

# TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



Southern Maine Community College  
and  
University of Southern 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 University of Southern Maine (USM). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility to USM and the degree program indicated.

## Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

**To: Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**From: Associate in Science in Nursing**

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 Southern Maine Community College 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 USM students. All applicants accepted to USM's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B, and 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 four-semester map of remaining courses to be taken at USM

Information contained in Appendices A, B, and C is accurate for Catalog Year 2021-2022 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For current information please check the [UMS Transfer Guide](#) or [MaineStreet](#) for equivalencies, and go to <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.

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## Articulation Agreement between Southern Maine Community College & University of Southern Maine

### 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.

#### Admissions Requirements

Successful completion of the SMCC **Associate in Science in Nursing**, submission of a completed admission application (if necessary), transcripts and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to USM, a student must earn a grade of C- or better. Student must have a transfer GPA of 2.5 or better to qualify for guaranteed admission to USM's RN-BS program. For a list of application instructions and checklist: <http://usm.maine.edu/admit/application-instructions>.

#### Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate.

#### Residency Requirement

For all baccalaureate degrees at the University, a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 9 credit hours in the major field at the 200-level or above, must be completed at the University of Southern Maine.

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## APPENDIX B

### Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

*Courses represented in italics are required. If subjects in italics in Appendix B are **not** taken at SMCC as part of the AS Nursing program, the sequence represented in Appendix C cannot be observed.*

SMCC AS Nursing General Education Required Courses			USM Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	ENG 100	College Writing (WRI 1 Core Requirement)	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 140	Reading Literature (Cultural Interpretation Core Requirement)	3
FIGS 102	Student Success - Health Sciences	1	GEL 1XX	Elective credit	1
MATH Elective	<i>MATH 155 Statistics</i>	3	MAT 120	Introduction to Statistics (Quantitative Reasoning Core Requirement)	3
BIOL 132	Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4	BIO 111/112	Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab (Science Exploration Core Requirement)	4
BIOL 138	Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4	BIO 113/114	Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective: <i>Any course that fulfills the USM Creative Expression Core Requirement; <a href="#">see list</a></i>		3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 220	Lifespan Development	3	HRD 200	Multicultural Human Development (Socio-Cultural Analysis Core Requirement)	3
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>Total credits accepted</b>		<b>23</b>

SMCC AS Nursing Major Required Courses			USM Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 250	Microbiology & Lab	5	BIO 281/282	Microbiology and Lab	5
NURS 100	Dosage Calculations	1	NUR 1XX	Nursing Elective	1
NURS 125	Nursing I	9	Four semesters considered to encompass content and learning in NUR 313, 323, 325, 330, 331, 413, 420, 421, 422, 427, 428, 423, 425. These courses fulfill the USM Engaged Learning Core Requirement.	36	
NURS 175	Nursing II	9			
NURS 225	Nursing III	9			
NURS 275	Nursing IV	9			
<b>Major Credits</b>		<b>46</b>			
<b>Total SMCC Credits</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>Total Credits accepted</b>		<b>69</b>

## APPENDIX C

### Remaining USM Degree Requirements

For SMCC AS Nursing students transferring to USM BS Nursing

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NUR 308 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice	3	MAT 120 or PSY 201 Statistics (Quantitative Core Requirement)	3
NUR 309/310 Health Assessment and Lab	4	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
NUR 356 Concepts in Community Health	3	International Core Requirement	3
Ethical Inquiry Core Requirement	3	WRI 3 Core Requirement	3
ENG 102 Academic Writing (WRI 2 Core Requirement)	3		
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>12</b>

Summer between Year Three and Year Four	
Course	Credit
NUR 370 Theory for Clinical Practice	3

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NUR 476 Theory Related to Clinical Specialty for RNs	3	NUR 419 Community Nursing Partnerships for RNs (Diversity Core Requirement)	2
BIO 345 Pathophysiology	3	Electives*	6
NUR 321 Health Related Research	3		
NUR 474 Professional Issues: Leadership, Management, & Organization for RNs	3		
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>8~</b>
<b>Total USM credits: 51</b>			
<b>Total SMCC and USM credits: 120*</b>			

\*A total of at least 120 credits is required to earn a bachelor's degree. It is recommended that a student earn additional credits while at SMCC or USM in order to have the requisite number of credits for baccalaureate conferral.

~12 or more credits is considered full-time for financial aid purposes.