

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program
&
Quinnipiac University
Guaranteed Enrollment Agreement: RN to RN-BSN

I. Introduction

This Articulation Agreement is for students enrolled in a Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) who identify interest in enrolling in the part-time online RN-BSN degree completion program at Quinnipiac University. Students participating in this articulation agreement will be guaranteed enrollment in the Quinnipiac University part-time online RN-BSN degree completion 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 Quinnipiac University. Students participating in this articulation agreement will enjoy benefits that include:

- A. Early identification of interest in and preparation for advancement into the Quinnipiac University part-time online RN-BSN degree completion program;
- B. Consistent, integrated academic advisement and support;
- C. Access to Quinnipiac University student activities and campus facilities;
- D. Guaranteed enrollment in the part-time online RN-BSN degree completion program at Quinnipiac University pending completion of the A.S. degree, licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, and specified conditions;
- E. Smooth transition from the CT-CCNP to Quinnipiac University; and
- F. A 10% tuition discount for the part-time online RN to BSN undergraduate degree completion program. The 10% tuition discount is calculated on the current published rate on Quinnipiac's web site.

II. Articulation Guidelines

- A. Students may apply to Quinnipiac University's part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program during the spring semester prior to their expected graduation from CT-CCNP. *Applicants must identify themselves at the admissions process to receive a fee-waived code for the Quinnipiac University application and submit applications directly to the QU Online Admissions Office at Quinnipiac University for entry in either the fall or spring.*
- B. Students participating in this articulation agreement will be guaranteed enrollment as matriculated students in the part-time online RN-BSN degree completion program at Quinnipiac University upon completion of the Associate Degree, licensure as a registered nurse, and satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - a. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA;
 - b. Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the United States;
 - c. Graduation from the CT-CCNP within three calendar years of beginning the program; and
 - d. Application submission within two years of completing the CT-CCNP A.S. Degree.

- C. With an earned A.S. degree, students participating in this agreement are eligible to transfer 68 credits from this degree program as long as the earned grade in each course is a C or better.
- D. Up to seven (7) additional credits may be transferred and applied to the Quinnipiac University Advance Core requirement if the transfer courses are an equivalent with the Quinnipiac University Advance Core courses and consistent with Quinnipiac University's transfer credit policy.
- E. To progress and remain in good standing in the part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program, students must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0.
- F. As part of the BSN curriculum, students take six to nine credits that will apply towards the MSN level.
- G. Students participating in this agreement will matriculate under degree requirements of the Quinnipiac University catalog that are in effect when they are accepted into the part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program at Quinnipiac University.
- H. To earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing, all students must complete the final 45 credits of the part-time RN- BSN program at Quinnipiac University.
- I. Upon acceptance into the part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program at Quinnipiac University, students are eligible to receive Quinnipiac student identification cards and associated privileges, including participation in student activities and college events and access to the Quinnipiac University library, network center, and campus facilities.
- J. Students must submit proof of current licensure as a registered nurse prior to enrolling as a matriculated student at Quinnipiac University.
- K. New graduates must pass the NCLEX-RN® no later than at the completion of their first semester of classes.
- L. 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 Quinnipiac 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 Quinnipiac 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 Quinnipiac University part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program.
- 4) Identify prospective students interested in enrolling in the part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program and share the information with Quinnipiac University;
- 5) Designate personnel to work with staff at Quinnipiac University to implement an effective communication plan to interested students; and
- 6) Work with Quinnipiac University faculty to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.

B. The Responsibilities of Quinnipiac University are to:

- 1) Designate the Director of QU Online Admissions as the point of contact for the articulation agreement and for students interested in, and admitted to, the part-time online RN to BSN degree completion program;
- 2) Designate a nursing faculty advisor as the point of contact for students registered and taking classes in the part-time online RN-BSN degree completion program.
- 3) Develop a fee-waived application code for CT-CCNP students interested in the part-time RN to BSN program;
- 4) Ensure that the QU Online Admissions staff provides planned information sessions at each of the six participating community colleges.
- 5) Work with CT-CCNP personnel to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.
- 6) With student permission, share the enrolled and graduated Quinnipiac University RN-BSN students' names that are CT-CCNP graduates, on a semester basis with the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program.

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

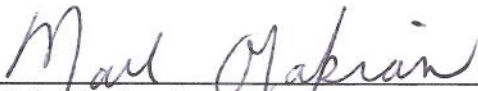
- 1) Conduct forums/workshops for counselors, admissions representatives, department chairs and other identified staff from both institutions to discuss expectations, review program requirements, develop promotional materials, and discuss curriculum and course equivalencies; and
- 2) Make available system-to-system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

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program and Quinnipiac 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, religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, genetic information, marital status, mental retardation, sexual orientation, learning disability, or physical disability or 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 Quinnipiac University.
- B. This agreement will take effect for students graduating from the CT-CCNP beginning in spring 2015.
- C. This agreement may be amended as needed by mutual agreement between the Community College System and Quinnipiac University.


Effective and signed this second day of February, 2016.




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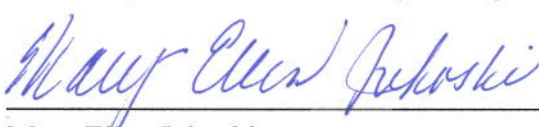
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**Comparison Chart: Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP)
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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY BSN PROGRAM			Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP)				
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Course Title	Credits accepted in Transfer	Credits to Earn	Total Credits
Transfer Credits	CT-CCNP Transfer Credits	68			68		
	REQUIRED COURSES						
Elective	Open Elective (Nursing)	3				3	
NUR 380	Health Promotion & Wellness	3				3	
NUR 382	Nursing Science & Informational Literacy	3				3	
NUR 475	Practical Experience I	1				1	
NUR 477	Practical Experience II	1				1	
NUR 478	Research & Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2				2	
NUR 479	Practical Experience III	1				1	
NUR 480	Interprofessional Practice & Quality Improvement	3				3	
NUR 482	Health Disparities in Vulnerable Populations	2				2	
NUR 484	Community & Public Health Nursing	3				3	
NUR 486	Contemporary Issues & Roles in Nursing Practice	3				3	
NUR 540*	Educational Principles for the Healthcare Professional	3				3	
NUR 544*	Introduction to Informatics	3				3	
NUR 602*	Principles of Ethical Theory in Nursing	1				1	
	ADVANCED CORE COURSES^						
HS 391	Colonizing the Body	4				4	
HS 394	Doctors, Diseases & Death in the Western World	4				4	
PO 301	Critical Thinking About Politics	4				4	
PO 302	The Global Civic Dilemma	4				4	
PS 232	The Concept of Personality & Its Development	4				4	
		120			68	52	120

* Courses apply at the MSN level (7 credits)

^Students may transfer in the equivalent of 1 four credit Advanced Core and 1 three credit elective for a total of 7 credits

SUMMARY OF CREDITS

QU Nursing Credits	32
Total Transfer Credits	68
Additional Gen Ed Credits	20
Total Credits	120
Quinnipiac University Residency Requirement	45