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**EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

RN to BS with a Nursing Major

THIS AGREEMENT, is made this _____ day of _____, 2004, between EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter “University”) and NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (hereinafter “College”) agree to mutual cooperation in the articulation of Nursing students between institutions. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the educational progress of students by eliminating duplication of degree requirements where possible. This agreement also serves as the basis for guiding students as they develop their academic plans.

Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who has earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE and who has successfully passed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing exam (NCLEX-RN) is assured admission into the Bachelor of Science major in Nursing on a space available basis.

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE confirm the following terms of agreement:

1. At the beginning of their final semester at NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (deadline is December 1 for the spring semester and May 1 for the fall semester), the student submits an application for admission into East Stroudsburg University. Students are encouraged to apply well before application deadlines.
2. Students may then be admitted, on a space available basis, directly into the Nursing major at East Stroudsburg University. Admission into the Nursing major is conditional upon achieving an overall QPA of 2.75 or better (on a 4.0 scale) upon graduation from NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. Placement in courses in the Nursing major is conditional upon successfully passing the NCLEX-RN exam.
3. After acceptance into EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY, the student registers for courses in accordance with the University’s procedures. A process for advising prospective transfer students will be developed by EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY’S Department of Nursing.
4. The student will follow curriculum regulations in effect at the time the student is admitted to the UNIVERSITY and enters the Nursing program under the curriculum in place at the time of formal acceptance.

5. Nurses graduating less than 3 years from the time they apply are eligible for direct articulation. Nurses who graduated 3 or more years prior to application must have 1000 hours of nursing practice within the last 12 months. These students should submit a brief resume along with their application describing formal education experience, work experience, continuing education, and professional activities such as papers, presentations, etc. Students, having graduated 3 or more years prior to application who have not practiced nursing, may be required to validate current level of nursing knowledge through testing.

6. EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY accepts all of the pre-requisite and co-requisite general education credits completed at NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE listed below provided that a grade of “C” or better has been achieved. Other general education courses are to be reviewed for equivalency status in accordance with the University’s general education plan. The student will be advised in writing of the credits not accepted by the University.

PREREQUISITE/COREQUISITE COURSES

Northampton Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
Course Number	Credits	Course Number	Credits
BIOS 204	4	BIOL 111	4
CHEM 135*	4	CHEM Elective	4
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 103	3
PSYC 103	3	PSY 100	3
BIOS 254	4	BIOL 112	4
ENGL 151	3	ENGL 162	3
MATH 150	3	MATH 110	3
PSYC 258	3	PSY 225	3
SOCA 103	3	SOC 111	3
CMTH 102	3	CMST 111	3
PHIL 202	3	PHIL 231	3
Total	36	Total	36

*Fulfills Nursing Department Chemistry Requirement

7. The Nursing program at EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY recognizes that the Nursing courses completed at NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE fulfill the requirements for the following Nursing courses at EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY.

NURSING

Northampton Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
Course Number	Credits	Course Number	Credits
NURS 101	8	NURS 320	5
NURS 221	4	NURS 421	6
NURS 222	4	NURS 422	6
NURS 257	4		
NURS 258	4	NURS 304	3
NURS 223	4	NURS 321/322	10
NURS 224	4	NURS 423	5
NURS 231	2	NURS 400	1
Total	34	Total	36

8. All transfer credits that students earn at NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE will be noted on the student's official EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY transcript upon receipt of completed official NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE transcript.

9. Credit by examination can be obtained for non-clinical Nursing courses including: Nutrition and Diet Therapy, Pharmacology and Health Assessment. Minimal scores required to receive credit by examination shall be established by the University.

10. Students must complete a minimum of 32 credits at EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY in order to receive a degree from the University. This does not include credit by examination. A minimum of thirty (30) credits must be 300 level or above (Note: Nursing courses transferring from NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, which are equivalent to 300 or 400 level courses in the Nursing major at EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY may be used in determining if students meet this graduation requirement). A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation at EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY.

11. *Modification of this Agreement.* Representatives from each school are responsible for monitoring this agreement on an annual basis and for making amendments if necessary to improve transfer procedures. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

12. *Term of Agreement.* This agreement will be effective on the date it is approved by both parties. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed five years from the date of final execution.

13. *Termination of Agreement.* The agreement may be terminated by either party given a ninety (90) day written notification period.

14. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin as well as the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act.

15. *Interpretation of the Agreement.* The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.

16. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

17. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other, except as specifically stated in this Agreement. As to liability for damage, injuries or death to person, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement unless such a waiver is expressly and clearly written into a part of this Agreement.

18. *Jurisdiction.* Any disputes arising from under this Agreement, by statute, must be presented before the Board of Claims of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed the agreement as of the date indicated below.

ACCEPTED BY:

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Date _____
President

Date _____
Nursing Director

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Date _____
Vice-President and Provost for Academic Affairs

Date _____
Nursing Chairperson, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

Date _____
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Legal Counsel

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