



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Denver School of Nursing

And

**State of Colorado, Department of Higher Education, State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education,
for the use and benefit of the
Colorado Community College System**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this articulation agreement (the "Agreement") is to establish procedures and guidelines for graduates of an Associate Degree in Nursing program at the Colorado Community College System ("Graduates") to enroll in Denver School of Nursing's ("DSN") Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN program option) distance education degree program.

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admission to DSN

1. Graduates will be reviewed as applicants for DSN's RN to BSN program option. Applicants will be required to complete all DSN admission requirements in force at the time of application. DSN admission requirements are detailed in its most recent Catalog.
2. Accepted Graduates will become students of DSN ("Students").
3. Upon acceptance and signing of the DSN enrollment agreement, Students will be subject to all DSN policies, codes of conduct, college procedures, and requirements. These are described in the most recent DSN Catalog and Online Student Handbook.

B. Credit Transferability

1. Students who have completed an associate degree program in nursing from the Colorado Community College System consisting of a minimum of 90 quarter credits (60 semester credits) will be eligible for a block transfer of 90 quarter credits for prior degree completion to satisfy pre-requisite course requirements for enrollment in the DSN RN to BSN degree program option, subject to the limitations noted below:
 - a. Students must fulfill DSN requirements, which entail completion of no less than 25-percent of their program requirements at DSN.
 - b. Denver School of Nursing must have secured appropriate state authorization (e.g., individual state authorization or via the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) to enroll distance education students from the state in which the applicant resides. Denver School of Nursing is authorized to enroll students from the specific states listed in the admissions application for distance education programs (see www.denverschoolofnursing.edu). If a state is not listed in the Denver School of Nursing admissions application, the college is not yet authorized to enroll students residing in that state. Denver School of Nursing does not accept international students in its online programs.
2. See attached Articulation Guide and associated attachments for details regarding credit transfer associated with this articulation agreement.

C. Coordination

1. DSN and the Colorado Community College System agree to:
 - a. Coordinate their efforts to facilitate a collegial and mutually beneficial relationship;
 - b. Provide accurate and timely information about the relationship to students, alumni, or employees of either institution, and;
 - c. Designate an appropriate representative as primary contact person(s) for the respective institutions to facilitate coordination of this agreement.
2. DSN agrees to:
 - a. Provide relevant transfer information and electronic versions of current DSN brochures and/or catalogs.

D. Denver School of Nursing Profile and Accreditation

Denver School of Nursing is a private, post-secondary college that provides educational programs and training for nursing professionals. The college specializes in offering rigorous curricula, clinical site-based academic programs toward associate and bachelor degrees in nursing, and distance-delivered academic programs toward a bachelor degree in nursing. DSN is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), (www.ncahlc.org) (800-621-7440). Its associate and baccalaureate programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404-975-5000). The college is granted full approval for its associate and bachelors nursing programs by the Colorado State Board of Nursing. National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) approval is maintained through the Colorado Department of Higher Education. This approval grants the college the ability to offer distance education programs and courses in SARA member states.

Denver School of Nursing offers its RN to BSN program option in a distance education format to meet the needs of a diverse and geographically-dispersed student population. Classes offered via distance education are available to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 11-week terms (excepting only scheduled maintenance or other temporary outages) with two week breaks between quarters. All course credits are stated in terms of quarter credit hours. Accreditation and approval information is updated regularly at www.denverschoolofnursing.edu.

E. Institution Profile and Accreditation

The Colorado Community College System is governed by a nine-member State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE). The Board is unique in the nation, with responsibility for both secondary and post-secondary career and technical education and community college governance. The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) – Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Lamar Community College, Morgan Community College, Northeastern Community College, Otero Junior College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, Trinidad State Junior College – are public, two-year colleges accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers academic certificates and associate’s degrees.

III. Term

- A. This Agreement is effective on the later of the date hereof or the first day of the next DSN academic term and shall continue until terminated. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing.
- B. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 90 days written notice to the other party (“Termination Date”), provided that, for the protection of the Colorado Community College System students and alumni, DSN must meaningfully process all applications for transfer filed by the Colorado Community College System enrolled students who graduate within two years of the Termination Date, and all Graduates who graduated within two years of the Termination Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.

C. The Agreement may be executed by either electronic or facsimile transmission in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

This Articulation Agreement is approved and signed by:
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Articulation Guide
Denver School of Nursing - RN to BSN Program Option

The Colorado Community College System graduates who have successfully completed an Associate Degree in Nursing, who have achieved RN licensure, and who meet all other admissions criteria for acceptance into DSN's RN to BSN program option are eligible for admission. (See DSN's Admissions Policy). If admitted, a total of 90 quarter credits are applied to the DSN RN to BSN program option. Denver School of Nursing has reviewed the Colorado Community College System Associate Degree in Nursing curriculum (see attached) including the course list, credits, and descriptions as part of this articulation agreement.

Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Required Competencies

Upon successful completion of the Colorado Community College System Associate Degree in Nursing program, the Colorado Community College System students have demonstrated competencies in the following areas: Anatomy and Physiology (with labs), Human Growth and Development, College Mathematics, English Composition, Social and Behavioral sciences, Humanities, and Nursing at the Associate Degree level. Competencies are demonstrated by successful completion of course areas as reflected on the college transcript.

For additional information about Denver School of Nursing's admissions criteria, academic programs, and graduation requirements, please visit www.denverschoolofnursing.edu or contact a DSN Online Admissions Representative.

Attachments

Programs in AAS Nursing are available through:

Northeastern Junior College
Lamar Community College
Morgan Community College
Otero Junior College
Trinidad State Junior College
Pikes Peak Community College
Arapahoe Community College
Front Range Community College

Please refer to the current catalog for admissions and course requirements. The Nursing Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree range of semester credit hours is 60 (minimum) to 75 (maximum). The general education component of the AAS is 15 semester credit hours.