

# TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



**Southern Maine Community College  
& Saint Joseph's College of Maine**



## Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) to Saint Joseph's College of Maine (SJCME). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility to Saint Joseph's College and the degree program indicated.

## Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

**To: Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) with a Healthcare Administration Certificate**

**From: Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN)**

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from SMCC shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as SJCME students. All applicants accepted to SJCME's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B & C.

- **Appendix A** Contains Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution
- **Appendix B** Contains Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables for the academic program listed above
- **Appendix C** Contains a map of remaining courses to be taken at Saint Joseph's College of Maine

**Important Note:** The information contained in Appendices A, B, & C is accurate for Catalog Years 2022-2023 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For up-to-date information, please refer to our college websites at [www.smccme.edu](http://www.smccme.edu) and [www.sjcme.edu/online](http://www.sjcme.edu/online).

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## APPENDIX A

### Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

#### Admission Requirements

Successful completion of the SMCC ASN program, accredited at the time of graduation by CCNE or ACEN. The program must have been completed with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants are also required to hold an active, unrestricted RN license, although they can begin applying prior to licensure. SMCC ASN graduates need to submit an application, a two paragraph or less essay following the prompt provided in the application, and official transcripts from all educational institutions previously attended. If a student does not have the foundation or skill to enroll in an upper-level course due to a lack of the appropriate introductory course(s), any necessary prerequisite course(s) will be required.

#### Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (See Appendix C)

Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Students who receive less than a C+ grade (78) in a nursing course at SJC may not progress to the next nursing courses until a grade of C+ (78) is achieved; this may mean that the student needs to repeat a course. Student must achieve a 78 average on test scores in nursing courses including the final exam, before other grades, such as papers, projects or nursing care plans, are averaged in. Students may only repeat a nursing course once. Failure to successfully complete the course on the second attempt at any institution or failure of a second nursing course will result in dismissal from the program. Matriculated students will have five (5) years to complete the program.

#### Residency Requirement

Prerequisite and/or general education courses required for the Bachelor's degree may be transferred from SMCC or other accredited institutions, but 25% of the identified course requirements must be completed at SJC. SJC will accept a maximum of 90 transfer credits.

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## APPENDIX B

### Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

[Each SMCC course must be completed with a C or better to be eligible for transfer to SJCME]

SMCC General Education Requirements			SJCME Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	EH 106	English Composition I (EH)	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	EH	EH Elective (EH)	3
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Groups	1		General Elective	1
MATH 112	Quantitative Reasoning (or higher) *	3	MA 205	Elementary Statistics (MA)	3
BIOL 132	Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	4	HIM 200	Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology (NS)	4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective	HIST 170 Recommended	3	TH	TH Elective (TH)	3
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 101	Introduction to Psychology (SBS)	3
PSYC 220	Lifespan Development	3	PY 211	Lifespan Development (SBS)	3
General Education credits		23	Transfer credits accepted		23

SMCC Major Requirements			SJCME Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 138	Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	4		General Elective (NS)	4
BIOL 250	Microbiology with Lab	5		General Elective (NS)	5
NURS 100	Dosage Calculations	1		Prior Nursing/ General Elective	1
NURS 125	Nursing I	9		Prior Nursing/ General Elective (PD)	9
NURS 175	Nursing II	9		Prior Nursing/ General Elective	9
NURS 225	Nursing III	9		Prior Nursing/ General Elective	9
NURS 275	Nursing IV	9		Prior Nursing/ General Elective	3
Major credits		46	Transfer credits accepted		40
Total SMCC credits		69	Total credits accepted by SJCME		63

\*SJC recommends students enroll into MATH 155 – Statistics to meet their math requirement at SMCC. Doing so would allow the student to transfer in the equivalent of SJC's required math course, MA 205 – Statistics, in SJCME's online RN-BSN program. This would free up 3 general education credits and allow the student to transfer in 66 credits to SJCME and have only 54 credits remaining to take at SJC to complete their RN-BSN program.

## APPENDIX C

### Remaining Saint Joseph's College of Maine Degree Requirements

For students in SMCC ASN transferring to SJCME's Online BSN

[Assumes students complete courses at SMCC as listed in Appendix B and earn a C or better in each.]

12-Week Term #1		12-Week Term #2	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NU 451 – Professional Transitions and Healthcare Informatics	6	NU 309 – Evidence-Based Practice	3
NU 316- Health Assessment for RNs	3	NU 452 – Health Promotion and Policy	6
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>9</b>

12-Week Term #3		10-Week Term #5	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NU 407 – Evidence-Based Practice Capstone	3	Humanities Elective (HY/PH/TH)	3
NU 453 – Quality Care and Leadership	6	Humanities Elective (HY/PH/TH)	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

10-Week Term #6		10-Week Term #7	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
HA 205 American Healthcare Systems	3	HA 330 Healthcare Administration	3
HA 302 Human Resource Management	3	HA 343 Healthcare Financial Management	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

10-Week Term #8		10-Week Term #9	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
HA 353 Legal Aspects of Healthcare Admin.	3	HA Elective (HA 340 Suggested)	3
HA 355 Ethics in Healthcare Administration	3	HA Elective (HA 454 Suggested)	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

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**Total SJCME credits: 57**

**Total SMCC and SJCME credits applied towards degree: 120**

**Total time to finish BSN at SJCME following plan above: 2 years from start\*\***

\*\*This timeline can be delayed or accelerated depending on the student's courseload per term at SJCME