

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN**

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

**and**

**Chesapeake College**

**Regarding the**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
in Nursing**

Frostburg State University and Chesapeake College agree to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree as an articulated program for students who are enrolled in the Associate in Science Degree in nursing program or have completed an Associate degree in Nursing and are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Under these terms, students will be admitted to the RN-BSN program under the same standards as are all other students with a degree from any Maryland Community College. Frostburg State University will accept no more than 70 credits for the Associate degree earned.

This agreement applies to two different types of students that are eligible for enrollment in Frostburg State University's RN-BSN program and Chesapeake Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

1. Students admitted to Chesapeake College Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Program and in their second semester that are in good standing according to program guidelines.
2. Students that have completed the Associate Degree in Nursing program at Chesapeake College, have an unencumbered RN license in the United States (or are qualified to complete their state RN licensure exam), and have completed the majority of prerequisite course work and general education requirements.

Note: Current Chesapeake College Associate in Science Degree in Nursing students that decide to pursue Frostburg State University's RN-BSN Program may do so at any time. The student can then initiate the enrollment process and will be granted early admission to FSU's RN-BSN program as long as the student meets the admission requirements of the RN-BSN program and are in good standing in their second semester of nursing at Chesapeake College. Advising sessions (group and individual) will be held every semester. All information related to registration, including course offerings and schedules of classes, will be made available at

the community college site or via the Web for students enrolled at Frostburg State University. This will be by phone, email, or synchronous class as per the student's choice.

Any synchronous classes will be scheduled to accommodate the working adult while in an Associate Degree in Nursing Program. The student will receive dual advising from Chesapeake College and Frostburg State University faculty to guide the student in completing appropriate prerequisites and selecting their RN-BSN core courses.

Student records will be maintained at Chesapeake College and will be made accessible to faculty and staff at Frostburg State University with written student permission on an as-needed basis.

Tuition and fees assessed will be that of Frostburg State University for all RN-BSN program core courses.

Students are eligible to apply for departmental scholarships and institutional scholarships, as they will be students at both schools in the event the student decides to attend Frostburg State University RN-BSN classes while pursuing their Associate Degree in Nursing at Chesapeake College.

Students can take any nursing course while pursuing their Associate Degree in Nursing provided they have completed all appropriate prerequisites as outlined in the Frostburg State University undergraduate catalog. (A chemistry course equivalent to Chemistry 201 at Frostburg State University must be completed prior to admission or during the first semester of nursing classes.)

All new students enrolled in Frostburg's RN to BSN Program are required to take a zero credit, pass/fail orientation course during their first semester of the Nursing Program. The purpose of this course is to help new students learn more about the program, become acclimated to the online learning environment at Frostburg, and to help students become aware of all the different types of resources and support services available to them. The main topics of the course include Technology, Library Services, Being a Successful Online Student, Advising, RN-BSN e-Portfolio, and the Community Health Practicum. This orientation course is six weeks in length and starts one week before the semester begins.

Listed is a description of the current Chesapeake College ASN programmatic and degree requirements. (Note: Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer.)

### **Chesapeake College Program Requirements:**

BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology	4 credits
ENG 101	Composition	3 credits
PSC 150	General Psychology	3 credits
BIO 212	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 credits
BIO 202	Microbiology	4 credits
MAT	Mathematics (G. Ed)	3-5 credits
NUR 102	Basic Pharmacology for Nursing	1 credit
NUR 111	Foundations of Nursing	8 credits
PSC 250	Human Growth and Development	3 credits
NUR 120	Dimensions of Nursing	9 credits
COM 101	Fundamentals of Oral and organizational Communication	3 credits
NUR 210	Families within the Community	9 credits
SOC 161	Sociology	3 credits
ART/HUM	Arts and Humanities (G. Ed.)	3 credits
NUR 220	Complex Healthcare Needs	6 credits
NUR 230	Client Care Management	4 credits

Minimum Required Credits 70 credits

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### **Frostburg State University Graduation Requirements**

**General Education Courses** (please see attached transfer guide) 55-58 credits\*

**Nursing License** 30 credits

#### **RN-BSN Courses**

NUR 401	Health Assessment	3 credits
NUR 402	Nursing Research	3 credits
NUR 403	Elements of Professional Nursing Role	3 credits
NUR 404	Nursing Informatics	3 credits
NUR 405	Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3 credits
NUR 406	Leadership for Quality and Safety	3 credits
NUR 491 & NUR 495	Population-Focused Nursing Practice	6 credits
NUR 496	Capstone Project	2 credits
Nursing Elective		3 credits
MGMT 356		3 credits

Minimum Required Credits for Graduation from Frostburg 120 credits\*

\* Minimum 120 credits needed for graduation; additional transfer credits, depending on student's academic history, may be required. FSU RN-BSN/ATB Coordinator will provide each student with a detailed Academic Plan of Study.

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## Overview and Summary

For students following this agreement, the steps are as follows:

Step 1: Complete the Associate Degree in Nursing at Chesapeake College.

Step 2: Apply for admission to Frostburg State University, indicating RN-BSN Program as the intended major. Applications for admission can be obtained by visiting the website:

<http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/transfer.htm>

Visit [www.frostburg.edu/nursing](http://www.frostburg.edu/nursing) for more information on the RN-BSN Program.

Step 3: Once application has been submitted follow up by contacting:

FSU Contact Information:

Dan Saunders  
RN-BSN/ATB Coordinator  
301-687-3418  
[drsaunders@frostburg.edu](mailto:drsaunders@frostburg.edu)

## NURSING

### **RN to BSN Completion Program Collaborative Transfer Program Major**

	<b>MAJOR</b>
Hours transferred from community college:	30-55
Hours earned with unencumbered RN license:	30
Hours required at Frostburg State:	35-60
<b>Total Hours Required:</b>	120

The RN to BSN Program is based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's proposed *Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Education*. The program is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and meets the requirements of the Maryland statewide nursing education articulation agreement.

The RN to BSN curriculum is designed to increase the registered nurse's knowledge and skills in the areas of leadership, quality improvement, evidence-based nursing practice, nursing informatics, population-focused health promotion and disease prevention, interdisciplinary

collaboration and professionalism. The program will prepare nurses to assume roles in leadership, complex clinical care coordination and community/public health, and serves as the academic foundation for graduate study.

The program is open to all registered nurses who meet the program admissions criteria, including an active, unencumbered RN license from within the United States. The program builds on the elements of Associate Degree nursing education. Nursing students concurrently enrolled in an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at a community college who meet the admission criteria (with the exception of RN licensure) are eligible to take RN-BSN courses at the discretion of the assigned advisor prior to licensure. Courses are delivered in a part-time, online format to maximize scheduling flexibility and maintain the student-faculty connection that is essential to academic success.

### **PROGRAM GOAL**

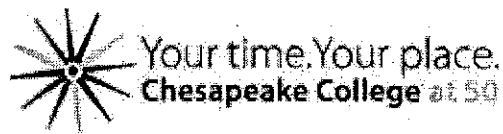
The RN to BSN Program prepares the registered nurse to be a professional health care practitioner who provides compassionate care that is based on scientific evidence and who serves as the link between the patient (individual, family, community or population) and the health care environment across the lifespan.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The RN to BSN Program prepares the graduate to:

- Utilize critical thinking and creativity to address professional practice and patient care issues.
- Apply leadership concepts and collaborative strategies to the process of nursing care delivery.
- Utilize quality improvement and safety management principles in clinical nursing practice.
- Identify and understand basic elements of nursing research.
- Integrate scientific evidence with clinical judgment and patient preference to improve patient outcomes.
- Safely use information technology to improve patient care.
- Describe the ethical, legal, political and financial influences on the delivery of patient care.
- Demonstrate interpersonal communication skills and collaborative strategies that support the delivery of interdisciplinary, patient-centered care.
- Provide evidence-based, preventative health care to families, communities and vulnerable populations in community-based settings.
- Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attributes of professional nursing practice.

Addendum on next pages includes Transfer Guide



## Transfer Guide

### FSU Requirements

### Chesapeake College Course Equivalents

<p>Core Skills (9 credits)</p> <p>Freshman Composition (ENGL 101)</p> <p>Advanced Composition (ENGL 308, 338, or 339)</p> <p>Statistics (MATH109/209)</p>	<p><u>ENG 101 English Composition</u></p> <p>Must be a 300 level English taken at FSU</p> <p>MAT 204 Introduction to Statistics</p>
<p>Fine Arts (choose 1, 3 credits)</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Music</p>	<p>ART 101, HUM 101, HUM 110</p> <p>MUS 101 Theatre: THE 172, FLM 240</p> <p><u>(one Fine Arts/HUM required by CC/MGW)*</u></p>
<p>Humanity (choose 2, 6 credits) *</p> <p>ENGL</p> <p>HIST</p> <p>PHIL</p> <p>Humanities Elective</p>	<p>ENG 102 Intro to Literature</p> <p>HST 101, 102, 121, 122, 131,132</p> <p>PHL 200 Intro to Philosophy</p> <p>History/Philosophy/Language/Literature</p>
<p>Natural Sciences (8 credits)</p> <p>General Chemistry (CHEM 100 or 201)</p> <p>Anatomy &amp; Physiology (BIOL 321)</p>	<p>CHM 121 General Chemistry I</p> <p><u>BIO 211 Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</u></p>
<p>FSU Colloquia (6 credits)</p>	<p>See Below **</p>
<p>Social Science (6 credits)</p> <p>Intro Psychology (PSYC 150)</p> <p>Intro Sociology (SOCI 100)</p>	<p><u>PSC 150 General Psychology</u></p> <p><u>SOC 161 Sociology</u></p>
<p>Identity &amp; Difference (choose 1, 3 credits)</p> <p>Human Geography (GEOG 104)</p> <p>Cultural Anthropology (SOCI 224)</p>	<p>GEO 142 Cultural Geography</p> <p>ANT 101 Physical Anthropology</p>
<p>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (BIOL 322)</p> <p>Microbiology (BIOL 304)</p> <p>Nutrition (HEED 200)</p> <p>Human Growth and Development (PYSC 208)</p>	<p><u>BIO 212 Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</u></p> <p><u>BIO 202 Microbiology</u></p> <p>HTH 160 Nutrition for Health Services</p> <p><u>PSC 250 Human Growth &amp; Development</u></p>

\*Each student's transcript must be evaluated and an individualized educational plan will be formulated by the FSU adviser and the student. This form is meant to be a guide for students considering a Chesapeake-FSU transfer.

\*\*If PSC 250 Human Growth & Development and BIO 202 Microbiology are taken at Chesapeake, they will fulfill the Colloquia Requirement. If not taken at Chesapeake, any liberal arts electives taken at Chesapeake that are GEP, such as Speech and Computer Science, will meet the requirement.

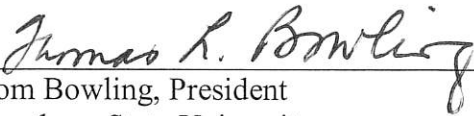
- Those courses highlighted are required for the CC/MGW Nursing Program.
- General Education Program may be different if the student is a re-entry to FSU or it is a second degree.
- Minimum 120 credits needed for graduation from Frostburg's Nursing Program.
- ARTSYS is the Articulation System for MD Colleges and Universities. To determine whether a course you have completed at another college or university in the MD system will transfer to FSU, you can access the ARTSYS website. <http://artweb.usmd.edu/>

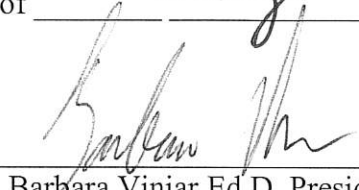
# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

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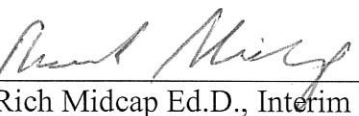
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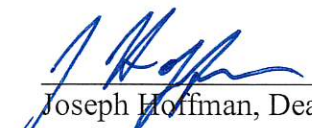
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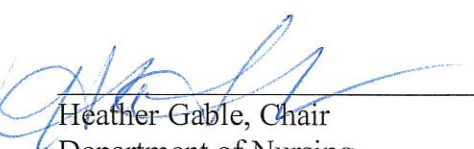
  
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This agreement is effective with new Chesapeake College admits 2016-2018.

This agreement will be reviewed every two years