

**BINGHAMTON**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**Transfer Articulation Agreement  
Between**

**Binghamton University Decker School of Nursing  
And  
Suffolk County Community College**

**Introduction**

Based upon mutual respect for the integrity of parallel programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue programs of study in Nursing, Suffolk County Community College and Binghamton University hereby enter into agreement of a transfer articulation program.

Binghamton University recognizes particular responsibility to students from Suffolk County Community College who complete an associate degree at Suffolk County Community College and then wish to earn a baccalaureate degree at Binghamton University.

Prospective students should consult the Binghamton University Bulletin (<http://bulletin.binghamton.edu>) for specific information about courses and admission requirements.

**Objectives**

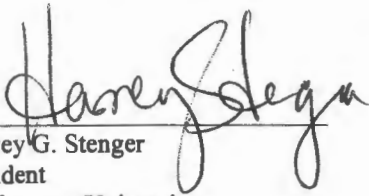
- To facilitate the transition of graduates of an associate degree program at Suffolk County Community College to the baccalaureate degree programs in Nursing in the Decker School at Binghamton University.
- To attract qualified students to Suffolk County Community College and to Binghamton University. To provide information to ensure appropriate advisement for students from faculty and staff at both Suffolk County Community College and Binghamton University.
- To encourage academic coordination between faculty and advisors at the two institutions, including curricular reviews.
- To assess and exchange information on the specific outcomes of this articulation program with the goal of continual improvement.

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In October 2017, Binghamton University and Suffolk County Community College agree to certify this agreement as described on pages 1 through 9 of this articulation agreement and Transfer Planning Appendix.

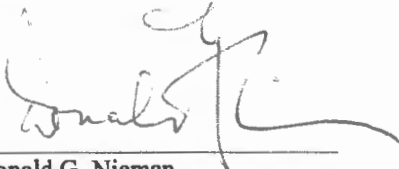
The undersigned agree to coordinate this program and agree to all the stipulations outlined in the attached documents.



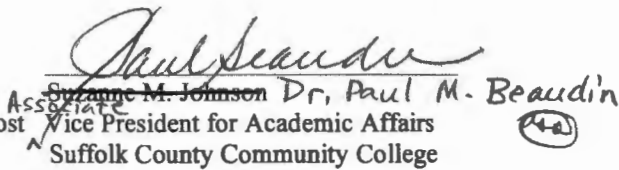
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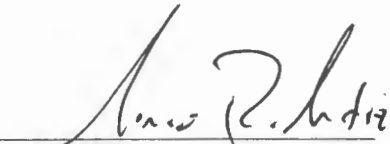
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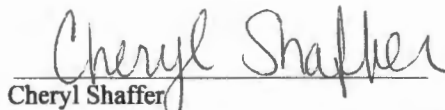
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### **These Items Apply Only to the Traditional Nursing Transfer Program**

1. Under the provisions of this program, all Suffolk County Community College students who have graduated or who will graduate with the Associate of Science (AS) degree with a cumulative and pre-requisite grade point average of at least 3.00 in courses toward their degree will be welcomed as matriculated students in the Decker School of Nursing Traditional Transfer Program provided that:
  - All relevant and regular transfer admissions criteria are met, including consideration of the qualifications of the pool of other applicants for the semester of admission.
  - Space is available in the entering class.
  - A completed application is received by the application deadline date listed on the Binghamton University Admissions website for fall admission
  
2. Students are encouraged to complete all of the General Education (Gen Ed) requirements and Nursing prerequisite courses at Suffolk County Community College as part of the AS degree. The prerequisite courses are required to be completed prior to beginning the upper division nursing course sequence that begins only in the fall semester. Failure to complete these courses prior to the fall semester will make a student ineligible to begin the nursing and clinical sequence. To guarantee the timely completion of these requirements students should follow the attached Appendix with Curriculum Planning Guide and Transfer Equivalency Table.
  
3. Suffolk County Community College graduates with an AS degree will be awarded credit and equivalencies for all applicable Gen Ed and prerequisite courses required by the Decker School of Nursing. To receive a baccalaureate degree, students must complete 52 credits of required nursing courses at Binghamton and any remaining prerequisite, Gen Ed or elective courses as needed to achieve 126 credits. Please see the attached curriculum planning guide and also view the curriculum plan for the Nursing Traditional Transfer Program at:  
<http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/academics/undergrad/undergradtrans.html>
  
4. There are additional terms to the Traditional Nursing Transfer Articulation Agreement as listed under the following section "Applicable to Both Nursing Transfer Programs."

### **The Following Items Apply Only to RN Transfer Program**

1. Under the provisions of this program, all Suffolk County Community College students who have graduated or who will graduate with the AS degree in Nursing, and are or will be licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) prior to the start of any clinical course at Binghamton in the RN Transfer Program (or prior to enrollment at Binghamton in the Accelerated RN Transfer Program) will be welcomed as matriculated students in the Decker School of Nursing provided that:

- All relevant and regular transfer admissions criteria are met, including consideration of the qualifications of the pool of other applicants for the semester of admission.
- Space is available in the entering class.

2. RN graduates with an AAS in Nursing from Suffolk County Community College will be awarded credit and equivalencies for all applicable Gen Ed and prerequisite courses toward the 126 credits required for the BS in Nursing. These credits will include nursing courses with 20 of those nursing credits applied toward the required upper division nursing courses and all other nursing credits applied to elective courses as applicable to the requirements of the Decker School.

Completion of the BS degree requires:

- a minimum of 32 credits of required nursing courses must be completed at Binghamton
- any General Education (Gen Ed) and/or nursing pre-requisite requirements for the Decker School not previously completed
- elective credits as needed to total 126 credits.

Please see the attached Curriculum Planning Guide for Suffolk County Community College at:

<http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/undergrad/pdf/articulation/SuffolkCountyCommunityCollege.pdf>

To view the curriculum plan for the RN to BS program, please go to:

<http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/undergrad/rn-bs.html>

3. There are additional terms to this transfer articulation agreement for the RN Transfer Program as listed under the section "Applicable to Both Nursing Transfer Programs."

### **The Following Are Applicable to Both Nursing Transfer Programs**

1. To receive the baccalaureate degree in Nursing, students must complete the General Education (Gen Ed) requirements, Nursing prerequisite courses and the required Nursing and Clinical courses.

2. A minimum of 126 credits are required for the BS degree in Nursing and include both approved transfer credits and credits completed at Binghamton University.

3. The applicability of transfer credits toward major requirements is determined by the Decker School's Office of Academic Advising. Please see:  
[http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/academics/undergrad/under\\_advising.html](http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/academics/undergrad/under_advising.html)
4. The Decker School will accept applicable courses from academic areas outside of nursing, such as engineering or business, provided that a grade of C- or better is earned and provided that the course is not remedial, developmental, skill-oriented or non-academic job-training, such as keyboarding.
5. Courses transferred will receive full credit as awarded by Suffolk County Community College even if the equivalent Binghamton course award is a different number of credits, e.g., a three-credit course can fulfill a four-credit course requirement, but only 3 credit-hours will transfer or a five-credit course may be equivalent to a four-credit course at Binghamton, but 5 credits will transfer.
6. Grades from Suffolk County Community College do appear on a student's Binghamton transcript, but they are not included in the Binghamton GPA.
7. Credits awarded through programs including Advance Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Excelsior College Examination and Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES) will also be considered for transfer. A minimum score of '3' or better on an AP examination and a score of '4' or better on the IB higher level examination will receive a credit award at Binghamton.
8. In order to graduate with the BS degree in Nursing, students must meet the Gen Ed requirements established by the State University of New York and those in effect at Binghamton University. Binghamton University accepts all Gen Ed credits already awarded at other SUNY colleges. In addition, other courses not approved as fulfilling a SUNY Gen Ed requirement may fulfill a Gen Ed and/or degree requirement at Binghamton.  
\*Please note that Binghamton's only General Education requirement which differs by school or major is the **Foreign Language requirement**. Please see the following foreign language page for the Decker School of Nursing foreign language requirements at: <http://www.binghamton.edu/general-education/foreign-language/index.html>
9. Each transferring student will be assigned a program advisor at Binghamton University who will assist the student in charting a comprehensive academic plan allowing for graduation in the shortest time.
10. The Binghamton University Bulletin and Student handbook specify all policies and procedures. All students who participate in this agreement and enroll at Binghamton University are expected to adhere to all general administrative and academic policies and procedures. The Decker School of Nursing may have other more detailed and specific policies.

11. Each institution hereby agrees to notify the other in the event of substantive changes in the courses, programs and policies at its institution that would have an impact on this agreement, including the courses and provisions herein. Suffolk County Community College shall notify the Office of the Dean of the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University any time that course syllabi and/or content are significantly altered, or if new courses should be reviewed for equivalency. Substantive changes to the degree program at Binghamton University will be reflected in the Bulletin and in the guide materials on the department's website and due notification shall be made to Suffolk County Community College. All such notifications shall be made as early as is reasonable.

12. Evaluation and renegotiation of the agreement will occur every 5 years. Upon substantive changes or written requests of either party, a review of the contents and/or implementation of the agreement will be conducted by the two institutions.

13. Binghamton University and/or Suffolk County Community College will give not less than one calendar year's written notice for a termination of this Articulation Agreement.

14. The attached Appendix containing the 'Curriculum Planning Guide' lists the approved Gen Ed and nursing pre-requisite requirements for the BS degree in Nursing at Binghamton University that should be taken at Suffolk County Community College. For several Gen Ed requirements, it lists specific courses to be taken at Suffolk County Community College because that course may also fulfill a pre-requisite nursing requirement at Binghamton. In addition, approved Binghamton University course equivalencies for electives and other University requirements are listed. Please note that the Curriculum Planning Guide includes information for the Traditional Transfer Program, RN Transfer Program and the Second Bachelor Degree Accelerated Track Program (BAT).

Binghamton University  
Decker School of Nursing  
Bachelor of Science Degree Program

**Suffolk County Community College  
Transfer Equivalency Table**

<b>Nursing Prerequisite</b>	<b>SCCC Recommended Course</b>	<b>Binghamton University Course</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Two Composition Courses</b>	ENG 101, ENG 102, ENG 119, ENG 121	General Education Courses with "C" or "J" indicator	Two courses required. Fulfills general education "C" (composition)
<b>Statistics</b>	MAT 103	MATH 147, MATH 148 or PSYC 243	Fulfills general education "M" (mathematics)
<b>Introductory Biology</b>	BIO 150	BIOL 118	Waived if A&P I/II and Microbiology are transferred to Binghamton University
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	BIO 130	BIOL 251	
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	BIO 132	BIOL 347	
<b>Microbiology</b>	BIO 244	BIOL 224	
<b>General Chemistry I</b>	CHE 133	CHEM 101 or CHEM 107	Fulfills general education "L" (laboratory science)
<b>General Chemistry II</b>	CHE 134	CHEM 102 or CHEM 108	Fulfills general education "L" (laboratory science)
<b>Introductory Psychology</b>	PSY 101	PSYC 111	
<b>Developmental Psychology</b>	PSY 203 or PSY 210	PSYC 220	Fulfills general education "S" (wellness)

\*\* All courses must be taken for at least three credits. It is expected that anatomy, chemistry, microbiology, and physiology include a laboratory component.

General Education Requirements (not met by prerequisites above)	Suffolk County Community College	Comments
H- Humanities	Same	One course required
A- Aesthetics	The Arts	One course required
G- Global Interdependencies	Other World Civilizations	One course required
N- Social Science	Same	One course required
P- Pluralism in the United States	American History	One course required
Y- Physical Activity/Wellness		Must be an activity course; at least 1 credit
Foreign Language	Binghamton's only General Education requirement which differs by school or major is the <b><u>Foreign Language requirement.</u></b>	Please see the following foreign language page for the Decker School of Nursing foreign language requirements at: <a href="http://www.binghamton.edu/general-education/foreign-language/index.html">http://www.binghamton.edu/general-education/foreign-language/index.html</a>

#### Nursing Major Courses

##### Traditional and Baccalaureate Accelerated Track(BAT) Programs

Students must complete 52 credits of required nursing courses at Binghamton University. To view the curriculum plan for the BAT program, go to: <http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/undergrad/bat.html>

For the traditional curriculum plan go to:

<http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/undergrad/traditional-transfer.html>

##### RN to BS Program

For licensed graduates of the Associate in Nursing degree program the Decker School of Nursing accepts 20 credits in nursing coursework to meet upper division nursing course requirements. Additional nursing course credits transfer as general elective credits. Registered nurses holding an associate degree must complete 32 credits of required nursing coursework at Binghamton University. To view the curriculum plan for the RN to BS program, go to: <http://www.binghamton.edu/dson/undergrad/rn-bs.html>



### **Important Information Regarding Transfer Credits**

1. **Transfer Credit Maximum:** There is no limit on the number of applicable pre-requisite Gen Ed and elective credits that may transfer. Students with an associate's degree in nursing may transfer 20 credits of nursing courses to meet upper division nursing course requirements and additional nursing course credits transfer as electives.
2. **General Electives:** All students will need some credits in general electives to attain the 126 credits required for graduation. The number of elective credits required can vary widely. In most cases, students need between 10 - 20 credits of electives.
3. **Science Courses:** Biology and Chemistry courses need to be taken within 10 years of entering the nursing program at Binghamton University. Exceptions are made for those employed in occupations where they are using these sciences.
4. **Waiver of General Education Courses:** Students who possess a bachelor's degree in another field upon entering the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University will have all general education requirements waived.
5. **Admission Disclaimer:** This transfer equivalency guide outlines a plan of study that allows for efficient completion of the bachelor's degree. Admission to Binghamton University is competitive and satisfactory completion of equivalent courses or an associate's degree is not a guarantee of admission.

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