply to the RN-BSN degree completion program at the KUSON provided they meet the nursing program admission requirements specified in the University of Kansas Undergraduate Catalog and admission policies such as, Technical Standards, Student Participation Requirements, etc. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the Graduate program.

Transfer Credit Agreement:

- A. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the KUSON. A minimum of 30 credit hours of junior-senior (300-400 level) credit must be taken from the KUSON. A minimum of 45 upper division credit hours must be demonstrated on the student's transcript.
- B. Students who graduate with an Associate Degree in Nursing from MCC, are licensed as an RN, and transfer to the KUSON will be granted junior level status upon admission to the KUSON RN-BSN program.
- C. Each student seeking admission to the KUSON from MCC will have their entire individual college portfolio reviewed for appropriateness of course transfer.
- D. In addition, each student seeking admission to the KUSON from MCC will have their college transcript reviewed for determination of nursing credit transfer. This two-part process is known as a 'Portfolio Review.' The purpose of this review is to determine the number of credit hours the individual can be awarded based on congruency between the basic BSN nursing curriculum at the KUSON and courses taken at MCC that contain substantially similar content. Content deemed substantially similar to the course content from the KUSON will be the basis upon which credit is awarded to the student at the course-level consistent with the similar course from the KUSON.

Termination:

In the event of termination of this relationship by either party for any reason, all parties agree to cooperate in furnishing the required educational services until every student under this agreement enrolled at the KUSON has either completed the degree requirements, has withdrawn, or is no longer eligible to continue (in the event a student does not meet the requirements to earn the BSN through the RN-BSN program). Absent extraordinary circumstances, neither party shall be required to allow enrollment to any student covered by this agreement for more than four semesters.

Academic Policy and Regulations:

Unless otherwise identified specifically in this agreement, all other academic policies and regulations of the KUSON and the University of Kansas that are described in the catalogs of both the KUSON and the University of Kansas and the KUSON Student Handbook shall apply to all MCC students admitted to the KUSON RN-BSN program.

Articulation Agreement Specifications:

This agreement is valid from the date of authorized signature of all identified parties. This agreement will remain in effect unless terminated by either party. Termination shall be preceded by written notification to the other party of intention to terminate one semester prior to the termination date. Both parties may agree to review, amend, or modify this agreement at any time.

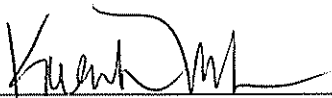
This agreement and the rights of the parties shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

Financial Aid Specifications:

Students in the nursing contracted articulation program are eligible to receive financial aid for semesters in which they are enrolled in at least half time enrollment. There may be times when a student is taking courses on multiple campuses. When this occurs, the student financial aid offices may enter into a Consortium Agreement, with one campus awarding financial aid for the course work that is being completed on both campuses. During the time that a student is conditionally admitted as a student, completing prerequisite course work for the University of Kansas, School of Nursing, the community college will be the home school, providing financial assistance to the student. Once the student has completed the prerequisites for the program and becomes fully admitted at KUMC, the Student Financial Aid Office at KUMC will provide the financial assistance.

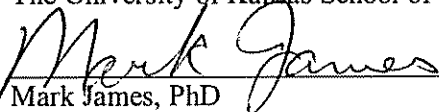
Signatures:

Representatives of the parties listed indicate their concurrence with this articulation agreement by their signatures below. The agreement shall be effective from the date of signature. A signed original of this contract will be kept on file in The University of Kansas School of Nursing.



Karen L. Miller, RN, PhD, FAAN
Dean
The University of Kansas School of Nursing

9.11.2012
Date



Mark James, PhD
Chancellor
Metropolitan Community College

9/11/12
Date