

# The ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

# SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY And MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Siena Heights University, located at 1247 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221, with several Michigan degree completion centers and an online center, and Monroe County Community College located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd, Monroe MI 48161 believe that collaborative programs benefit the community, employers, and students in their regions. It allows smooth transition for students transferring between institutions and maximizes allowable transfer of credits. Therefore, Siena Heights University and Monroe County Community College are entering into the following agreement for articulation for the Associate in Applied Science-Nursing at MCCC and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion) at SHU.

#### PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

Siena Heights University (hereafter known as "SHU") and Monroe County Community College (hereafter known as "MCCC") confirm the following points of agreement, to assure equal treatment of university/college and transfer students.

- 1. Credit completed at MCCC will transfer towards a SHU baccalaureate degree according to the parameters below and the transfer guide for the RN-BSN major.
- 2. As part of the admissions process, MCCC graduates must provide proof of a current unencumbered RN license from the State of Michigan, an official MCCC transcript (and individual transcripts from each institution attended beyond MCCC), an application for admission to the SHU Nursing program, current resume and letter of recommendation from an academic instructor or manager/supervisor.
- 3. MCCC graduates under this agreement must apply and be admitted to both SHU and the RN-BSN program. MCCC students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid.
- 4. MCCC graduates with a minimum of a cumulative 2.5 GPA (courses numbered 100 and above) entering under the terms of this agreement will transfer into SHU as long as the courses apply to their program requirements and admissions requirements are met.
- 5. No time limit (years) shall be placed on the acceptance of credit transferable from MCCC to SHU unless there is a specific policy limitation identified by SHU. A maximum of 90 hours of transfer credit can be applied to a SHU undergraduate program.

- 6. SHU and MCCC will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.
- 7. This agreement will automatically renew unless personnel from MCCC and SHU determine that a meeting is necessary to review and/or amend this agreement. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice of at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. Students will be permitted to complete their MCCC program and then transfer.
- 8. SHU and MCCC agree to the development of joint promotional and communications efforts to graduates and current students. Ongoing promotional opportunities will be reviewed and determined periodically as approved between the appropriate representatives at each institution.
- 9. Responsibility for communication related to this agreement will rest with the Dean of Health Sciences for MCCC and the Associate Director of Partnership Relations and the Director of Nursing for SHU.
- 10. Both institutions will provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students with regards to their respective program of study and the transfer process between institutions.
- 11. In the event the agreement must be terminated, SHU or MCCC agree to provide advance written notice of termination of this agreement. All students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete their designated program of study at SHU.
- 12. Each party shall be separately responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The contract term includes applicable sections of the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act (Act 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCLA 37.1101 et seq.) and the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act (Act 453 of the Public Arts of 1976 as amended, being CMLA 37.2101 et seq.) and, in particular, the provision that illegal discrimination by either party may be considered a material breach of this agreement.

## Siena Heights University

### And

## **Monroe County Community College**

Authorize this agreement to become effective on _	7/18/17
For Siena Heights University	For Monroe County Community College
J. Lee Johnson, Ph.D., CPA Senior Vice President of Business and Finance	Grace Yackee, Ph.D. Vice President of Instruction
Date 6/2-8/17	Date 1
Sr. Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D. President	Koje Ovartvy, Ph.D President
Date 6/28/17	7/18/17 Date



#### **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT-2017**

#### Siena Heights University at Monroe County Community College Baccalaureate Degree

(See degree transfer guide for specific course requirements and equivalencies)

MCCC Degree/Major A.A.S. - Nursing

Siena Degree/Major B.S.N. - RN-BSN completion

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program for Registered Nurses is designed for a licensed RN to earn a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Students admitted to the RN-BSN program must have graduated from an approved program of nursing; either a two-year associate degree nursing program or a hospital-based diploma program.

#### ARTICULATED PROGRAMS AT SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Candidates, for a SHU academic program of study, are required to complete the specific degree requirements for that program as outlined in SHU's undergraduate academic catalog. Candidates are required to present official transcripts from MCCC and any additional institution(s) attended, where applicable, and fulfill the admissions requirements, as identified, for the respective programs. The completed coursework (including degrees, where applicable) will be accepted by SHU following the admissions and academic policies of Siena Heights University.

#### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester hours for completion.
- Thirty (30) semester hour "residency" must be earned at SHU. Residency is fulfilled through online and/or on-campus courses.
- Thirty (30) semester hours must be earned at the junior/senior level (300/400) at SHU.
- Students must fulfill all requirements of the SHU academic major.
- The cumulative grade point average must be at 2.5 to transfer into the SHU RN-BSN program.
- Up to ninety (90) semester hours of credit may be applied to a SHU baccalaureate degree. This includes six (6) credits in developmental classes, four (4) credits in physical education classes, CLEP and any prior learning credit earned within the degree at MCCC.
- Courses with the grade of C (2.0) and above will transfer to SHU. The grade of D will transfer provided the course was completed *within* a conferred degree (e.g., associate degree); otherwise, the course is not eligible to transfer. A grade of D will not transfer into coursework required in the degree major.
- Students must fulfill all SHU liberal arts education requirements.
- Students must fulfill math proficiency requirements.

# SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS Based on 60+ semester hours of transfer.

Liberal Arts Requirements that **can transfer in** to SHU from MCCC as noted, **and/or** from other college credit, where applicable:

ENG Composition (C or 2.0 grade minimum)
 MCCC: ENGL 151 and 152 or 256

 Science with a Lab
 MCCC: BIOL 257 or 258

 Social Science or Fine & Performing Arts
 MCCC: Any POLSC, ECON, ART, MUSIC, PSYCH, or SOC course Fine or performing arts courses need to directly engage student in the creative experience.

Liberal Arts Education Requirements completed at SHU are below:

NUR 301 Transition to Professional Nursing
 Philosophy or Religious Studies (300/400 level) course taken at Siena
 LAS 401 Senior Seminar Integrative Experience (C grade or higher)
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#### PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students must demonstrate proficiency in mathematics. Proficiency is met by meeting one of the following criteria:

- i. A grade of "C" or better in any course that satisfies the university's Liberal Arts Requirement in mathematics; or
- ii. A grade of a "C" or better in MAT 102, 104, or MAT 106 at Siena; or
- iii. An ACT mathematics sub score of 23 or above; or
- iv. Passing the mathematics section of the Michigan High School Proficiency Test; or
- v. A passing score on the Siena Heights University Mathematics Proficiency Test

Note: Math proficiency can be met with MATH 151 or higher from MCCC.

#### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Siena Heights University offers over a variety of majors and a number of baccalaureate degrees, both completely online and on-campus. SHU also offers completely online and on-campus graduate programs. Consultation with an academic advisor will assist students in the development of their degree plan.

Please consult the university website for locations and listing of programs offered at each location: <a href="http://sienaheights.edu/Locations.aspx">http://sienaheights.edu/Locations.aspx</a>.

Siena Heights University offers online and on-campus graduate programs upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. Review the catalog for program details: http://sienaheights.edu/Attachment/2014-2016%20Graduate%20Catalog%20Catalog web.pdf