



RN-BSN Nursing Agreement between James Madison University and Blue Ridge Community College

Addendum to the Guaranteed Admission Agreement

The James Madison University Department of Nursing proposes an articulation plan designed to expand the number of baccalaureate-prepared nurses to serve the Commonwealth.

The program is open to students who wish to pursue the B.S.N. degree. Students must complete the A.D.N. degree at BRCC and then transfer to JMU.

Attached to this Addendum are two documents that delineate the plan for implementing the Nursing Agreement between James Madison University and Blue Ridge Community College. These documents include the:

- o Intent Form, which is completed by the student and his/her BRCC adviser and provides the information that will allow JMU to track the student's progress. It also spells out the conditions of the agreement for the student.
- o Curriculum Outline and Advising Guide, which specifies the courses that the student will take at BRCC to transfer to JMU, thus ensuring that the basic level of requirements for the major are met before the student enrolls at JMU.

The agreement will be implemented beginning in spring 2013 with the first students transferring to JMU in the fall 2013.

Under this memorandum, all parties will annually review program curriculum and enrollment patterns and procedures beginning in fall 2014 and revise them as appropriate.

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**RN-BSN Nursing Admission Agreement
Intent Form**

Name:	Date:
BRCC Email:	
Local address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip code:	
BRCC EMPLID:	
Local phone:	
Semester and year of intended enrollment:	

I certify that I intend to transfer to James Madison University and enroll in the nursing program during the semester indicated above. My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Department of Nursing RN-BSN Admission Agreement:

- I understand I must complete the JMU application for admission and be offered admission to the university. The Nursing Program Admission Agreement does not guarantee admission to the university and does not qualify a student for the Guaranteed Admission Agreement Program. It is primarily my responsibility to know and understand the requirements for the ADN degree, as well as degree requirements and specific program of study requirements for the nursing major at JMU.
- I must complete the JMU Department of Nursing RN-BSN Program application.
- I must graduate with an ADN with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a four-point scale.
- I must have a current, unrestricted Registered Nurse (RN) license prior to entering JMU.
- I must earn a grade of "C" or higher in each course I wish to transfer to JMU.
- I understand that the requirement specifying that all RN/BSN applicants must have the equivalent of 12 months of full time practice experience is waived for students entering JMU under the Department of Nursing RN-BSN Admission Agreement. However, I understand that in lieu of the waived requirement, I am expected to work at least part-time while attending JMU, thus satisfying the experience requirement in tandem with my course work.
- I intend to enroll in JMU in the semester indicated above or no later than *five years* from the date of signing the agreement.
- I understand that acceptance to the Department of Nursing RN-BSN Program is required for enrollment in designated nursing courses.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Blue Ridge Community College Adviser Comments:

BRCC Adviser Signature _____ Date _____

Curriculum Outline and Advising Guide for Transfer Education: R.N.-B.S.N. Articulation Program

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Note: This document is only a guide; students wishing to transfer to JMU under this agreement must also sign an official Letter of Intent.

JMU requires that students earn 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.

Full Time Fall Semester (1st Semester)		Part Time Fall Semester (1st Semester)	
ENG 111 College Comp I	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	3
BIO 141 Human A & P I ^a	4	BIO 141 Human A & P I ^a	4
NUR 108 Nursing Principles and Concepts I ^b	6	Student Development	1
NUR 136 Principles of Pharmacology I	1		
SDV Student Development	1		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	8

Spring Semester (2nd Semester)		Spring Semester (2nd Semester)	
ENG 112 College Comp II	3	ENG 112 College Comp II	3
BIO 142 Human A & P II ^a	4	BIO 142 Human A & P II ^a	4
NUR 109 Nursing Principles and Concepts II	6		
NUR 137 Principles of Pharmacology II	1		
Total Credits	14	Total Credits	7

Summer Semester (3rd Semester)		Summer Semester (3rd Semester)	
NUR 226 Health Assessment	3	ITE 119 Information Literacy	3
NUR 247 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3	PHI 225 Selected Problems Applied Ethics	3
ITE 119 Information Literacy	3		
PHI 225 Selected Problems in Applied Ethics	3		
Selected General Education ^c	3		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	6

Fall Semester (4th Semester)		Fall Semester (4th Semester)	
NUR 245 Maternal-Newborn Nursing	3	SOC 215 Sociology of the Family	3
NUR 213 Second Level Nursing III	7	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	3
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Total Credits	13	Total Credits	6

Spring Semester (5th semester)**		Spring Semester (5th Semester)	
NUR 214 Second Level Nursing IV	7		
NUR 254 Dimensions of Nursing	2	Selected General Education ^c	3
SOC 215 Sociology of the Family	3	Selected General Education ^d	3
Selected General Education ^d	3		
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	6

****JMU application deadline for fall admission is March 1**

Full Time Summer Semester (6 th Semester)		Part Time Summer Semester (6 th Semester)	
Selected General Education ^c	3		
Selected General Education ^f	3	Selected General Education ^c	3
Laboratory Science ^g	4	Selected General Education ^f	3
Total Credits	10	Total Credits	6

Fall Semester – Begin JMU RN/BSN Program (see below)

Clinical Component for BRCC Fall Semester (7 th Semester)	
NUR 108 Nursing I ^b	6
NUR 136 Principles of Pharmacology I	1
Total Credits	7

Spring Semester (8 th Semester)	
NUR 109 Nursing II	6
NUR 137 Principles of Pharmacology II	1
Total Credits	7

Summer Semester (9 th Semester)	
NUR 247 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3
Total Credits	3

Fall Semester (10 th Semester)	
NUR 213 2 nd Level Nursing III	7
NUR 245 Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3
Total Credits	10

Spring Semester (11 th Semester)	
NUR 214 2 nd Level Nursing IV	7
NUR-254 Dimensions of Nursing	3
Total Credits	10

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Summer Semester (12 th Semester)	
Laboratory Science ^g	4
Total Credits	4

Fall Semester – Begin JMU RN/BSN Program

^aNAS 161-162 may also be taken

^bLPNs who qualify for this option do not take NUR 108 and NUR 109 but take NUR 115 and NUR 136 in the summer

^cStudents may choose from the following: HIS 111 or 112; HUM 201 or 202; HUM 211 or 212, 215, or 260; PHI 100, 101, 102, 200, 211 or 212; PHIL 260; REL 230, 231 or 232

^dStudents may choose from the following: ART 100, 101, 102, 105, 111, 112, 201 or 202; MUS 121, 122, 125; CST 130 or 141

^eStudents may choose from the following: ENG 230,236, or 237; ENG 241, 242, 243, 244, 245 or 246; ENG 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, or 257; ENG 265 or 268

^fStudents may choose from the following: HIS 121 or PLS 130, 135 or 211. NOTE - if choose HIS 121 will be required to take HIS 122 to complete for general education credits

^gStudents may choose from the following: BIO 150 or BIO 205 or NAS 185 or CHM 111

Once enrolled at JMU, students will choose either the full-time or part-time program of study.

Full Time Enrollment (3 Semesters)

Part Time Enrollment (5 Semesters)

Fall Semester

Fall Semester (1st year)

NSG 333 Health Assessment	3	NSG 333 Health Assessment*	3
NSG 462 Issues in Contemporary Nursing	3	NSG 462 Issues in Contemporary Nursing	3
NSG 463 Professional Role Transition	3	Credit Hours	6
NSG 325 Concepts in Aging	3		
Credit Hours	12		

Spring Semester

Spring Semester (1st year)

NSG 461 Pathophysiology *	4	NSG 461 Pathophysiology*	4
NSG 464 Introduction to Nursing Research	3	NSG 464 Introduction to Research	3
NSG 460 Healthcare Informatics	2	Credit Hours	7
NSG 471 Leadership and Management	4		
Credit Hours	13		

Summer Semester

Summer Semester (1st year)

NSG 469 Community Health Nursing	4	NSG 469 Community Health Nursing	4
NSG 466 Community Health Practicum	1	NSG 466 Community Health Practicum	1
Credit Hours	5	Credit Hours	5
Total Credit Hours	30		

Fall Semester (2nd year)

NSG 523 Concepts in Aging	3
NSG 463 Professional Role Transition	3
Credit Hours	6

Spring Semester (2nd year)

NSG 460 Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 471 Leadership and Management	4
Credit Hours	6
Total Credit Hours	30

*Health Assessment may be challenged by taking a comprehensive written examination and practice exam.
Pathophysiology may be challenged by taking a comprehensive written examination.

PORTFOLIO CREDIT: RN-BSN students will be awarded *up to 37* portfolio credits prior to graduation for licensure, concurrent work experience as an RN and upper level nursing courses through BRCC that were not transferred in as credit.