

**UPDATE & RENEWAL**

**Articulation Agreement**

**between**

**St. Clair County Community College**

**and**

**Saginaw Valley State University**

**C.M.L. College of Health & Human Services**

- I. This agreement updates and replaces all previous agreements and is designed to facilitate the transition of graduates from the specified Associate in Applied Arts and Science degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) (Code 22100/ANTRN) at St. Clair County Community College and transferring to Saginaw Valley State University for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree through the R.N.-to-B.S.N. completion program.

St. Clair County Community College (SC4) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

- A. **Recognitions and Criteria:** As an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Accredited Program preparing students for the Associate Degree in Nursing, the Department of Nursing at SC4 is recognized as meeting national standards related to knowledge and skill needed for nursing practice. This status shall permit SC4's A.D.N. graduates who meet the following criteria to have up to thirty-two (32) semester hours of nursing knowledge validated and recorded as listed in this document. This recording of credits will occur in conjunction with completion of **NURS 301: Nursing Care Designer I: RN/Concurrent** and will be based upon a *record review* which is to include documentation of the following:
1. Graduated with a GPA of 2.5 or better (provide official transcripts); and
  2. Current Michigan license to practice as an R.N.\*; and
  3. An approved plan of study, which includes student's goals and individualized plan for program completion. Transfer credits will be considered in this process; and
  4. Successful completion of NURS 301 including the professional resume.

\*Students who have not yet passed the NCLEX-RN test for licensure as an R.N. *may* be able to enroll in only the **NURS 301: Nursing Care Designer I: RN/Concurrent** course, provided they agree to meet special conditions/deadlines as set forth in consultation with the SVSU Nursing Department.

- B. **Validated Articulation Credits:** SC4 transfer students 1) whose transcripts reflect completion of the specified SC4 program noted above, 2) who are registered as R.N.s in Michigan, and 3) who are pursuing SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. will validate the following thirty-two (32) SVSU Nursing credits upon successful completion of SVSU's **NURS 301: Nursing Care Designer I: RN/Concurrent** course and the corresponding *record review* (noted above in Item I.A.):

NURS 241-3/Nurse Provider: Pharmacology  
NURS 245-4/Nurse Provider Clinical I  
NURS 251-3/Nursing Care Designer: Health Assessment  
NURS 261-2/Professional Integration I  
NURS 341-3/Nurse Provider Concepts II  
NURS 345-4/Nurse Provider Clinical II  
NURS 361-2/Professional Integration II  
NURS 441-3/Nurse Provider Concepts IV  
NURS 445-4/Nurse Provider Clinical IV  
NURS 455-4/Nurse Provider Clinical Internship

These validated credits will be recorded above and beyond the four (4) semester hours of credit earned for completion of the **NURS 301: Nursing Care Designer I: RN/Concurrent** course and will be recorded at a level corresponding to the SVSU courses listed above.

C. **Maximum Credits:** Validated articulation credits (32 credits, as noted above in Item I.B.) and transfer credits shall not exceed ninety-three (93) credits total.

D. **Program Requirements:** SVSU nursing-related program courses totaling thirty-two (32) credits are then required to complete the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program:

One of the following four-credit statistics courses:

MATH 132B-4/Statistical Methods: Biostatistics or

MATH 132A-4/Statistical Methods: General Statistics or

PSYC 299-4/Statistics or

PS 225-4/Statistics or

An equivalent 4-credit statistics course (see transfer.svsu.edu for an on-line listing of current community college transfer equivalencies into SVSU).

*(A prerequisite to some NURS coursework, Statistics may be taken concurrently with NURS 301 at the latest.)*

NURS 301-4: Nursing Care Designer I: RN/Concurrent (*the first NURS course for R.N.s upon admission to the SVSU R.N.-to-B.S.N. program*)

NURS 377-3/Nurse Provider Concepts: RN/Concurrent

NURS 379-4/Nurse Provider Clinical I: RN/Concurrent

NURS 401-3/Nursing Care Designer II: RN/Concurrent

NURS 411-2/Professional Integration I: RN/Concurrent

NURS 431-3/ Nursing Care Designer III: RN/Concurrent

NURS 479-3/Nursing Provider Clinical II for RNs

NURS 421-2/Professional Integration II for RNs

Elective Courses: Two (2) upper-division, non-required courses, total of four (4) credits minimum.

E. **Eligibility Limitations:** The provisions of this agreement pertain only to R.N. students beginning the R.N.-to-B.S.N./-M.S.N. program at SVSU.

F. **Change of Major:** If a student changes his/her major at SVSU from R.N.-to-B.S.N./-M.S.N. to another program, then the student's transfer credits will be re-evaluated in the usual course-by-course manner.

G. **Admission/Enrollment:** The R.N.-to-B.S.N./-M.S.N. is a limited-enrollment program at SVSU. This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into SVSU or the SVSU R.N.-to-B.S.N./-M.S.N. program. Articulation students must apply for admission as must any other students.

II. **Other Degree Requirements:** Requirements at Saginaw Valley State University are as stated in the SVSU catalog under which the student first enrolls at SVSU. Any curriculum guides which might use this agreement as their basis will reflect subsequent catalog changes.

NOTE: Basic Skills, General Education, and Communication Intensive requirements remaining will be examined/determined in the usual manner: course-by-course and case-by-case. *However, students transferring into the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program may wish to petition (based on extensive BIOL background in the nursing associate degree) the SVSU Registrar for potential waiver of SVSU's 2-department General Education requirement in Natural Science/Category 4.*

III. **Periodic Review and Academic/Curriculum Contacts:** The requirements herein will be reviewed and revised (if necessary to revise) by both SC4 and SVSU:

The *academic* signatories of this agreement and/or their *departmental* designees shall maintain at least annual contact with each other and will communicate in writing to each other (and to the articulation office at their home institution) any curricular or other changes which may affect the accuracy/integrity of this basic agreement.

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- IV. **Effective Period:** This update/renewal document is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate; notice of termination shall be given in writing at least one year prior to the effective date of termination. Qualified students applying to SVSU during or after the semester of this document's update/renewal shall be considered under this agreement.

# SC4-SVSU Articulation Review

Articulation: RN-to-BSN  
[e.g., Criminal Justice, Elementary Education, Engineering, RN-BSN, Social Work, etc.]

Origination/Revision Date on Articulation: 07.18.16 Revision of 08.02.12c Agreement  
[e.g., Month/Date/Year]

## SVSU Academic Reviewer Response:

No changes

Approved with changes as annotated (see attached)

Other. Please explain (attach additional sheet if needed):

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Signature:

Judith P. Ruland  
[SVSU Academic Dean - Please sign]

Date:

July 28 2016

Reviewer  
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JUDITH P. RULAND  
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