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**EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

RN to BS with a Nursing Major

THIS AGREEMENT, is made this 24 day of January, 2005, between EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter "ESU") and LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (hereinafter "LCCC") agree to mutual cooperation in the articulation of Nursing students between institutions. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the educational progress of students by eliminating duplication of degree requirements where possible. This agreement also serves as the basis for guiding students as they develop their academic plans.

Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who has earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Nursing from LCCC and who has successfully passed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing exam (NCLEX-RN) is assured admission into the Bachelor of Science major in Nursing at ESU on a space available basis.

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE confirm the following terms of agreement:

1. At the beginning of their final semester at LCCC (deadline is December 1 for the spring semester and May 1 for the fall semester), the student submits an application for admission into ESU. Students are encouraged to apply well before application deadlines.
2. Students may then be admitted, on a space available basis, directly into the Nursing major at ESU. Admission into the Nursing major is conditional upon achieving an overall QPA of 2.75 or better (on a 4.0 scale) upon graduation from LCCC. Placement in courses in the Nursing major is conditional upon successfully passing the NCLEX-RN exam.
3. After acceptance into ESU, the student registers for courses in accordance with the University's procedures. A process for advising prospective transfer students will be developed by ESU'S Department of Nursing.
4. The student will follow curriculum regulations in effect at the time the student is admitted to the University and enters the Nursing program under the curriculum in place at the time of formal acceptance.
5. Nurses graduating less than 3 years from the time they apply are eligible for direct articulation. Nurses who graduated 3 or more years prior to application must have 1000 hours of nursing practice within the last 12 months. These students should submit a brief resume along with their application

describing formal education experience, work experience, continuing education, and professional activities such as papers, presentations, etc. Students, having graduated 3 or more years prior to application who have not practiced nursing, may be required to validate current level of nursing knowledge through testing.

6. ESU accepts all of the following general education, pre-requisite and co-requisite credits completed at LCCC listed below provided that a grade of “C” or better has been achieved. Other general education courses are to be reviewed for equivalency status in accordance with the University’s general education plan. The student will be advised in writing of the credits not accepted by the University.

General Education, Pre-Requisite and Co-Requisite Course Equivalencies			
Luzerne County Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
Course Number	Credits	Course Number	Credits
BIO 135	4	BIOL 111	4
BIO 251	4	BIOL 424, 461	4
ENG 101	3	ENGL 103	3
PSY 103	3	PSY 100	3
BIO 136	4	BIOL 112	4
ENG 102	3	ENGL 203	3
HPE Elective [See next table]	1	FIT 199	1
PSY 217	3	PSY 225	3
SOC 215	3	SOC 111	3
Total	28	Total	28

Recommended Health & Physical Education Elective Course Equivalencies
HPE – 110, 113, 114, 118, 121, 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 131, 132, 141, 230, 234, 242, 247, 249, & 252

7. The Nursing program at ESU recognizes that the Nursing courses completed at LCCC fulfill the requirements for the following Nursing courses at ESU.

NURSING			
Luzerne County Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
Course Number	Credits	Course Number	Credits
NURS 101	9	NURS 320	5
NURS 203	9	NURS 421, 423	11
NURS 204	9	NURS 422	6
NURS 102	9	NURS 321/322	10
NURS 224	1	NURS 400	1
Total	37	Total	33

LCCC Elective Courses		ESU Required Courses	
NURS 220	3	NURS 308	3
NURS 221	3	NURS 305/306	3

8. All transfer credits that students earn at LCCC will be noted on the student's official ESU transcript upon receipt of completed official LCCC transcript.

9. Students must complete a minimum of 32 credits at ESU in order to receive a degree from the University. This does not include credit by examination. A minimum of thirty (30) credits must be 300 level or above (Note: Nursing courses transferring from LCCC, which are equivalent to 300 or 400 level courses in the Nursing major at ESU may be used in determining if students meet this graduation requirement). A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation at ESU.

10. Students are expected to complete all other General Education, Pre-requisite, and Major Field requirements as described in the University's catalog and Departmental policies in order to receive a degree from the University.

11. *Modification of this Agreement.* Representatives from each school are responsible for monitoring this agreement on an annual basis and for making amendments if necessary to improve transfer procedures. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

12. *Term of Agreement.* This agreement will be effective on the date it is approved by both parties. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed five years from the date of final execution.

13. *Termination of Agreement.* The agreement may be terminated by either party given a ninety (90) day written notification period.

14. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, and national origin as well as the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act.

15. *Interpretation of the Agreement.* The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.

16. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

17. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other, except as specifically stated in this Agreement. As to liability for damage, injuries or death to person, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement unless such a waiver is expressly and clearly written into a part of this Agreement.

18. *Jurisdiction.* Any disputes arising from under this Agreement, by statute, must be presented before the Board of Claims of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed the agreement as of the date indicated below.

ACCEPTED BY:

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

_____ Date _____
President

_____ Date _____
Nursing Director

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

_____ Date _____
Vice-President and Provost for Academic Affairs

_____ Date _____
Nursing Chairperson, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

_____ Date _____
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Legal Counsel

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