

# **The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program & Sacred Heart University**

## **Articulation Agreement: RN to BSN**

### **I. Introduction**

This Articulation Agreement is for students enrolled in a Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) who identify interest in earning the BSN degree at Sacred Heart University. Students participating in this articulation agreement will be guaranteed enrollment in the Sacred Heart University BSN program upon graduation from the CT-CCNP and licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, provided that they satisfy conditions specified in this agreement. Admissions and advising staffs at the sending and receiving institutions will work closely together and with participating students to ensure that appropriate coursework is completed and accepted upon transfer to Sacred Heart University. Students participating in this articulation agreement will enjoy benefits that include:

- A. Early identification of interest in and preparation for advancement into the Sacred Heart University BSN program;
- B. Consistent, integrated academic advisement and support;
- C. Access to Sacred Heart University student activities and campus facilities;
- D. Guaranteed enrollment in the BSN program at Sacred Heart University pending completion of the A.S. degree, licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, and specified conditions; and
- E. Smooth transition from the CT-CCNP to Sacred Heart University.

### **II. Articulation Guidelines**

- A. Students may apply to Sacred Heart University's RN to BSN program during any spring semester of their enrollment in the CT-CCNP. Applicants will complete a fee-waived Sacred Heart University application. Applications will be submitted directly to the Articulation Agreement Coordinator for the CT-CCNP at Sacred Heart University.
- B. Students participating in this articulation agreement will be guaranteed enrollment as matriculated students in the BSN program at Sacred Heart University upon completion of the Associate Degree, licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, and satisfaction of the following conditions:
  - a. minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA;
  - b. Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut;
  - c. Graduation from the CT-CCNP within three calendar years of beginning the program; and
  - d. Enrollment at Sacred Heart University within two years of completing the CT-CCNP A. S. Degree.

- C. Students participating in this agreement will receive 36 Nursing credits in transfer with an earned A.S. degree and a minimum of 30 general education credits that will transfer and apply toward the general education requirements of Sacred Heart University.
- D. Students participating in this agreement will matriculate under degree and residency requirements of the Sacred Heart University catalog that are in effect when they are accepted into the RN to BSN Program at Sacred Heart University.
- E. Upon acceptance into the RN to BSN Program at Sacred Heart University, students will be eligible to receive Sacred Heart student identification cards and associated privileges, including participation in student activities and college events and access to the Sacred Heart University library, network center, and campus facilities.
- F. Students must submit proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut prior to enrolling at Sacred Heart University.
- G. Students will no longer be eligible for the benefits described in this articulation agreement if they withdraw or are dismissed from the CT-CCNP, or transfer from the CT-CCNP to a college or university other than Sacred Heart University.

### **III. Institutional Commitments**

#### **A. The Responsibilities of the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program are to:**

1. Publicize the availability of the Articulation Agreement;
2. Make Sacred Heart University application materials available to students interested in participating in this articulation agreement;
3. Counsel and/or advise CT-CCNP students interested in attending the Sacred Heart University RN to BSN program. Identify prospective students interested in enrolling in the RN to BSN Program and share the information with Sacred Heart University;
4. Designate personnel to work with staff at Sacred Heart University to implement an effective communication plan to interested students; and
5. Work with Sacred Heart University faculty to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.

#### **B. The Responsibilities of Sacred Heart University are to:**

1. Designate the Admissions Officer or Transfer and Articulation Officer that will serve as the point of contact for students interested in, and admitted to, the RN to BSN Program at Sacred Heart University;
2. Develop a fee-waived application for CT-CCNP students interested in the RN to BSN program;
3. Designate the faculty advisor and other personnel to be the points of contact for the articulation agreement;
4. Ensure that the Sacred Heart University faculty advisor and staff provide planned advisement sessions at each of the five participating community colleges; and
5. Work with CT-CCNP personnel to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.

**C. The Joint Responsibilities of the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program and Sacred Heart University are to:**

1. Conduct forums/workshops for counselors, Admissions representatives, department chairs and other identified staff from both institutions to discuss expectations, review program requirements, develop promotional materials, and discuss curriculum and course equivalencies; and
2. Make available system to system informational/marketing materials for the articulation agreement.

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program and Sacred Heart University agree that in the performance of this Articulation Agreement they will not discriminate nor permit discrimination against any person or groups of persons on the basis of race, color, marital status, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, criminal record, sex, ancestry or age in any manner prohibited by federal or state law and regulations, and further, that they will make their programs available to qualified disabled persons consistent with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

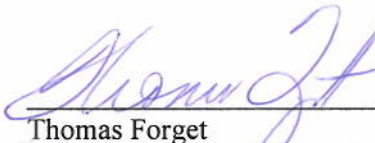
**IV. Implementation and Terms of Agreement**

- A. When in conflict, this Articulation Agreement takes precedence over previous articulation agreements between the Connecticut Community College System and Sacred Heart University.
- B. This agreement will take effect for students graduating from the CT-CCNP beginning in spring 2010.
- C. This agreement may be amended as needed by mutual agreement between the Community College System and Sacred Heart University.

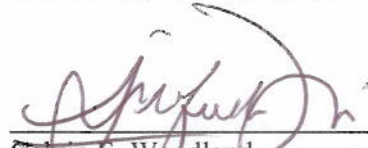
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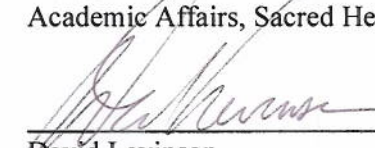
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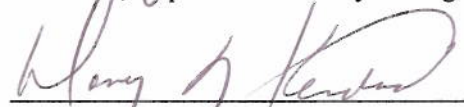
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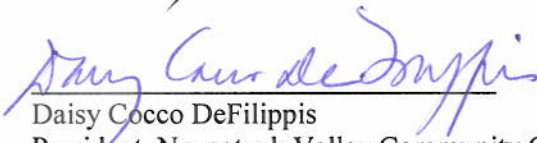
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**Addendum**

This Articulation Agreement is for students enrolled in a Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) who identify interest in earning the BSN degree at Sacred Heart University.

As of June 2, 2010, Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC) became the sixth college in the system to offer the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP). This agreement will now include graduates from the nursing program at NCCC, which will graduate its first class in May 2012.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.



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President, Northwestern Connecticut Community College

**Comparison Chart:**

**Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP)  
& Sacred Heart University RN-BSN Program**

Sacred Heart University			Connecticut Community College Nursing Program					
Course Number	Course Title	CR	Course Number	Course Title	Transfer Credits	Nursing Credits Accepted in Articulation	Credits to Earn	Total Credits
PS 110	Intro. to Psychology	3	PSY*111	General Psychology I	3			
PS 252	Child Devo. Psychology	3	PSY*201	Life Span Development	3			
SO 110	Sociological Imagination	3	SOC*101	Principles of Sociology	3			
BI 126 & BI 127	A & P I w/Lab	4	BIO*211	A & P I	4			
BI 128 & BI 129	A & P II w/Lab	4	BIO*212	A & P II	4			
BI 161 & BI 162	Microbiology w/Lab	4	BIO*235	Microbiology	4			
Science Elective	BIO/CHE/PHY Elective	3	CHE*111	Concepts of Chemistry	3			
EN 110	Academic Writing	3	ENG*102	English Comp. & Lit.	3			
IL 101	Information Literacy	1					1	
ENCC 102	Literary Expressions of Human Journey	3					3	
HICC 101	Human Journey: Historical Paths to Civilization	3					3	
CC 103	Soc. Sciences: Ind. & Society <b>OR</b> Nat. Sciences: Scientific Discovery & the Human Community	3					3	
CC 104	Human Search for Truth, Justice & Common Good	3					3	
EN 111	Effective Speaking	3		COM*173			3	
MA 101	Modern College Math	3		MAT*135			3	
MA 131/SO 242	Statistics for Decision Making <b>OR</b> Statistics for Social Research	3		MAT*167			3	
PH 101	Intro. to Philosophy	3		PHL*101			3	
RS 101	Intro. to Religion	3					3	
RS 260/PH 258	Bioethics/Medical Ethics	3		PHL*112			3	
	Free Elective	3		Free Elective			3	
	Humanities Elective	3		Humanities Elective	3			
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NU 290	Validation of Prior Learning	36		CLN Articulation Agreement		36		
NU 315	Human Journey in Nursing	3					3	
NU 335	Information Technology for Nursing Practice	3					3	
NU 355	Leadership in the Contemporary Nursing Practice	3					3	
NU 365	Evidence Based Practice	3					3	
NU 375	Populations and Public Health Nursing	4					4	
NU 385	Care Management & Capstone	4					4	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>123</b>

Course equivalencies listed on this chart are subject to change without notice.

Courses noted in red can be taken at the CT Community Colleges and can be used to meet a general education requirement at Sacred Heart University. There may be other CT Community College courses that meet the general education requirements at Fairfield. Please consult your advisor at Sacred Heart for additional information.

### Comparison Chart:

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##### Summary of Credits:

Sacred Heart Nursing Credits	20
CLN Transfer Nursing Credits	36
Gen. Education Credits Accepted in Transfer	30
<u>Additional Gen. Education Credits to Earn</u>	<u>37</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>123</b>

**Sacred Heart University Residency Requirement**      **30**

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