

This letter of agreement delineates the terms of understanding between Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) and the County College of Morris (CCM) regarding a program that would facilitate the achievement of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from RCNJ by students /graduates of the CCM Associate in Applied Science Program in Nursing.

RN/BSN ARTICULATED PROGRAM  
BETWEEN  
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY  
AND  
COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

AGREEMENT made and entered into on February 29, 2012 by and between Ramapo College of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as RCNJ and County College of Morris, hereinafter referred to as CCM.

WHEREAS, RCNJ is a baccalaureate and master's degree granting college dedicated to the provision of instruction in the humanities; the natural, behavioral and social sciences; business, education and social work; and health professions;  
and

WHEREAS, CCM is an associate's degree granting community college dedicated to offering a comprehensive set of affordable, accessible, high-quality credit and non-credit courses as well as degree and non-degree programs;  
and

WHEREAS, RCNJ and CCM wish to establish a cooperative agreement for the education of nursing professionals;  
and

WHEREAS, RCNJ and CCM wish to conduct strong educational programs grounded in the strengths of both institutions without needless duplication of resources;

NOW THEREFORE, RCNJ and CCM wish to confirm in writing the terms of mutual and individual responsibilities related to the articulated program of education leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

I. General Description of the Program

- A. **Design of the Program:** RCNJ proposes a plan whereby nursing students who have earned their associate's degree in nursing from CCM can enroll in the RCNJ BSN program through a program of study that includes courses taught at CCM and courses at RCNJ. The program will allow transfer of up to 92 credits from CCM and require that all BSN graduates satisfy the upper-level nursing and Theoretical and Applied Science school core courses as required of all Ramapo

nursing graduates. Students wishing to transfer a total of 92 credits from CCM must complete those credits at CCM before matriculating at RCNJ.

B. **Routes of Entry:** CCM students who meet the established admissions criteria will need to apply through the RCNJ Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions once they complete their associate's degree. All students must meet the standard transfer admissions requirements.

For seamless entry to the program with 92 credits, CCM students must complete those credits (AAS degree plus the additional credits outlined below) before matriculating at RCNJ. This will allow them to maintain financial aid eligibility at CCM and continue to make Satisfactory Academic Progress.

C. **The Program**

AAS Degree at CCM: Students will follow the AAS degree program at CCM. For the three credits of social science or humanities elective in that degree program, students will select a course that will transfer to RCNJ to fulfill the international component of the RCNJ general education requirements. New Jersey Transfer lists courses that meet these requirements.

Additional Credits: Students should take 25 credits in addition to the AAS credits during their time at CCM. Students should take one course from each of the following 7 liberal-arts categories, which are fundamental to the mission of RCNJ, for a total of 21 credits plus an additional four credits of their choosing.

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| Intercultural North America: | NJ Transfer lists courses that meet this requirement.        |
| Mathematics:                 | MAT 130 or 180   |
| Social Problems:             | SOC 202  |
| History:                     | any HIS course   |
| Literature:                  | any 200-level ENG course                                     |
| Social Science:              | any POL, PSY (other than 113) or SOC (other than 202) course |
| Arts and Humanities:         | any ART, MUS or PHL course                                   |

Students may wish to combine the last four credits of their choosing with additional courses at RCNJ to fulfill a minor appropriate to their future career plans or their personal interests.

Nursing courses at RCNJ: Students will complete the upper-level nursing courses in the RN-to-BSN degree program at RCNJ as indicated in the RCNJ College Catalog.

School core at RCNJ: Students will take two science in cultural perspective courses as part of the core of the School of Theoretical and Applied Science at RCNJ. The RCNJ College Catalog lists the courses that meet this requirement.

Academic Advising

RCNJ will work with the nursing faculty at CCM to identify a common introductory nursing course in which an overview of the program and an initial advisement session with the RCNJ advisor can occur.

Students in the CCM AAS Program who have identified that they wish to progress to the RCNJ BSN and are not pursuing a full-time CCM nursing load will have access to the Ramapo nursing advisor to assist them in general education course selection as they progress through the CCM curriculum. In addition, students must be in satisfactory standing in the nursing program at CCM to pursue this option.

Any course taken at Ramapo College will be a Ramapo College course. Students will be billed by RCNJ at RCNJ rates and will be responsible for paying RCNJ. RCNJ will handle the financial aid process for these students.


Ramapo College Graduation Requirements

This MOU allows for exceptions to RCNJ's current transfer and residency requirements for students who transfer to RCNJ through this agreement. All upper-level nursing requirements and Theoretical and Applied Science school core courses must be RCNJ courses to ensure that the final 36 credits of a student's program courses are taught by Ramapo faculty.

Program Quality Control

RCNJ and CCM will establish a committee to monitor the course equivalencies as well as academic preparation of students to insure each program continues to meet its professional standards. The chairs of CCM's Nursing Department and the Associate Dean of RCNJ's Nursing Program will meet twice a year with the advisors from each program to review the progress of the program as well as processes, procedures, and student learning outcomes.

For Ramapo College of New Jersey



Peter P. Mercer  
President

For County College of Morris



Edward J. Yaw  
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