

# The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program & Sacred Heart University

## RN to BSN - Pathway Agreement

### I. Introduction

This Pathway Agreement is for students enrolled in a Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) who identify interest in earning the BSN Online degree at Sacred Heart University. Students participating in this pathway 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 pathway agreement will enjoy benefits that include:

- A. Early identification of interest in and preparation for advancement into the Sacred Heart University Online BSN program;
- B. Consistent, integrated academic advisement and support;
- C. Access to Sacred Heart University student activities and campus facilities at the time of enrollment;
- 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 listed below;
- E. Ability to transfer up to 90 credits from previous accredited colleges;
- F. Rolling admissions that permit application throughout the year and in any of the 6 (8 week modules)
- G. Year round study afforded by 8 week long courses, and 6 modules per year
- H. Asynchronous learning permitting 24 hour access to Online courses, at-home, at work or where access to WIFI can be obtained; and
- I. Smooth transition from the CT-CCNP to Sacred Heart University.

### II. Pathway 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 pathway 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; and
  - c. Graduation from the CT-CCNP within three calendar years of beginning the program.

- 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 pathway 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 Pathway Agreement;
  - 2. Make Sacred Heart University application materials available to students interested in participating in this pathway 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 pathway agreement;
  - 4. Ensure that the Sacred Heart University faculty advisor and staff provide planned advisement sessions at each of the six participating community colleges; and
  - 5. Work with CT-CCNP personnel to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.
  - 6. Pending student approval, share enrollment and graduation information of enrolled Sacred Heart University RN-BSN students 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 Sacred Heart University are to:**

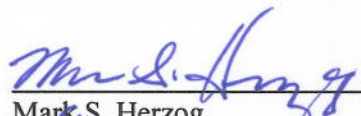
1. Conduct forums/workshops for counselors, Admissions representatives, department chairs and other identified staff from both institutions to discuss expectations, review program requirements, develop promotional materials, and discuss curriculum and course equivalencies; and
2. Make available system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

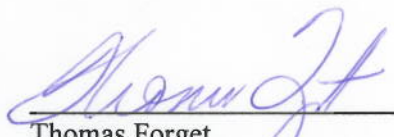
The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program and Sacred Heart University agree that in the performance of this Articulation Agreement they will not discriminate nor permit discrimination against any person or groups of persons on the basis of race, color, marital status, religion, political beliefs, 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.

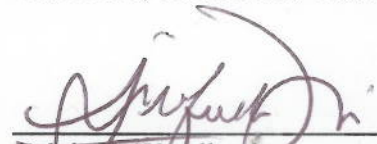
**IV. Implementation and Terms of Agreement**

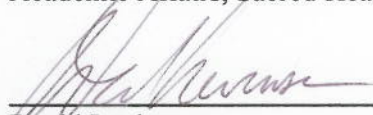
- A. When in conflict, this Articulation Agreement takes precedence over previous articulation agreements between the Connecticut Community College System and Sacred Heart University.
- B. This agreement will take effect for students graduating from the CT-CCNP beginning in spring 2010.
- C. This agreement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


Signed this 29 day of June, 2010.

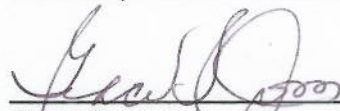
  
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**The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program  
&  
Sacred Heart University**

**Articulation Agreement: RN to BSN**

**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.



Barbara Douglass  
President, Northwestern Connecticut Community College

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program

&

Sacred Heart University

Revised RN to BSN Online – Pathway Agreement

The attached RN to BSN Pathway reflects enhancements/amendments based upon general education changes at Sacred Heart University (SHU). As of the date of this signing, the SHU signature evidences university-level approval.



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Date

**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
	Soc/Behavioral Science	3	PSY*111	General Psychology I	3			
	Soc/Behavioral Science	3	PSY*201	Life Span Development	3			
	Soc/Behavioral Science	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	4			
Freshman Seminar	Academic Writing	3	ENG*101	English Composition	3			
<b>CIT 201</b>	<b>Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
<b>CIT 202</b>	<b>Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
FLO 125	The Art of Thinking	3	PHL*131	Logic			<b>3</b>	
MA 101	Modern College Math	3					<b>3</b>	
ENG 260	Lit of Illness & Healing	3	ENG*102	Literature & Comp.	3			
HI 100	History: Western Civilization	3	HIS*101 or 102	Western Civilization I or II			<b>3</b>	
MA 131	Statistics for Decision Making	3	MAT*167	Statistics			<b>3</b>	
	Art/Media Studies			See attached grid.			<b>3</b>	
PH 221	Historical Survey of Phil	3	PHL*101	Intro to Philosophy			<b>3</b>	
TRS 265	Intro. to World Religions	3	PHL*150	Philosophy of Religion			<b>3</b>	
TRS 340	Bioethics/Medical Ethics	3	PHL*111	Medical Ethics			<b>3</b>	
	Free Elective	3					3	
NU 290	Validation of Prior Learning	36		CLN Articulation Agreement		<b>36</b>		
<b>NU 315</b>	<b>Human Journey in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
<b>NU 335</b>	<b>Information Technology for Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
<b>NU 345</b>	<b>Evidence Based Practice</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
<b>NU 355</b>	<b>Leadership in the Contemporary Nursing Practice</b>	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>	
<b>NU 376</b>	<b>Care Management: Individuals &amp; Families</b>	<b>4</b>					<b>4</b>	
<b>NU 387</b>	<b>Populations &amp; Global Health</b>	<b>5</b>					<b>5</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>121</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 SHU. Please consult your advisor at Sacred Heart for additional information.

**Comparison Chart:**

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& Sacred Heart University RN-BSN Program**

**Summary of Credits:**

Sacred Heart Nursing Credits	21
CLN Transfer Nursing Credits	36
Gen. Education Credits Accepted in Transfer	31
<u>Additional Gen. Education Credits to Earn</u>	<u>32</u>
<b>Total Credits for a BSN from SHU</b>	<b>120</b>

**Sacred Heart University Residency Requirement            30**

**Please note the following:**

**\*Sacred Heart University will accept a maximum of 90 total transfer credits.**

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**Course Equivalency Chart for Sacred Heart University Art/Media Studies and the  
Connecticut Community Colleges**

<b>Art/Media Studies:</b>	
ART*100	Art Appreciation
ART*101	Art History I
ART*102	Art History II
ART*104	Contemporary Art History
ART*111	Drawing I
COM*101	Intro to Mass Communication
COM*108	Contemporary Issues in Media
DAN*101	His & Appreciation of World Dance
MUS *101	Music History & Appreciation I
MUS*102	Music History & Appreciation II
MUS*103	History of American Music
MUS*104	World Music
MUS*108	Today's Music: Gospel, Ragtime, Blues, Jazz
MUS*137	History & Appreciation of Jazz
MUS*298	Pop Music in US: Jazz to Hip Hop
THR*101	Intro to Theater

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