

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY (W. CARY EDWARDS SCHOOL OF NURSING) AND
COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

This Memorandum of Understanding is between Thomas Edison State University (W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing), hereinafter “the University” a state of New Jersey higher education institution, and County College of Morris hereinafter “County College of Morris.”

Thomas Edison State University was established by the State of New Jersey and chartered by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education in 1972. The University was founded for the purpose of providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults.

<http://www.tesu.edu/about/mission.cfm> It is in this spirit that Thomas Edison State University approaches the following relationship, as governed by the points below, with County College of Morris, regarding its RN students.

- RN students/graduates of County College of Morris will enroll in the RN-BSN and the RN-BSN/MSN degree programs offered by the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at the University by submitting all documents required for admission. Following a review by the University of all academic credentials presented, accepted students will be provided enrollment materials and a copy of the review known as the Academic Evaluation Plan, given access to academic advisement services and encouraged to begin the process of planning for degree completion. The University agrees to waive the application fee for students applying in the above referenced programs.
 - **Provisional Admission** to the RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN programs is open to senior nursing students or graduates of County College of Morris awaiting RN licensure. Students provisionally admitted to the program may enroll in NUR-340 and NUR-342. Provisionally admitted students will have one year from the date of Provisional Admission to obtain RN licensure.
 - **Full admission** to the RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN programs requires that the applicant be a graduate of County College of Morris and submit a current and valid RN license, recognized in the United States, along with the final transcript from County College of Morris.

If a student becomes inactive (has earned less than three (3) credits at the University per year) and decides to re-enroll, that student will then be required to pay the application fee at the time of application.

1. All credit earned elsewhere either prior to application or during completion of an academic program offered by the University will be evaluated for acceptance in accordance with the University’s transfer policies in effect at the time of student enrollment. Students must follow the appropriate transfer program of course selections for the University while at County College of Morris, listed in the Nursing Program to Program - Transfer Advising Guide – with up to 90 credits transferred at the community college level. (See Attachment A)
2. RN students accepted into an academic program offered by the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at the University will become active in the program following enrollment in a course. They will remain actively enrolled provided they earn a minimum of three credits at the University in each 12-month period that applies to the academic program.

3. Degree candidates must complete the specific degree requirements and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Thomas Edison State University Catalog in effect at the time of their enrollment.
4. RN students at County College of Morris who enroll in an academic program offered by the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at the University will be charged a discounted rate less than the New Jersey resident prevailing nursing per credit tuition established for all Thomas Edison State University credit offerings. The tuition and fee schedules are posted on the University's Web site. While fees are generally established annually, they are subject to change without prior notice.
5. The University agrees to offer a deferred billing option for RN students at County College of Morris enrolled in the above referenced programs. Students must register online to enroll in the payment plan. No phone, mail, email, or fax registrations.
6. County College of Morris understands that all required nursing courses are available online through the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. If a student takes a course or an examination at another institution, the student will be responsible for any and all costs incurred at that institution. Such courses are subject to the transfer policies in place at the time of the student's enrollment.
7. County College of Morris RN-BSN/MSN students will register for courses and tests through the University using guidelines and deadlines as mutually agreed upon.
8. Students are responsible for acquiring all textbooks and materials required for courses.
9. County College of Morris must receive written approval from the University, for all materials developed by County College of Morris that reference or mention the University or County College of Morris's relationship with the University *prior* to their publication and distribution. In addition, after their publication, County College of Morris will send to the University a copy of all newsletters, press releases or other publications that mention the University or the relationship. Electronic posting to Web sites mentioning Thomas Edison State University or the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing must also have prior written approval. County College of Morris must also review and approve, in writing, any publication prior to the University's distribution of materials mentioning County College of Morris.
10. The University will assign a member of the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing staff to County College of Morris who will serve as a relationship liaison for this Memorandum of Understanding.
11. County College of Morris will identify a staff member, preferably prepared in nursing at the baccalaureate or master's level, as a contact person within their organization who will serve as the relationship liaison with the University. The liaison will answer basic questions about the University and the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing for students of County College of Morris and will provide County College of Morris with copies of the University and the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing curricula. The relationship liaison at County College of Morris will maintain regular contact, at least on a quarterly basis, with the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing liaison.
12. The University will provide to the County College of Morris relationship liaison Brochures, Prospectuses, and other University materials on a regular basis.
13. County College of Morris will notify the University directly of any changes made involving any nursing program changes and the University will notify County College of Morris directly if any relevant changes are made to W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing academic programs.

14. Thomas Edison State University will provide non-directory education information to County College of Morris only after receiving a written and signed release from the student, in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
15. County College of Morris will promote this relationship to its students. County College of Morris will publicize the relationship on their Web site. The University will support County College of Morris's efforts by providing personnel to support outreach, e.g., presentations, participation in education fairs. The University will provide a web page specifically geared to County College of Morris enrolled RN students.
16. The effectiveness of the relationship will be assessed by each of the two parties on an annual basis. This will be done by measuring enrollment growth and any other identifiable benefits of the relationship over the year. Each party will communicate a summary of its assessment to the other party so that there can be a mutual appraisal of the total effectiveness of the relationship.
17. This Memorandum of Understanding is in effect for a three-year period beginning on the date of its execution by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.
18. The parties shall undertake to resolve in good faith any concerns or questions which may arise concerning the terms and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
19. All rights to inventions, discoveries or other commercially useful research products arising from research conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding shall belong to Thomas Edison State University and shall be disposed of in accordance with University policy. Nothing contained in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed to grant either directly or by implication, estoppels, or otherwise any license under any patents, patent applications or other proprietary interest of any other invention, discovery or improvement of either party.
20. Each party is responsible for its own acts and those of its officers, employees and agents.
21. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to create a joint venture, partnership or employer/employee relationship between the parties, who are independent contractors.
22. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by County College of Morris or the University upon the giving of ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other if either party determines, in its discretion, that the partnership is no longer academically, technically, or commercially feasible.
23. Whenever any notice is to be given hereunder, it shall be in writing and shall be deemed received (if delivered by courier on business day) on the day delivered, or the second business day following mailing, if sent by first-class certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, to following addresses:

Thomas Edison State University

301 West State Street

Trenton, NJ 08618

To the attention of: Filomela A. Marshall, EdD, RN, Dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing

County College of Morris

214 Center Grove Road

Randolph, NJ 07869

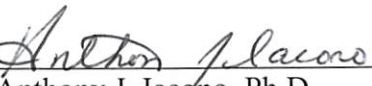
To the attention of: Monica Maraska, MSN, Dean of Health Professions and Natural Sciences

24. The laws of the State of New Jersey shall govern this Memorandum of Understanding. It is agreed and understood that this Memorandum of Understanding and any contracts and/or orders placed as a result of this Memorandum shall be governed and construed and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, including without limitation, the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq., and the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq. The parties agree that venue and jurisdiction regarding any matter relating to this Memorandum of Understanding, shall be in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County, New Jersey, without regard to conflict of law principles.

25. This Memorandum of Understanding represents the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter. No changes, modifications, extensions, terminations or waiver of this Memorandum of Understanding, or any of the provisions herein contained, shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF duly authorized representatives of the Parties have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first written below.

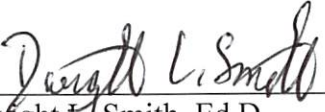
By: 
William J. Seaton
Vice President & Provost
Thomas Edison State University

By: 
Anthony J. Iacono, Ph.D.
President
County College of Morris

Date: 10/17/2017

Date: 10/4/17

By: 
Filomela A. Marshall, Ed.D, RN
Dean
W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing
Thomas Edison State University

By: 
Dwight L. Smith, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs
County College of Morris

Date: 10/13/17

Date: 10/4/17

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Attachment A
County College of Morris – Articulating Institution

County College of Morris			Thomas Edison State University		
INSTITUTION	County College of Morris		INSTITUTION	Thomas Edison State University	
DEGREE	Associate in Applied Science		DEGREE	Bachelor of Science	
PROGRAM	Nursing		PROGRAM	Nursing	
Pre-Professional Phase		20 Credits	Thomas Edison State University		20 Credits
General Education Foundation			Equivalent		
Course Title	Number	Credits	Course Title	Number	Credits
English Composition I	ENG 111	3	English Composition I or TECEP	ENC-101	3
English Composition II	ENG 112	3	English Composition II or TECEP	ENC-102	3
Introduction to Chemistry	CHM 117	3	General Chemistry I	CHE-111	3
Anatomy and Physiology I AND	BIO 101	4	Anatomy and Physiology I AND	BIO-211	4
Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO 102	4	Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO-212	4
Biomedical Ethics	BIO 118	3	Biomedical Ethics	PHI-475	3
		20			20
Nursing Core			TESU Equivalent		
Health and Wellness	HES/HED	2	Health and Wellness elective (not accepted for transfer)		0
Must take HED 286 for transfer					
General Psychology	PSY 113	3	Introduction to Psychology	PSY -101	3
Microbiology	BIO 215	4	Accepted for Microbiology TESU		3
Professional Phase Nursing Core					
Foundations of Nursing	NUR 105	1			
Fundamentals of Nursing	NUR 121	6			
Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing	NUR 123	10			
Maternal-Child/Mental Health Nursing	NUR 213	10			
Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing	NUR 214	10			
Nursing Colloquium	NUR 224	1			
	Total	47			6
Total Credits for AAS		67	Total Credits accepted by TESU for AAS 67		
Additional Transfer Courses to take at CCM			Equivalent Courses Taken at TESU		
Oral Communication: ENG-110: Public Speaking, COM-101: Intro. to Communication, COM-104: Interpersonal Communication or COM-109: Speech Fundamentals	Student choice: ENG-110 COM-101 COM-104 COM-109	3	Public Speaking or Technical Communication TECEP	COM-209 ENG-202	3
Quantitative Literacy: Statistics	MAT-124	3	Statistics for the Health Professions Principles of Statistics TECEP	HPS-200 STA-201	3
Mathematics: Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	MAT-120	4	Applied Liberal Arts Mathematics or TECEP	MAT-105	3
Information Literacy Computer Concepts with Applications	CMP 135	3	Living in the Information Age	SOS-110	3
Diversity: (SOC 121: Principles of Sociology, SOC 209: The Family, SOC -214: Cultural Diversity in America, HIS-204: History of the African American Experience, or HIS 209: History of the American Woman	Student choice: SOC-120 SOC 209 SOC-214 HIS-204 HIS-209	3	Introduction to Sociology or TECEP Marriage and the Family or TECEP Psychology of Women TECEP	SOC-101 SOC-210 PSY-270	3

<i>Civic Engagement: POL 111: American Govt., POL 222: Constitutional Law, POL 231: State and local Govt., POL 254: Comparative Govt.</i>	Student choice: POL 111 POL 222 POL 231 POL 245	3	American Government or Introduction to Comparative Politics TECEP	POS-110 POS-282	3
Human Cultures: (if not already filled) PSY-213: Child Psych., PSY-214: Adolescent Psych., PSY 218: Cross Cultural Psych., PSY-221: Psychology of Personality or PSY: 225: Maladapted Personality PSY 219: Developmental Psychology, the Human Lifespan	Student's choice: PSY 213 PSY 214 PSY 218 PSY 219 PSY 221 PSY 225	3	Public Relations Thought and Practice or TECEP Managerial Communications or TECEP Introduction to Critical Reasoning TECEP World History from 1600 to Present TECEP Introduction to Political Science TECEP Abnormal Psychology TECEP	COM-210 MAN-373 PHI-130 HIS-126 POS-101 PSY-350	Needed at TESU - 6
	Total	22			
Total credits accepted for Transfer 90 – Student to transfer 22 credits above the 67 to equal 89		89			
			Upper Division Nursing		
			Nursing Informatics	NUR 340	3
			Advancing Nursing Practice	NUR 342	3
			Research in Nursing	NUR 418	3
			Leadership and management in Nursing*	NUR 428	3
			Advanced Health Assessment†	NUR 531	3
			Health Policy†	NUR 529	3
			Nursing Informatics: Concepts and issues†	NUR 531	3
			Public Health	NNUR 443	4
			Validating Clinical Competence	NUR 445	3
			Upper Division Nursing	Sub - Total	28
			Professional Writing from Idea to Publication	NUR 614	3
			TOTAL CREDITS FROM TESU UDN AND ELECTIVE		31
			TOTAL TRANSFER CREDITS		89
			TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE		120

*Test-out option available

† Graduate Level Course