

**Articulated Curriculum Agreement
Associate Degree Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Between Luzerne County Community College and Jefferson College of Health
Professions/Jefferson School of Nursing of Thomas Jefferson University**

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish and maintain an articulated program between the institutions and to facilitate the transfer of students from Luzerne County Community College to Jefferson College of Health Professions/Jefferson School of Nursing of Thomas Jefferson University (TJU).

Dual Admission Program Description

The program provides a mechanism for students to earn the Associate Degree in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science Degree ("RN-BSN") in a seamless, integrated curriculum. Students will begin in the A.A.S program at Luzerne County Community College, and then proceed to the RN-BSN program at TJU for the BSN coursework. The Associate Degree in Nursing from Luzerne County Community College will be awarded after successful completion of that program. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from TJU will be awarded by the Jefferson College of Health Professions after successful completion of that program.

Application and Admission Requirements to the A.A.S program at Luzerne County Community College

- As prescribed by Luzerne County Community College.

Application Requirements to the RN-BSN program at Thomas Jefferson University

- Submit an online application for admission to TJU and forward all required documents
- Include the offer of admission letter to the A.A.S program at Luzerne County Community College.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from the student's academic advisor or other appropriate official at Luzerne County Community College.
- Choose an entry term at Jefferson within two years of the anticipated date of graduation from Luzerne County Community College.

Admission Requirements to the RN-BSN program at Thomas Jefferson University

The candidate must:

- Successfully complete attempted coursework at Luzerne County Community College with a grade of "C" or better.
- Be admitted to the A.A.S. program at Luzerne County Community College.
- Demonstrate English language proficiency as outlined in the TJU admissions application.
- Submit a criminal background clearance and child abuse clearance to TJU prior to matriculation as outlined in the TJU admissions application.

- International students or students with foreign credentials must submit an evaluation of foreign transcripts by the World Education Service (WES) or comparable agency.
- Submit to an interview.
- Meet admissions criteria as established by TJU.
- Not have a record of discipline at Luzerne County Community College.

Admission Decisions

- Students who have been admitted to the A.A.S Program at Luzerne County Community College and who meet the admission criteria established by TJU will be offered admission into the RN-BSN program at TJU.
- Offers of admission to the RN-BSN program at TJU, made at the time the student is accepted into the A.A.S program at Luzerne County Community College are contingent upon the student fulfilling all of the TJU admission requirements upon completion of the A.A.S program at Luzerne County Community College.
- Offers of admission to the TJU RN-BSN program, or withdrawal of admission offers, are determined by TJU at its sole discretion.

Articulated Curriculum

- Students in this program will follow a specific curricular track at Luzerne County Community College that will include the prerequisite coursework needed to transfer into the RN-BSN program at TJU. The required curricular track is set forth in Appendix I.
- Students who have completed the Luzerne County Community College curriculum (as referenced in Appendix I), have met the admissions criteria as established by TJU, and have earned at least a 'C' in all prerequisite coursework will transfer into the RN-BSN program at TJU.

Maintenance

- The Luzerne County Community College, Division (or Department) of Nursing (indicate title of person) will serve as coordinator of the program and as advisor of students who plan to transfer to the TJU RN-BSN program. The coordinator will:
 - Be the responsible party for providing the Luzerne County Community College institutional recommendation for current students; and
 - Maintain files for those Luzerne County Community College students who intend to transfer to the RN-BSN program at TJU.
- Both Luzerne County Community College and TJU will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective colleges are made aware of the existence of this Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons Luzerne County Community College TJU will include: admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, transfer coordinators, and faculty.
- Personnel from Jefferson College of Health Professions will visit Luzerne County Community College on a regular basis, but at least two times per year, to meet with the coordinator and other appropriate faculty and administrators. Meetings

with students will also be arranged, including potential candidates who intend to transfer to the TJU RN-BSN program as well as other students who may simply wish to seek general information.

- The faculty, staff, and administration of Luzerne County Community College are encouraged to visit the campus of Thomas Jefferson University.

Evaluation

To serve as a basis for evaluating the program, TJU will provide aggregate statistical information regarding application, applicant credentials, and admissions decisions. This information will be shared with Luzerne County Community College

Marketing and Recruitment

Upon administrative and curricular approval, the Luzerne County Community College/Jefferson College of Health Professions A.A.S and RN-BSN programs will be listed in the Luzerne County Community College of Nursing Catalog both in paper and electronic formats. TJU will supply Luzerne County Community College with promotional literature to be used in recruiting students into the RN-BSN Programs. Promotional literature created by TJU or Luzerne County Community College must be reviewed and approved by all parties prior to distribution. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

General

- This agreement may only be amended, modified or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the parties.
- At all times, TJU and Luzerne County Community College shall remain separate entities, each as independent contractors. Each shall continue to conduct its own business and affairs under the control of its own officers and Boards of Trustees and each of them shall remain solely responsible in all respects for the management of its own affairs.

Length of Agreement

- This Agreement will continue in effect from year-to-year and will be automatically renewed annually unless terminated or amended.
- This Agreement may be terminated on June 30 of any calendar year by either institution via written notice one year in advance. Students participating in the program at the time of termination shall be permitted to complete the program under the terms and conditions set forth herein. The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below:

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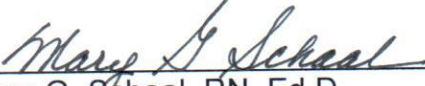
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- No Third Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Agreement shall run to or be enforceable by any student or other third party.

- Assignment. Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.


Signed:

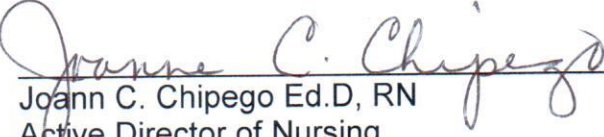
For Jefferson College of Health Professions:

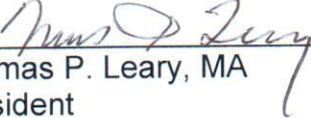
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Appendix I
Luzerne County Community College
Thomas Jefferson University

Course Requirements	Credits req'd	Course Name and Number	Cr	School/Institution Attended
<i>Natural Sciences & lab¹</i>	4	Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIO 135)		Done
Natural Sciences & lab ¹	4	Anatomy & Physiology 2 (BIO 136)		Done
Natural Sciences & lab ¹	4	Microbiology (BIO 251)		Done
Statistics	3	Statistics		Needs to be done
English	3	(ENG 101)		Done
English	3	(ENG 102)		Done
Social Sciences	3	Psychology (PSY 103)		Done
Social Sciences	3	Sociology 215		Done
Social Sciences	3	Psych 217		Done
Selective ²	3	Phil 150, or Phil 151 or any course in Critical Thinking, Logic or Ethics		Needs to be done
Electives ³	3	Gen Ed Elective		Done
Electives ³	1	FYE 101		Done
Electives ³	1	Health		Done
Electives ³	22	Free Electives from Business, Broadcast Communication, Journalism, Commercial Art, English, Language, Music, Geography, Social Science, Humanities, Science, Math, Computer Technology, Speech, Fine Arts		<i>Examples of courses that can be used as electives.</i>

¹Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology strongly recommended

²Includes logic, philosophy, ethics or critical thinking

³Electives cannot be remedial or review in nature and cannot technical courses. You may choose any other courses for the Electives requirement with only 6 credits being from a non-theory based courses

Appendix II

Luzerne County Community College
 Department of Nursing
 Sample Nursing Course Curriculum

First Year Summer I Semester

Nursing 124	Intro to Issues in Nursing	1 credit
Free Elective		3 credits
Total		4 credits

First Year Summer II Semester

Nursing 125	Transition into Assoc Degree Nursing	1 credit
Free Elective		3 credits
Total		4 credits

First Year

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Nursing 101	9 credits	Nursing 102	9 credits
Eng 101	3 credits	Psych 102	3 credits
Bio 135	4 credits	Bio 136	4 credits
Psych 103	3 credits		
FYE 101	1 credit		
TOTAL	20 credits	TOTAL	16 credits

Summer during the Program

Free Elective	3 credits
Phil 150 or Phil 152	3 credits
Free Elective	3 credits
TOTAL	9 credits

Second Year

Semester 3		Semester 4	
Bio 251	4 credits	Nursing 204	9 credits
Soc 215	3 credits	Nursing 224	1credits
Nursing 203	9 credits	ENG 102	3 credits
		Gen Ed elective	3 credit
		Health & Phys Ed	1 Credit
TOTAL	16 credits	TOTAL	17 credits

Courses left to complete prior to entering TJU RN-BSN Program
All course work can be completed at Luzerne County Community College

- **Statistics 3 credits**
- **Electives 10 credits**

Appendix III: RN-BSN Curriculum
Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Health Professions
Jefferson School of Nursing

Completion programs for RNs (27.5 credits BSN program)

Option A RN-BSN Plan of Study		
Course	Credit	Semester available
NU 300 Transition to Professional Nsg Ed	1.5 credit	First 7 weeks offered both Fall and Spring
NU 672 Informatics for Advanced Practice Nsg	3 credits	14 week either Spring and Summer I
NU 323 Health Assessment for the RN student	2 credits	14 weeks offered both Fall and Spring
NU 424 Community Health Nsg for the RN student	3 credits	Second 7 weeks of Fall Semester
NU 425 Community Clinical for the RN student	3 credits	Second 7 weeks of Fall Semester
NU 440 Advanced Concepts of Nsg Leadership	3 credits	Second 7 weeks of Spring Semester
NU 442 Clinical Practicum VIII	3 credits	Second 7 weeks of Spring Semester
NU 423 Nursing Issues and Trends for the RN Student	3 credits	First 7 weeks offered both Fall and Spring Semester
NU 431 Development of Nursing Knowledge: Research Perspectives for the RN student	3 credits	14 Weeks offered both Fall and Spring Semester
NU 445 Contemporary Knowledge and Role Delineation for the RN Student	3 credits	First 7 weeks offered Fall and Spring Students must take this course in the last semester of study

All courses are done as a hybrid- (both on-line or on-line/in-class combination).
 RN students may either do the entire program on-line or as the on-line/in-class