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# Master Agreement Between Waynesburg University and Community College of Allegheny County

### PURPOSE

Waynesburg University and the Community College of Allegheny County establish this Master Agreement. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide a pathway for students who have successfully completed a nursing associate degree program at the Community College of Allegheny County, hereafter referred to as the Community College, to transition to a parallel baccalaureate degree program at Waynesburg University. The Agreement defines admission criteria and processes, evaluation of transfer credits, and academic advising services to support students in their transition from the Community College of Allegheny County to Waynesburg University.

#### PROCEDURES

#### A. Admissions Requirements

Students apply to Waynesburg University by submitting the Waynesburg University Graduate and Professional Studies admissions application; official transcripts from high school; nursing diploma/degree program; any other colleges or universities attended; and official score reports from Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP), if applicable. There is no admissions application fee.

Students must complete a nursing diploma/degree program, be in good standing, free of probation, and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 to be eligible for admission to Waynesburg University. In addition, students must also possess a current USA RN license. Admission may be offered to those applicants who have less than a 3.00 GPA, but demonstrate strong work experience and the potential to succeed in the program. Upon completion of four courses, the student's record will be reviewed. Students must also submit two letters of reference and an updated resume to complete the application process.

This Agreement applies only to entry into Waynesburg University's RN to BSN program or Second-Degree for RN's program.

#### **B.** Evaluation of Transfer Credits

Upon acceptance, students are awarded 60 credits for the diploma/associate degree in nursing and 25 credits for the RN License.

In addition, students may also transfer 6 credits of course equivalencies. These courses include Introduction to Statistics (3 credits) and Introduction to Ethics (3 credits). The respective Waynesburg University courses are MAT 215 Applied Statistics I (3 credits) and PHL 205 Ethics (3 credits).

Credit evaluation for military educational experience will be evaluated based on Joint Service Transcript and experiential credit will be evaluated according to Waynesburg University's Alternative Credit Policy through the process established by the University.

### C. Academic Advising and Transition

Waynesburg University will offer an academic orientation to transferring students for the purpose of providing academic advising, and orientation to academic and technology resources, student life and career services, and financial aid and billing information.

## D. Update/Report/Relationship

Waynesburg University and the Community College agree to review the Agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually and will each assign an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this Agreement. The Community College will notify Waynesburg University upon any modification of curriculum that could impact the articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of the Community College associate programs. The liaisons will notify the partner liaison of any modifications of curriculum that could impact articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of the Community College associate programs or the Waynesburg University baccalaureate programs. This Agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific course or program articulation without affecting the currency of the Master Agreement, but all such amendments must take place in writing, signed by both parties to the Agreement.

## E. Amendments and Term of Effect

This document constitutes the entire agreement and terms of understanding between Waynesburg University and the Community College and supersedes any other prior agreements or understandings between the two parties.

The Master Agreement will be reviewed every five years by both parties and will be revised as necessary. For renewal of the Master Agreement, any and all revisions are to be approved by each institution's official signatories. Changes other than to the course equivalency exhibit which impact the Master Agreement will result in the execution of a new Master Agreement.

This Master Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 60 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at the Community College, will be honored for students who complete an AA or AS degree program and successfully transfers to Waynesburg University within four years of their first enrollment at the Community College, unless there is a change in accreditation status of the Community College. All other terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of two years.

Any change in accreditation status of either party will allow the immediate termination of this Agreement as to all students not already matriculated into Waynesburg University.

*Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable laws.

*Interpretation of this Agreement.* The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.

*Relationship of Parties*. The relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties of this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship other than that of independent contractors.

*Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement.

In witness there of the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

Douglas Lee President Waynesburg University

12-2-2018 Date

Date

Quintin B. Bullock President Community College of Allegheny County