

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Between**  
**Blue Ridge Community College**  
**Associate of Applied Science Degree: Human Services Major**  
**and**  
**James Madison University**  
**Bachelor of Social Work Program**

Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Therefore, James Madison University (JMU) and Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) enter into this articulation agreement to facilitate the transfer of course credits and smooth the transition of students earning an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Human Services at BRCC into the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Program at JMU.

<b>Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC)</b>				
<b>BRCC Class #</b>	<b>BRCC Course Name</b>	<b>JMU Class #</b>	<b>JMU Course Name or Gen Ed Requirement</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
<b><u>1st Semester</u></b>				
ENG 111	College Composition I	WRTC 000	Elective credit	3
BUS 100	Intro to Business	BUS 160	Critical Thinking (Gen Ed)	3
PSY 200	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 101 <sup>2</sup>	Sociocultural (Gen Ed)	3
SDV	Student Development	UNST 000	Elective credit	1
CST 110	Social Communication	SCOM 121	Human Communication (Gen Ed)	3
HMS 100 <sup>1</sup>	Intro to Hum Services	SOWK 287 (w/ MEN 290) <sup>2</sup>	Intro to Social Work	<u>3</u>
				16
<b><u>2nd Semester</u></b>				
ENG 112	College Composition I	WRTC 103	Writing (Gen Ed)	3
HLT 121	Intro to Drug Abuse	HTH 378	Health elective credit	3
MEN 101	MH Skill Training I	SOWK 000	Social work general credit	3
Math 155	Statistical Reasoning	Math 220	Quantitative Reasoning (Gen Ed)	3
PLS 135	Political Science	POS 225 <sup>2</sup>	American Experience (Gen Ed)	<u>3</u>
				15
<b><u>3rd semester</u></b>				
PSY 215	Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 335	Abnormal Psychology	3
HMS 141	Group Dynamics	SOWK 000	Social Work general credit	3
HMS 260	Substance Abuse Counseling	SOWK 000	Social Work general credit	3
SOC 268	Social Problems	SOCI 001 <sup>2</sup>	Global Experience (Gen Ed)	3
ENG 225, 245, 246, 250, 255 or 258	Literature	ENG Lit.	Literature (Gen Ed)	<u>3</u>
				15
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</u></b>				
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	PSYC 160 <sup>2</sup>	Social Work prerequisite	3
HMS 285	Advanced Interviewing	SOWK 000	Social Work general credit	3
MEN 225	Counseling Therapy	SOWK 301 <sup>2,4</sup>	Social work elective	3
MEN 290 <sup>3</sup>	Coord Internship in MH/HS	SOWK 000	Social work general credit	4
SOC 266	Race & Ethnicity	SOCI 336 <sup>2</sup>	Social Work prerequisite	<u>3</u>
				16
<b><u>Other courses:</u></b>				
BIO 101 or 145 <sup>5</sup>	General Biology I or Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology  If this course is <b>NOT</b> taken at BRCC, it will need to be taken at JMU to fulfill Gen Ed Requirements	BIO 140, BIO 103 or ISCI 104  This could be taken with other JMU courses OR in the summer	Natural Systems (Gen Ed)	4

James Madison University (JMU)				
		JMU Class #	JMU Course Name or Gen Ed Requirement	Cr.
		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 288 <sup>2</sup> ISCI 101 <sup>5,6</sup> ARTH 205 <sup>6</sup> Social Work Elective <sup>2</sup>	Social Welfare Physical Principles (Gen Ed) Visual & Performing Arts (Gen Ed) Varies – can be taken in the summer	3 3-4 3 3 <u>3</u> 15-16
		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 305 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 317 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 320 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 335 <sup>2</sup> HIST 101 <sup>6</sup>	SW Research SW Practice Hum Beh & Soc Env. SW Policy Human Questions & Contexts (Gen Ed)	3 3 3 3 <u>3</u> 15
		<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 465 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 466 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 467 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 493 <sup>2</sup> IPE 415 <sup>2</sup> HTH 100 OR KIN 100	Mezzo practice Micro practice Macro practice Preparing for Field Interprofessional Ethics Wellness (Gen Ed)	3 3 3 1 1 <u>3</u> 14
		<u>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 481 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 482 <sup>2</sup> SOWK 494 <sup>2</sup>	Practicum 1 Practicum 2 Social Work Capstone	6 6 <u>3</u> 15

**Total Hours transferred from BRCC:** 62

**Total Hours taken at BRCC OR JMU:** 3 or 4

**Total Hours taken at JMU:** 60<sup>5</sup>

**TOTAL:** 125 or 126

<sup>1</sup> Credit for HMS 100 will be awarded ONLY if the course is taught by a degreed social worker.

<sup>2</sup> Required social work pre-requisite or course.

<sup>3</sup> MEN 290 will satisfy the 20 field hours required for SOWK 287. It can also satisfy the 50 pre-field service hours required as a prerequisite for SOWK 493 at JMU, but only if the student interacts with a degreed social worker within the agency setting.

<sup>4</sup> Social work elective credit (SOWK 301) for MEN 225 will be awarded ONLY if the course is taught by a degreed social worker.

<sup>5</sup> JMU Gen Ed requires one lab science credit, which is satisfied by taking BIO 101 or BIO 145. If the course taken at JMU to fulfill Physical Principles does not include a lab, students will need to take one additional credit to bring the total number of credits taken at JMU to 60 (half the degree must be taken at a four-year institution).

<sup>6</sup> You can choose a different course to satisfy this requirement; see the [General Education Planner](#) for other options.

### JMU Admission and Graduation Criteria:

This Agreement does **not** guarantee admission to JMU; additionally, students earning an A.A.S. degree from BRCC are **not** eligible for admission to JMU under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

Students following this agreement will be considered for admission to JMU on an individual basis. Before applying to JMU, students should have completed or be in the process of completing at least 24 credit hours **after** high school graduation and be in good academic standing. Competitive students will have a well-rounded program of study and a cumulative GPA of around 3.0 ("B" grade average with mostly "A" and "B" grades). Students must submit the *JMU Application for Admission* and request that all previously attended colleges/universities submit an official transcript to JMU's Office of Admissions. The *JMU Application for Admission* and all transcripts must be submitted by

February 1 for the following summer term; by March 1 for the following fall semester; and by October 15 for the following spring semester. JMU requires that students earn a minimum of 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.

**JMU Social Work Program Admission and Degree Criteria:**

Students transferring to JMU should declare the Social Work major when they register for orientation; however, students will only be officially admitted to the major after they have applied to the JMU Social Work Program and been accepted. Students who have declared the social work major and completed SOWK 287 and SOWK 288 are eligible to be fully admitted to the B.S.W. program. To be admitted, students must submit an application, personal statement and three references, *one of which must be from the BRCC faculty member who can speak to the student's strengths, achievements, or barriers they have overcome in preparation for pursuing their B.S.W.* Students are evaluated on their demonstration of community service and life experiences, academic performance, communication skills, work related skills, ability to work with others, motivation, professional value orientation and career plans. Applications and other advising documents can be found on the Department of Social Work website.

**Unconditional Admission**

Unconditional admission to Social Work is given to students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0, no single grade lower than a "C" (2.0) in SOWK 287 and SOWK 288 and completion of the 20 hours of community service-learning required in SOWK 287. In their application narrative, students must demonstrate the above criteria through their references and service-learning.

**Conditional Admission**

Students who do not meet the above requirements or whose application does not demonstrate the criteria discussed may be admitted conditionally with a contract specifying activities and objectives that must be met prior to their full admission into the program.

Students may **NOT** enter upper-level Social Work practice courses until they have been admitted to the Social Work Program.

The JMU-B.S.W. Program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

Once students have been fully admitted to the major, they must also meet requirements for continuation in the major. These requirements are outlined in the *Social Work Student Handbook.*

The minimum requirement for the B.S.W. degree is completion of the General Education requirements, 40 credit hours of core social work courses, one credit hour in inter-professional education, prerequisite courses as specified in course descriptions and elective hours, six of which must be in social work, for a total of 120 credit hours. If a grade of "C" (2.0) or above is not achieved the first time a social work course is taken, the student may repeat the course only once. All social work majors are expected to abide by the NASW Code of Ethics. Additionally, all majors participate in social work student outcome assessment measures.

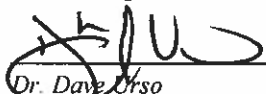
**Terms of Agreement:**

The Agreement, which will be implemented beginning in fall 2024, will be annually reviewed, and revised as appropriate, beginning in fall 2025.

The undersigned have reviewed and agreed that James Madison University (JMU) and Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) should enter into this Articulation Agreement.

Agreed by the parties on the 31 day of July 2024.

**Blue Ridge Community College**



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