College of Nursing
Michigan State University
and
Macomb Community College

I. INTRODUCTION

The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Nursing (CON) and Macomb Community College (MCC) agree that students enrolled in the MCC Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program are eligible to apply for transfer admission to the MSU on-line Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for Registered Nurses (RN-BSN). Students admitted to MSU and the RN-BSN program will be concurrently admitted to the MCC ADN and MSU RN-BSN programs per the provisions outlined in this Agreement.

II. ADMISSION

A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU

MCC ADN students are eligible to apply for transfer admission to the MSU RN-BSN program per the requirements outlined below:

i. Students apply to the baccalaureate program using the MSU Office of Admissions application form and apply to the RN-BSN program by completing the College of Nursing supplemental application form. It is recommended that students apply during the first semester they are enrolled in the MCC ADN program.

ii. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher and earn a 2.00 or higher in each science prerequisite course or its equivalent. Admission to the program is competitive; the most qualified candidates will be selected from the pool of candidates meeting the minimum criteria.

iii. Students must complete the equivalent of MSU’s transfer admission writing requirement.

iv. Students must complete the equivalent of MSU’s transfer admission mathematics requirement.

Additional information regarding transfer admission to MSU is available in the Transfer Student Admission statement in the Undergraduate Education section of the MSU Academic Programs catalog.

B. ENROLLMENT STATUS

MCC students admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program will enroll in two summer sessions at MSU while simultaneously completing the MCC ADN program. Students will be required to register and pay fees at each respective institution when concurrently enrolled.
Students will be eligible to continue enrollment in the MSU RN-BSN program upon graduation from the ADN program at MCC and the successful completion of all other MSU RN-BSN program prerequisites including, but not limited to, a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher at graduation from the ADN, a grade of 2.00 or higher in each science prerequisite course, completion of all other prerequisite coursework, possession of an active, unrestricted RN license, background check, and drug screen.

III. STUDENT ACCESS

A. ACCESS TO MSU AND MCC FACILITIES

MCC students who are admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program and who are enrolled at MSU will be granted those privileges and accesses provided to all enrolled MSU students including, but not limited to, housing, commuter parking, libraries, student organizations, athletic facilities and tickets, etc. Students will also be eligible for MCC student privileges when enrolled at MCC. Students will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions.

Students will be required, as a condition of admission to the Program, to agree that their educational records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations may be disclosed by MSU and MCC to each other.

B. FINANCIAL AID

During the two summer sessions of concurrent enrollment in the MSU RN-BSN and MCC ADN programs, MSU will assume the responsibility for processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid, to the extent that students are eligible at MSU for financial assistance, as a part of the broad consortial commitment of this Agreement. MSU will also assume responsibility for monitoring student eligibility, monitoring satisfactory academic progress, refund/repay calculations, record retention and reporting including the National Student Loan Data System and FISAP. Financial aid refunds received by students through MSU may be used to help cover the costs of tuition and fees for coursework at MCC during the summer session. MSU will notify MCC of any concurrently enrolled students receiving financial aid through this Agreement so that they will not be dropped for non-payment prior to the start of the summer session and so that MCC may provide MSU with information about the number of MCC credit hours in which students are enrolled and about enrollment changes, including drops and withdrawals, and grades received for enrolled courses at the end of the summer sessions.

During all other terms of enrollment in the MCC ADN program, MCC will be responsible for processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid to the ADN students. Once students graduate from the ADN program at MCC, MSU will process, award and disburse financial aid to students enrolled in the MSU RN-BSN program.
IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND DEGREE OPTIONS

A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students enrolled in the MCC ADN courses are required to comply with the academic standards of MCC. Students enrolled in MSU RN-BSN courses are required to comply with the academic standards of MSU and the academic standards of the MSU College of Nursing RN-BSN program. Any student whose academic record does not meet the academic requirements to remain in good standing is subject to appropriate academic action at the respective institution.

B. DEGREE OPTIONS

Students concurrently admitted to the MCC ADN program and the MSU RN-BSN program will work toward completion of the MCC ADN program. Upon graduation from the ADN program and successful completion of all other MSU RN-BSN program prerequisites, students will continue work toward completion of the MSU RN-BSN program. A maximum of 60 semester credits may be transferred from MCC to MSU. An additional 30 semester credits will be granted by MSU for successful completion of the RN licensing exam. Students will be completing their final 28 credits at MSU. Information regarding MSU graduation requirements is available in the Graduation Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree statement in the Undergraduate Education section of the MSU Academic Programs catalog.

V. POLICIES AND LEGAL INDEMNITIES

A. PROGRAM REVISIONS

Both MSU and MCC agree to notify each other immediately of revisions to the respective programs and changes in accreditation status.

B. INDEMNIFICATION

MSU and MCC each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either the institution or any of its employees.

C. NONDISCRIMINATION

Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, height, weight, marital or familial status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

D. GENERAL TERMS

This Agreement contains the complete agreement of MCC and MSU concerning this transfer program and supersedes all previous communications. Any changes to the
Agreement must be in writing and signed by both MCC and MSU. There are no third party beneficiaries to the Agreement.

E. REVIEW AND TERMINATION

This Agreement will be reviewed by each institution every three years and may be renewed at that time. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified time period. The agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 180 days written notice. Students enrolled in the MCC ADN program and admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program at termination of this agreement will have the opportunity to complete the MSU RN-BSN program within four years of their admission.

F. CONTACTS

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Blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement between
Michigan State University and Macomb Community College
ADN to RN-BSN Program Agreement

Michigan State University, a Michigan constitutional body corporate and institution of higher education located in Ingham County, Michigan ("MSU") and Macomb Community College, a Michigan institution of higher education located in Macomb County, Michigan ("MCC"), enter into this Blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement ("Agreement") as of the date of the last signature below.

Recitals

WHEREAS, MSU and MCC entered into a Concurrent Enrollment Agreement for the ADN to RN-BSN Program Agreement ("Program") which will allow students ("Students") to be concurrently enrolled at MSU and MCC;

WHEREAS, MSU and MCC intend that Students who complete the program will receive a degree from MSU; and

WHEREAS, MSU and MCC desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate Students’ applications for and receipt of federal Title IV financial aid ("Financial Aid"), and to allow Students to receive Financial Aid based upon the combined credit hours in which they are enrolled at both institutions.

WHEREAS, MSU and MCC intend for this Agreement to be incorporated into, become part of and be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in, the Program.

Agreement

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and conditions contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, MSU and MCC agree as follows:

1. MSU is designated as the "home institution," and MCC is designated as the "host institution" for all Students for Financial Aid purposes during the two summer semesters students are enrolled at MSU as part of the Program ("Summer Terms").

2. For Summer Terms, MSU will determine the Students’ eligibility for Financial Aid and will process, calculate, and disburse Financial Aid for Students pursuant to MSU’s policies and procedures. MSU’s Financial Aid responsibilities include without limitation determining Students’ enrollment status, calculating the cost of attendance, monitoring Student eligibility and satisfactory academic progress, calculating refunds or repayments, maintaining Financial Aid records for Students and reporting Students’ Financial Aid information to the National Student Loan Data System, FISAP and other required agencies or organizations.

3. Except for Summer Terms, during all other terms of enrollment in the MCC ADN program, MCC will be responsible for processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid to the ADN students. Once students graduate from the ADN program at MCC, MSU will process, award and disburse financial aid to students enrolled in the MSU RN-BSN program.
4. The transfer of credits between MSU and MCC will be processed pursuant to the policies and procedures of the institution that would be accepting the transfer credits.

5. For purposes of Financial Aid calculations, while a Student is enrolled in the Program, a Student's cost of attendance will include tuition, fees, room and board, and other allowable charges incurred for specific terms of enrollment at each institution. For Summer Terms, room and board, transportation and miscellaneous/personal costs will be based on MSU’s budget, which is calculated using national cost averages. Loan fees (if applicable) will be based on the average student loan fees at MSU.

6. For Summer Terms, for purposes of Financial Aid calculations, a Student’s enrollment status per semester will be calculated based upon the Student’s combined enrolled credit hours from MSU and MCC per semester as follows:
   - Full Time: 12 or more combined credit hours
   - ¾ Time: 9-11 combined credit hours
   - ½ Time: 6-8 combined credit hours
   - Less than ½ Time: 1-5 combined credit hours

   Enrollment status may be re-defined by MSU in its sole and absolute discretion.

7. On or before December 15 of each year while this Agreement is in effect, MCC will provide MSU with the following information for the next academic year: MCC’s estimated Pell cost of attendance, estimated cost per credit hour, estimated fees that are charged to all MCC students and academic calendar. If MCC does not provide the foregoing information to MSU by December 15, MSU will use MCC’s then-current actual information for Financial Aid calculations for the next academic year. MCC will provide MSU with its actual Pell cost of attendance, cost per credit hour and fees for each academic year immediately after those amounts are confirmed.

8. Students will be required, as a condition of admission to the Program, to agree that their education records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations may be disclosed by MSU and MCC to each other.

9. MSU will disburse Financial Aid for the Summer Terms to Students based solely upon MSU’s regular Financial Aid disbursement schedule.

10. MCC will not disburse Financial Aid when the Student is enrolled at MSU for the Summer Terms. MSU and Macomb will coordinate the processing, calculation and disbursement of state and/or agency financial aid to Students and Macomb will notify MSU of a Student’s receipt of any state and/or agency Financial Aid within seven (7) calendar days of such receipt.

11. MCC will provide MSU with new and/or updated enrollment, academic and financial aid resource information for each Student, including without limitation enrolled courses, credit hours, enrollment changes including without limitation drops and withdrawals, last dates of attendance and all grades received for courses the Student was enrolled in or attended and financial aid resources, as follows: (i) on a daily basis during the applicable MSU and MCC refund period and (ii) on a weekly basis after the applicable MSU and MCC refund period.
12. This Agreement will terminate automatically and without the necessity of any further action upon: (a) expiration or termination of the Program; (b) mutual written consent; (c) failure of either institution to cure a default in its performance of this Agreement within 30 calendar days of receipt of a notice of the default; or (d) written notice given at least 90 calendar days prior to the commencement of a new MSU academic term. MSU will process and disburse Financial Aid, through the end of the term in which this Agreement is terminated, to Students who were awarded and/or eligible for Financial Aid prior to the effective termination date.

13. This Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Program. All of the terms and conditions in the Program will apply to this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Program: (i) the terms of this Agreement will control for any issues relating to Financial Aid; and (ii) the terms of the Program will control for all other issues.

14. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Program, this Agreement and the Program contain the entire agreement between the institutions.

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