

NEW

Articulation Agreement

between

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

and

Saginaw Valley State University

C.M.L. College of Health & Human Services

I. This agreement is designed to facilitate the transition of graduates from the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Nursing at Kalamazoo Valley Community College to Saginaw Valley State University for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree through the traditional R.N.-to-B.S.N. completion program.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

A. **Recognitions and Criteria:** As an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Accredited Program preparing students for the Associate Degree in Nursing, the Department of Nursing at KVCC is recognized as meeting national standards related to knowledge and skill needed for nursing practice. This status shall permit KVCC's A.D.N. graduates who meet the following criteria to have up to thirty-nine (39) semester hours of nursing knowledge validated and recorded as listed in this document. This recording of credits will occur in conjunction with completion of SVSU's **NURS 301: RN Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** and will be based upon a *record review* which is to include documentation of the following:

1. Graduated with a GPA of 2.5 or better (provide official transcripts); and
2. Current unencumbered Michigan license to practice as an R.N.*; and
3. An approved plan of study, which includes student's goals and individualized plan for program completion. Transfer credits will be considered in this process; and
4. Successful completion of NURS 301 including the professional **resume**.

*Students who have not yet passed the NCLEX-RN test for licensure as an R.N. *may* be able to enroll in only the **NURS 301: RN Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course, provided they agree to meet special conditions/deadlines as set forth in consultation with the SVSU Nursing Department.

B. **Validated Articulation Credits:** KVCC transfer students 1) whose transcripts reflect completion of the specified KVCC program(s) noted above, 2) who are registered as R.N.s in Michigan, and 3) who are pursuing SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. will validate the following thirty-nine (39) SVSU Nursing credits upon successful completion of SVSU's **NURS 301: RN Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course and the corresponding **record review** (noted above in Item I.A.):

NURS 241-3/Nurse Provider: Pharmacology
NURS 242-3/Nurse Provider: Pathophysiology
NURS 245-2/Nurse Provider Clinical I
NURS 251-3/Care Designer I: Health Assessment
NURS 261-2/Professional Integration I
NURS 341-3/Nurse Provider Concepts II
NURS 345-4/Nurse Provider Clinical II
NURS 361-2/Professional Integration II
NURS 441-3/Nurse Provider Concepts IV
NURS 445-4/Nurse Provider Clinical IV

NURS 461-2/Professional Integration IV
NURS 471-3/Nurse Provider Concepts V
NURS 475-5/Nurse Provider Clinical V

These validated credits will be recorded above and beyond the three (3) semester hours of credit earned for completion of the **NURS 301: RN Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice** course and will be recorded at a level corresponding to the SVSU courses listed above.

C. **Maximum Credits:** Validated articulation credits (39 credits, as noted above in Item I.B.) and transfer credits shall not exceed ninety-three (93) credits total.

D. **Program Requirements:** SVSU nursing-related program courses totaling twenty-eight (28) credits are then required to complete the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program:

One of the following four-credit statistics courses:

MATH 132B-4/Statistical Methods: Biostatistics or
MATH 132A-4/Statistical Methods: General Statistics or
PSYC 299-4/Statistics or
PS 225-4/Statistics or
SOC 225-4/Statistics or

An equivalent 4-credit statistics course (see transfer.svsu.edu for an on-line listing of current community college transfer equivalencies into SVSU).

(Statistics may be taken as a *prerequisite to or, at the latest, a co-requisite with NURS 301.*)

NURS 301-3: RN Using Evidence for Professional Nursing Practice (*the first NURS course for R.N.s upon admission to the SVSU R.N.- to-B.S.N. program*)

NURS 377-3/Foundations in Population Health

NURS 379-3/Providing Care in Populations

NURS 401-3/Nursing Leadership and Ethics

NURS 479-3/Nursing and Health Care Systems Change

Elective Courses: Nine (9) upper-division, credits, selected per consultation with and approval of SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. Coordinator.

E. **Degree Requirements:** Articulation students, like all students, must satisfy any remaining SVSU degree requirements, such as the thirty (30) credit SVSU residency requirement. See Item II below.

F. **Eligibility Limitations:** The provisions of this agreement pertain only to R.N. students beginning the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program at SVSU.

G. **Change of Major:** If a student changes his/her major at SVSU from R.N.-to-B.S.N. to another program, then the student's transfer credits will be re-evaluated in the usual course-by-course manner.

H. **Admission/Enrollment:** This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into SVSU or the SVSU R.N.-to-B.S.N. program. Articulation students must apply for admission as must any other students. SVSU's R.N.-to-B.S.N. program admission is based on university, academic, and other admission requirements corresponding to the program at the time of admission consideration.

II. **Other Degree Requirements:** Requirements at Saginaw Valley State University are as stated in the SVSU catalog under which the student first enrolls at SVSU. Any curriculum guides which might use this agreement as their basis will reflect subsequent catalog changes.

NOTE: Basic Skills, General Education, and Communication Intensive requirements remaining will be examined/determined in the usual manner: course-by-course and case-by-case. *However, students accepted into the R.N.-to-B.S.N. program will receive a waiver of SVSU's 2-department General Education requirement in SVSU's Natural Science/Category 4 (based on extensive BIOL background in the nursing associate degree).*

III. **Periodic Review and Academic/Curriculum Contacts:** The requirements herein will be reviewed and revised (if necessary to revise) by both KVCC and SVSU:

The *academic* signatories of this agreement and/or their *departmental* designees shall maintain at least annual contact with each other and will communicate in writing to each other (and to the articulation office at their home institution) any curricular or other changes which may affect the accuracy/integrity of this basic agreement.

Primary academic/curriculum contacts for this agreement are:

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IV. **Effective Period:** This update/renewal document is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate; notice of termination shall be given in writing at least one year prior to the effective date of termination. Qualified students applying to SVSU during or after the semester of this document's update/renewal shall be considered under this agreement.

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Authorized Signatures

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

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2. Signature: Paige E. Eagan Date: 22 Sept. 2025
Name/Title: Paige Eagan, Ph.D. Provost & Vice President for Instruction & Student Services
3. Signature: Mark Dunneback Date: 22 - SEP - 2025
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Saginaw Valley State University

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2. Signature: Lisa Krissoff Boehm Date: 9-9-25
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3. Signature: Marcia Mastracci Ditmyer Date: 9-9-25
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