



**Articulation Agreement for Baccalaureate Degree
between
North Shore Community College
and
University of Southern Maine**

Statement of Purpose

North Shore Community College (NSCC) and the University of Southern Maine (USM) have entered into this transfer articulation agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from a two-year community college to a university. It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at NSCC for admission eligibility to University of Southern Maine and the Baccalaureate Degree Program indicated.

Terms and Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
(Name of USM Academic Program/Degree)

From: **Associate of Arts in Health Science**
(Name of NSCC Academic Program/Degree)

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 North Shore 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 University of Southern Maine students. All applicants accepted to University of Southern Maine's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B & C; the terms of this agreement do not guarantee admission.

- * 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 University of Southern Maine

(Important Note: The information contained in Appendices A, B, & C is accurate for USM Catalog Year 2022-2023 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For up to date information please check [UMS Transfer Guides](#) or [MaineStreet](#) for transfer equivalencies and <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.



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APPENDIX A

This agreement includes minimum requirements for transfer admission into the University of Southern Maine Bachelor of Science in Nursing program from a non-nursing program; it outlines grade 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. A student may be granted admission to University of Southern Maine and still not gain admission to the BS in Nursing Program.

Admissions requirements: Successful completion of the NSCC Associate of Arts in Health Science, submission of a completed admission application, transcripts and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to University of Southern Maine, a student must earn a grade of C- or better; however, the lowest acceptable grade in required prerequisite and CON courses (or any course that transfers as such) is C. The lowest acceptable grade in required NUR courses (or any course that transfers as such) is C+.

Requirements for the University of Southern Maine Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must transfer with a minimum GPA of 3.3 in all prior college work, and a minimum grade of C in Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Nutrition, Microbiology, Chemistry and Pathophysiology (or any course that transfers as such). Achievement of these thresholds **does not** guarantee admission.

University of Southern Maine 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

*Courses represented in italics are required. If italicized courses in Appendix B are **not** taken at NSCC, the sequence represented in Appendix C cannot be observed. Credit totals reflect italicized entries.*

NSCC AA in Health Science			University of Southern Maine BS in Nursing Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
CMP 101	Composition 1	3	ENG 100	College Writing	3
LS Elective	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 111/112	Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab	4
MAT 143	Introduction to Statistics	3	MAT 120	Introduction to Statistics (Quantitative Reasoning Core Requirement)	3
LS Elective	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 113/114	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	4
OPN Elective	<i>DTC 104 Nutrition for the Life Cycle</i>	3	CON 252	Human Nutrition	3
CMP 102-150	Composition 2 Elective	3	ENG 140 OR ENG 1XX	Reading Literature OR English Elective	3
CPS 100	Information Tech and Its Applications	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HUM Elective	Fulfill USM Creative Expression Core Requirement: <i>CMP 190 Creative Writing, SPE 102 Speech, OR ART 110 Basic Drawing 1</i>	3	ENG 201, THE 170 OR ART 1XX	Creative Writing, Public Speaking, OR Art Elective (Creative Expression Core Requirement)	3
PSY 102	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PHI 120	Medical Ethics	3	PHI 1XX	Philosophy Elective (Cultural Interpretation Core Requirement)	
SS Elective	Social Science Elective: <i>SOC 106 Introduction to Sociology</i>	3	SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
OPN Elective	<i>CHE 101 Introductory Chemistry I with Lab*</i>	3	CHY 1XX	Chemistry Elective	3
SS Elective <i>PSY 118</i>	Social Science Elective <i>Human Growth and Development</i>	3	HRD 200	Multicultural Human Development	3
ALH 150	The Dynamics of Health Care	3	COR 1XX	Core Elective	3
LA Elective	Liberal Arts Elective	3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
LA Elective	<i>BIO 214 Microbiology</i>	3	BIO 281	Microbiology (Lecture Only—Lab must be taken at USM)	3
HUM Elective	Humanities Elective	3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
LS Elective	<i>CHE 102 Introductory Chemistry II with Lab*</i>	3	CHY 107	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3
OPN Elective	Open Elective	3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
Total NSCC credits		59	Total Credits Accepted		59

***Both CHE 101 and CHE 102 must be completed in order to receive the equivalency to USM CHY 107 Chemistry for Health Sciences.**

APPENDIX C

Remaining University of Southern Maine Degree Requirements

For students in NSCC AA in Health Science transferring to University of Southern Maine BS in Nursing

[Assumes students complete recommended Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Fine Arts and Humanities electives at NSCC as listed in Appendix B.]

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
WRI 2 Core Requirement	3	NUR 300 Health Assessment	2
BIO 282 Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab	2	NUR 301 Health Assessment Lab	1
NUR 100 Introduction to Professional Nursing	3	NUR 306 Nursing Arts and Science	3
BIO 345 Pathophysiology	3	NUR 307 Fundamentals in Nursing Lab	2
CON 356 Concepts in Community Health	3	NUR 302 Pharmacology	3
NUR 321 Health-Related Research	3	NUR 330 Mental Health Nursing	3
		NUR 331 Mental Health Nursing Clinical	2
Semester Credits	17	Semester Credits	16

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NUR 313 Adult Health Skills and Simulation	1	NUR 341 Community Nursing Partnerships II	2
NUR 323 Adult/Older Adult Health Nursing	3	NUR 420 Reproductive and Child Health Skills and Simulation	1
NUR 325 Adult/Older Adult Health Nursing Clinical	4	NUR 421 Reproductive & Sexual Health Nursing	3
NUR 332 Nursing Care of the Older Adult in the Community	2	NUR 422 Reproductive & Sexual Health Nursing Clinical OR NUR 428 Child Health Nursing Clinical	1.5
NUR 339 Community Nursing Partnerships I	2	NUR 427 Child Health Nursing	3
		NUR 424 Clinically Applied Genetics	2
Semester Credits	12	Semester Credits	12.5

Year Five Fall	
Course	Credit
NUR 413 Advanced Nursing Skills Lab	1
NUR 423 Management of the Critically Ill Adult/Older Adult Nursing	3
NUR 425 Management of the Critically Ill Adult/Older Nursing Clinical	2
NUR 470 Leadership, Management, and Ethics	3
NUR 480 Practicum/Care Management	3
Semester Credits	12
Total USM credits: 69.5	
Total NSCC and USM credits: 128.5	

*USM Core Curriculum requirements in Science Exploration, Ethical Inquiry, International, Culture, Power & Equity, Engaged Learning, Socio-Cultural Analysis, and Writing, Reading, and Inquiry 3 are met through the Nursing curriculum.