

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STATEWIDE NURSING PROGRAM TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Practical Nursing Diploma to Associate of Science in Nursing

Associate of Science in Nursing to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

DEFINITION OF NURSING EDUCATION PATHWAYS

- Registered Nursing (RN) Baccalaureate Completion—Associate in Science (AS) Nursing degree programs to baccalaureate Nursing degree programs (BS or BA) (Requires RN Licensure)
- Practical Nursing (PN) Completion—Diploma Practical Nurse (PN) programs and Associate in Science (AS) Nursing degree programs

PREAMBLE

NURSING ARTICULATION IS DEFINED AS the intentional planning and coordination of nursing education programs so that the program at one level serves as the foundation for the next educational level. The goal is to help students make transitions that are smooth and seamless, educationally sound, and do not require revalidation.

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Excellence, quality, and caring are the hallmarks of nursing education.
- As nurse educators, we are dedicated to designing and directing nursing education that prepares the graduate to serve the health care needs of the public.
- Learning best occurs in a positive, caring, and respectful environment.
- Programs should reflect and value the diversity and unique characteristics of students.
- A partnership in learning between faculty and students develops accountability, ethics, and responsibility.
- Nursing education promotes a learner-centered environment that values both academic and experiential learning.
- On-going collaboration among nurse educators is essential to effective program articulation.

This agreement is committed to articulation within the field of nursing practice and the parties in the agreement share a belief that nursing practice is best expressed in terms of learner outcomes rather than inputs and process measures. It envisions a program as a unified entity producing specified competencies or learner outcomes which should transfer as a package to the next level. The goal of preparation for nursing practice licensure in defining programs and learner outcomes should be clearly recognized. We acknowledge a common core of nursing knowledge that increases in breadth, depth, and scope of practice as one chooses to progress along the educational continuum. This agreement is designed to advance a shared commitment to providing opportunities for educational mobility through multiple exits and entries without undue loss of credit. It strives to place nursing education clearly

within a dynamic and changing health care arena, preparing nurses to function effectively in the context of current realities and to respond creatively to future changes.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

The following sections outline terms and conditions among nursing programs at various levels and leading to various degrees along the educational continuum. Some describe conditions to be met by students; others outline the responsibilities of institutions to articulate their programs effectively and efficiently. Meeting the terms of agreement as outlined below is no guarantee of acceptance into a nursing program. Specific course equivalencies may vary among receiving institutions.

A. Registered Nursing (RN) Baccalaureate Completion

(Associate in Science Nursing to Baccalaureate Nursing)(Requires RN Licensure)

1. The student must have current unencumbered authorization to practice as a Registered Nurse (R.N.) within the United States of America.
2. The student must have graduated from an associate in science (A.S.) degree in nursing program approved by a State Board of Nursing and based in a regionally accredited college or university.
3. The student must meet the receiving institutions nursing program admission requirements.
4. All courses completed to fulfill requirements for the associate in science (A.S.) degree in nursing program must transfer and count toward completion of a baccalaureate degree nursing program.

B. Practical Nursing (PN) Completion

(Diploma to Associate of Science in Nursing)

1. The student must have current unencumbered authorization to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) within the United States of America.
2. The student must have graduated from a practical nursing program approved by a State Board of Nursing and based in a regionally accredited college or university.
3. The student must meet the receiving institutions nursing program admission requirements.
4. As required by Minnesota Administrative Rules (6301.2340 Subp. 3 (17)), associate degree professional nursing programs must provide advanced standing and transition experiences for qualified licensed practical nurses.

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS

To complete an associate in science degree program in nursing, some credits from PN programs listed in the left column will transfer to any college listed in the right column according to terms of this agreement.

Practical Nursing (PN) to Associate of Science in Nursing	
Colleges with Practical Nursing (PN) Diploma Programs	Colleges with Associate of Science in Nursing (AS) and Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) Degree Programs
Alexandria Technical and Community College	Alexandria Technical and Community College (AS)
Anoka Technical College	Anoka-Ramsey Community College (MANE, AS)
Central Lakes College	Central Lakes College (AS)
Dakota County Technical College	Century College (MANE, AS)
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College (AS)
Hennepin Technical College	Hibbing Community College (AS)
Itasca Community College	Inver Hills Community College (MANE, AS)
Lake Superior College	Lake Superior College (AS)
Mesabi Range College	Minneapolis Community and Technical College (AS)
Minnesota State College Southeast	Minnesota State College Southeast (AS)
Minnesota State Community & Technical College	Minnesota State Community & Technical College (AS)
Minnesota West Community and Technical College	Minnesota West Community and Technical College (AS)
Northland Community and Technical College	Normandale Community College (MANE, AS)
Northwest Technical College, Bemidji	North Hennepin Community College (MANE, AS)
Pine Technical and Community College	Northland Community & Technical College (AS)
Ridgewater College	Northwest Technical College-Bemidji (AS)
Riverland Community College	Pine Technical and Community College (AS)
Rochester Community and Technical College	Ridgewater College (MANE, AS)
Saint Paul College	Riverland Community College (MANE, AS)
South Central College	Rochester Community and Technical College (AS)
St. Cloud Technical and Community College	South Central College (AS)
	St. Cloud Technical and Community College (AS)

APPLICABLE PROGRAMS

To complete a baccalaureate degree program in nursing, all credits from AS programs listed in the left column will transfer to any baccalaureate nursing program within a college or university listed in the right column according to terms of this agreement.

Associate of Science in Nursing to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (Requires RN Licensure to apply to baccalaureate nursing program)	
Colleges with AS in Nursing (RN)	Universities with BS in Nursing
Alexandria Technical and Community College (AS)	Bemidji State University (BS)
Anoka-Ramsey Community College (AS)*	Metropolitan State University (BSN)
Central Lakes College (AS)	Minnesota State University Moorhead (BSN)
Century College (AS)*	Minnesota State University, Mankato (BS)
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (AS)	Southwest Minnesota State University (BSN)
Hibbing Community College (AS)	St. Cloud State University (BS)
Inver Hills Community College (AS)*	Winona State University (BS)
Lake Superior College (AS)	
Minneapolis Community and Technical College (AS)	
Minnesota State College Southeast (AS)	
Minnesota State Community & Technical College (AS)	
Minnesota West Community & Technical College (AS)	
Normandale Community College (AS)*	
North Hennepin Community College (AS)*	
Northland Community & Technical College (AS)	
Northwest Technical College-Bemidji (AS)	
Pine Technical and Community College (AS)	
Ridgewater College (AS)*	
Riverland Community College (AS)*	
Rochester Community and Technical College (AS)	
South Central College (AS)	
St. Cloud Technical and Community College (AS)	

*Note: There is a separate agreement for the MANE program, a dual admission program between some colleges and Metropolitan State University. Students who go through the MANE nursing program obtain their baccalaureate degree from Metropolitan State University and may obtain licensure at any point after receiving the AS degree, including after receiving the baccalaureate. For students who have an AS degree in nursing, licensure is required prior to transferring to state universities except for MANE students dually admitted to Metropolitan State.

If students who have received an AS degree from a MANE program decide to transfer to a different state university, they will need to obtain licensure before applying for admission.

*Note: Other universities may enroll students in select courses prior to RN licensure. Students are encouraged to contact the university of choice for specific information.

AGREEMENT DATES

Revised Effective Date: September 1, 2018

End Date: September 1, 2023

Review Date: February 01, 2018

PRESIDENTS' SIGNATURES ON RECORD (Available upon request)

By my electronic signature posted using the "President's digital signature link", I support the terms of this "MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NURSING TRANSFER AGREEMENT" revised May 29, 2018.

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