

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

and

ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

regarding the

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
in Nursing**

Frostburg State University and Allegany College of Maryland agree to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree as an articulated program for students who are enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing program or have completed an Associate degree in Nursing and are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Under these terms, students will be admitted to the RN-BSN program under the same standards as are all other students with a degree from any Maryland Community College. Frostburg State University will accept no more than 70 credits for the Associate degree earned.

This agreement applies to three different types of students that are eligible for enrollment in Frostburg State University's RN-BSN program and Allegany College of Maryland's Associate Degree in Nursing program.

1. Freshman students entering Allegany College of Maryland are eligible for dual enrollment while taking prerequisite courses to prepare for entrance into the Associate Degree in Nursing program.
2. Students admitted to Allegany College of Maryland's Associate Degree in Nursing program and in their second semester that are in good standing according to program guidelines.
3. Students that have completed the Associate Degree in Nursing program at Allegany College of Maryland, have an unencumbered RN license in the United States (or are qualified to complete their state RN licensure exam), and have completed the majority of prerequisite course work and general education requirements.

Note: Current Allegany College of Maryland Associate Degree in Nursing students that decide to pursue Frostburg State University's RN-BSN Program may do so at any time. The student can then initiate the enrollment process and will be granted early admission to FSU's RN-BSN program as long as the student meets the admission requirements of the RN-BSN program and are in good standing in their second semester of nursing at Allegany College of Maryland.

Advising sessions (group and individual) will be held every semester. All information related to registration, including course offerings and schedules of classes, will be made available at the community college site or via the Web for students enrolled at Frostburg State University. This will be by phone, email, or synchronous class as per the student's choice.

Any synchronous classes will be scheduled to accommodate the working adult while in an Associate Degree in Nursing Program. The student will receive dual advising from Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University faculty to guide the student in completing appropriate prerequisites and selecting their RN-BSN core courses.

Student records will be maintained at Allegany College of Maryland and will be made accessible to faculty and staff at Frostburg State University with written student permission on an as-needed basis.

Tuition and fees assessed will be that of Frostburg State University for all RN-BSN program core courses.

Students are eligible to apply for departmental scholarships and institutional scholarships, as they will be students at both schools in the event the student decides to attend Frostburg State University RN-BSN classes while pursuing their Associate Degree in Nursing at Allegany College of Maryland.

Students can take any nursing course while pursuing their Associate Degree in Nursing provided they have completed all appropriate prerequisites as outlined in the Frostburg State University undergraduate catalog. (A chemistry course equivalent to Chemistry 201 at Frostburg State University must be completed prior to admission or during the first semester of nursing classes.)

Students that request orientation to the online learning environment may ask for a face-to-face orientation, an independent tutorial via the Web, or a synchronous class via synchronous classroom at any time during enrollment in the RN-BSN program. In addition, students may request a Q&A session regarding any course and/or program issues at any time during enrollment using the above-mentioned formats.

Attached is a description of the current programmatic and degree requirements. (Note: Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer.)

Overview and Summary

Students interested in participating in the program must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Associate Degree in Nursing at Allegany College of Maryland.
2. Apply for admission to Frostburg State University, indicating RN-BSN Program as the intended major. Applications for admission can be obtained by visiting the website: <http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/transfer.htm>
3. For more information on the FSU RN-BSN Program, visit www.frostburg.edu/nursing
4. Once an application has been submitted, follow up by contacting:

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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT


Allegany College of Maryland
Associate of Science in Nursing


Frostburg State University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing


Entered into this 11th day of April, 2013
(date) (month)



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This agreement is effective with new Frostburg State University admits beginning Fall 2013
This agreement will be reviewed annually.