

College of Nursing  
Michigan State University  
and  
St. Clair County Community College

I. INTRODUCTION

The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Nursing (CON) and St. Clair County Community College (SC4) agree that students enrolled in the SC4 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 SC4 ADN and MSU RN-BSN programs per the provisions outlined in this Agreement.

II. ADMISSION

A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU

SC4 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 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

SC4 students admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program will enroll in two summer sessions at MSU while simultaneously completing the SC4 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 SC4 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 CC FACILITIES

SC4 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 be eligible for SC4 student privileges when enrolled at SC4. 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 SC4 to each other.

#### B. FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid issues are addressed in the Blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement, executed by the parties contemporaneously with this Agreement.

### IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND DEGREE OPTIONS

#### A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students enrolled in the SC4 ADN courses are required to comply with the academic standards of SC4. 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 SC4 ADN program and the MSU RN-BSN program will work toward completion of the SC4 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 SC4 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 SC4 agree to notify each other immediately of revisions to the respective programs and changes in accreditation status.

### B. INDEMNIFICATION

MSU and SC4 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 or harass any student on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight.

### D. GENERAL TERMS

This Agreement contains the complete agreement of SC4 and MSU concerning this transfer program and supersedes all previous communications. Any changes to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by both SC4 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 SC4 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

Primary contacts for this agreement are:

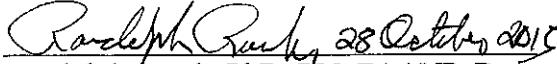
For Michigan State University

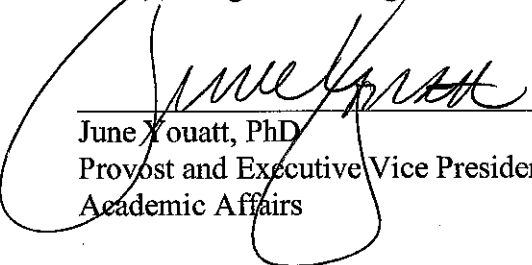
For St. Clair County Community College


Name: Terry Viau  
Title: Interim Director College  
of Nursing Student Support  
Services  
Address: Room C120 Bott Building  
1355 Bogue Street  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
Phone: (517)353-4827  
Fax: (517)432-8251  
Email: [terry.viau@hc.msu.edu](mailto:terry.viau@hc.msu.edu)

Cindy Nicholson  
Director of Nursing, Health and Human  
Services  
323 Erie Street  
P.O. Box 5015  
Port Huron, MI 48061  
(810) 989-5675  
(810) 989-5667  
[cnicholson@sc4.edu](mailto:cnicholson@sc4.edu)


Signing for Michigan State University:


  
Randolph Rasch, PhD, RN, FAANP Date  
Dean, College of Nursing

  
June Youatt, PhD Date  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL DATE  
APPROVED AS TO FORM 11-12-15

Signing for St. Clair County Comm. College:

  
Denise McNeil Date  
Vice President for Academic Services 10/20/15

  
Kevin A. Pollock, PhD Date  
President 10/20/15

**Blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement between  
Michigan State University and St. Clair County 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 St. Clair County Community College, a Michigan institution of higher education located in St. Clair County, Michigan ("SC4"), enter into this Blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement ("Agreement") as of the date of the last signature below.

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, MSU and SC4 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 SC4;

WHEREAS, MSU and SC4 intend that Students who complete the program will receive a degree from MSU; and

WHEREAS, MSU and SC4 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 SC4 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 SC4 agree as follows:

1. MSU is designated as the "home institution," and SC4 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 the Summer Terms, during all other terms of enrollment in the SC4 ADN program, SC4 will be responsible for processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid to the ADN students. Once students graduate from the ADN program at SC4, 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 SC4 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 the 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 SC4 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, SC4 will provide MSU with the following information for the next academic year: SC4's estimated Pell cost of attendance, estimated cost per credit hour, estimated fees that are charged to all SC4 students and academic calendar. If SC4 does not provide the foregoing information to MSU by December 15, MSU will use SC4's then-current actual information for Financial Aid calculations for the next academic year. SC4 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 SC4 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. SC4 will not disburse Financial Aid when the Student is enrolled at MSU for the Summer Terms. MSU and SC4 will coordinate the processing, calculation and disbursement of state and/or agency financial aid to Students and SC4 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. SC4 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 SC4 refund period and (ii) on a weekly basis after the applicable MSU and SC4 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

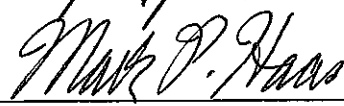
either institution to cure a default in its performance of this Agreement within 30 calendar days of receipt of a notice of the default; or (d) written notice given at least 90 calendar days prior to the commencement of a new MSU academic term. MSU will process and disburse Financial Aid, through the 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.

Michigan State University

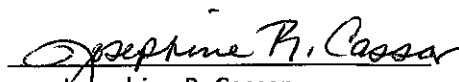
By:   
Richard Shipman  
Director of Financial Aid

Dated: 11/19/2015

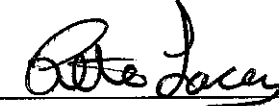
By:   
Mark Haas  
Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

Dated: 11-25-2015

Community College

By:   
Josephine R. Cassar  
Director of Financial Aid

Dated: 10-20-15

By:   
Pete Lacey  
Vice President of Student Services

Dated: 10-20-15

 11-18-15  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL DATE  
APPROVED AS TO FORM