

DIRECT TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

The University of Mary Washington (UMW) and Germanna Community College (GCC), recognizing the need for registered nurses (RNs) to achieve baccalaureate degrees in nursing through an education system that promotes seamless academic progression, hereby resolve to adopt a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program Direct Transfer Articulation Agreement (BSNCP-DTAA)**, also referred to as a 3 + 1 BSN Plan. This agreement is designed for GCC nursing students who are interested in transferring to UMW's BSN Completion Program and does not apply to any other degree program at UMW.

The University of Mary Washington is highly supportive of the goal of enrolling GCC nursing students in the BSN Completion Program and provides several means for gaining admission in addition to this agreement. Germanna Community College nursing students who do not meet all of the terms of this agreement may nonetheless be considered competitive applicants and are encouraged to apply through the regular transfer admissions process. In addition, UMW has system-wide guaranteed admission agreements in effect with all Virginia Community Colleges and with Richard Bland College. Those agreements are designed for students who wish to transfer to UMW's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree programs and their terms differ from this agreement.

The BSN Completion Program is designed for RNs who have earned an associate degree or diploma in nursing and who want to complete their Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. ***This agreement guarantees admission to GCC students who meet the admissions criteria UMW has established for the BSN Completion Program.***

Academic Admission Agreement

The University of Mary Washington agrees that students who graduate with the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in nursing from GCC with at least a 3.0 grade point average or higher on all college work attempted, including courses taken at colleges other than GCC, are guaranteed admission to the BSN Completion Program at UMW and may expect the following:

1. The University of Mary Washington will guarantee the acceptance of 69 transferable credits earned for the A.A.S. degree in nursing. Credits beyond the 69 credits required for the GCC A.A.S. degree in nursing will be evaluated and transferred on a course-to-course basis. All courses for transfer must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
2. **28** credits will be transferred as general education requirements. Completion of the A.A.S. degree in nursing will satisfy the lower-level UMW general education requirements. Students with an A.A.S. degree in nursing will be granted upper-division status at UMW

and deemed to have completed the University's general education requirements. The minimal general education requirement includes the following:

- English Composition: 6 credits
 - Sciences (must include anatomy and physiology; may also include biology, chemistry, pharmacology, or microbiology): 12 credits
 - Social Science electives: 6 credits
 - Humanities elective: 3 credits
3. Students admitted under this agreement will be required to complete the University's 120-semester-credit-hour requirement for a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree. These credits may be earned at UMW or GCC and will be considered additional transfer credits.
 - a. The University of Mary Washington BSN Completion Program has no specific prerequisite courses for admission beyond the A.A.S. degree in nursing from GCC. However, three courses within the completion program have specific course prerequisites (*see attached). Students may begin the UMW BSN Completion Program prior to the completion of these specific course prerequisites.
 - b. 12 credits are open general elective credits.
 4. Students will receive 41 of the 69 transfer credits for GCC nursing credits upon presenting a current and valid unencumbered RN license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 5. Students may begin taking UMW courses which begin with the NURS prefix after presenting a current and valid unencumbered RN license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 6. Students must both meet all published procedures and deadlines for application to UMW and submit an application for the BSN Completion Program.
 7. Students will meet the requirements of the UMW Catalog in effect at the time of their enrollment in the University or a subsequent catalog published between enrollment and graduation, as long as it is no more than five years old.
 8. Degree requirement: a minimum of 30 semester hours for a baccalaureate degree must be taken at UMW. To graduate with a baccalaureate degree in nursing, a student must have a total of 120 semester credit hours.
 9. The curriculum requirements in this agreement will be modified if UMW requirements are revised. Any revision will be communicated by January 1 proceeding the academic year in which the new requirements take effect.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to UMW, students must be eligible BSN Completion Program students, meet all requirements as outlined in the "Academic Admission Agreement Section" of

this document (above), and submit an official transcript showing completion of the A.A.S. degree in nursing to the UMW Admissions Office. Additionally, in order to take NURS courses at UMW, students must present proof of RN licensure to the BSN Completion Program office.

Germanna Community College students who do not meet the eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to UMW but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement. The University of Mary Washington reserves the right to deny admission to the BSN Completion Program to students who have been suspended or dismissed from any institution of higher education or convicted of a felony, use of illegal substances, or charges related to physical abuse towards others.

Benefits to Germanna Community College Students

1. The University of Mary Washington waives its application fee.
2. Through the GCC agreement, students may obtain the name and contact information for the UMW point of contact, the BSN Completion Program Director, who can advise them. Germanna Community College students accepted through this agreement will have a dedicated BSN Completion Program degree advisor upon admission.
3. While UMW does not have any named scholarships designated specifically for GCC students, GCC students are considered for all scholarships and other assistance for which they are eligible. Germanna Community College students must complete the FAFSA form by the application deadline established by UMW's Office of Financial Aid for need-based aid. Germanna Community College students are not required to complete the UMW Institutional Scholarship Information Form their first year in order to be considered for institutional scholarships.

Responsibilities

Germanna Community College students will:

1. Follow all UMW application processes, deadlines, and grade point average requirements. At the time of filing the application, the student must declare the intent to invoke the BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan) as the means for seeking admission to UMW by completing the "BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan) Letter of Intent" (available from the UMW Office of Admissions.)
2. Submit a copy of their RN license to the UMW Office of Admissions and the BSN Completion Program Office.
3. Follow GCC's financial aid requirements during years 1-3. Students are responsible for applying for financial aid with UMW following graduation from GCC's nursing program.

Germanna Community College will:

1. Assist prospective GCC students interested in transferring to UMW's BSN Completion Program program under the terms of the BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan).
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the relevant A.A.S. degree in nursing.
3. Make available information about UMW and this agreement to prospective GCC students enrolled in the A.A.S. degree in nursing program.
4. Make available information to UMW about prospective GCC students who have declared intent to transfer to UMW's BSN Completion Program through the terms of the BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan), upon student request.

Financial Aid:

Student financial aid awards will go to the school where the student is taking the most credits. The University of Mary Washington will:

1. Consider GCC students who enroll in UMW's BSN Completion Program on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Advise GCC students who have completed the BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan) Letter of Intent concerning UMW courses and BSN Completion Program prerequisite courses.

Review of the Agreement

Germanna Community College will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of this agreement at GCC. The University of Mary Washington will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of this agreement at UMW. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services, or a designee, will represent GCC. The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, or a designee, will represent UMW.

The University of Mary Washington and GCC will review and evaluate this agreement every five years to make adjustments, as deemed appropriate, to maintain its integrity and effectiveness, ensure that the agreement continues to meet the mission of the two institutions, and improve the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing agreement.

This BSNCP-DTAA (3 + 1 BSN Plan) will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice; such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination. Students who entered under the agreement may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.