

Articulation Agreement

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy And Mercer Community College

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to enable students who graduate from Mercer Community College with an Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in Public Health to continue their education and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey as part of the Rutgers Bloustein School-Mercer Community College articulation initiative.

Transferring Credits from Mercer Community College

Students completing the Associate of Science in Public Health Degree from Mercer Community College may transfer 60 credits towards a Bachelor of Science in Public Health allowing them to complete their Rutgers degree in two additional years of study. Graduates of other Mercer programs will have their transcripts evaluated on a course-by-course basis with total transfer credits depending upon that review.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Bloustein School Requirements

Rutgers University New Brunswick Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy Bachelor of Science in Public Health requires a total of 120 credits, 30 credits in pre-major requirements (which includes general education requirements), 43 credits in the Public Health major and 47 credits of general electives. (See attached Articulation Degree Plan.)

Mercer Community College students who transfer under this articulation agreement as part of the Rutgers Bloustein School-Mercer Community College articulation initiative must complete courses as they are outlined in the attached Articulation Degree Plan as defined in NJTransfer. Students who graduate from Mercer Community College with the Associate of Science degree under the New Jersey State-Wide Transfer legislation are considered to have completed their general education requirements.

By following Mercer Community College's Associate of Science in Public Health as defined in the attached Articulation Degree Plan, students can transfer 60 credits to Rutgers University New Brunswick Bloustein School undergraduate program.

- All courses transferring to the Rutgers Bloustein School must have a grade of C or better in each course in the major.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 is required for admission into Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Bloustein School undergraduate program.
- For students who apply and are admitted directly to the Rutgers-New Brunswick Bloustein School undergraduate program after successfully completing an associate degree (A.A. or A.S.) transfer program at Mercer Community College that conforms with the statewide transfer agreement, credits taken for that degree program are accepted for transfer credit, up to a total of 60 credits. These transfer students are considered to have completed all lower-division General Education requirements.

- Any change in the curriculum of Mercer Community College or Rutgers University New Brunswick Bloustein School undergraduate program, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Health, will require a review of this agreement by both programs.
- Curricular changes should be sent in writing to the other party in advance of a meeting to revise this agreement.

Special Conditions

- Under the policies of our cooperative agreement, Mercer Community College is responsible for providing the 100 and 200 level courses and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is responsible for providing the 300 and 400 level courses. While this is understood in principle, there will be exceptions that will require approval on both ends.
- All students are required to complete their last 30 credits as matriculates of Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. The Rutgers University residency requirement may be satisfied by taking Rutgers University courses offered by Rutgers units at the off-campus location.
- It is required that all pre-major courses be taken at the community college, with the exception of where listed.
- If a course listed in the articulation degree plan below is taken at the community college, and it's credit value is 4 not 3, like as in the sciences under section A, the extra credit is tallied under "C – General Electives" for purposes of counting to 120 credits for graduation.
- If there is a course offered at the community college that is 100-200 level and required as a part of "B – Major Requirements" the course could be taken at the community college, satisfying the requirement. Consulting NJ Transfer and the Bloustein School is imperative prior to advising a student to take such a course.

This articulation agreement is intended to serve as a guide for students who want to transfer from Mercer Community College to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. As each student is unique, The Bloustein School will provide students with guidance and information about their individual transfer situation as well as assign a student counselor for matriculation support.

Articulation Degree Plan: Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BS)

A. Pre-Major Education Requirements (30 credits)
Taken via Community College unless otherwise listed

Public Health (3)	Mercer PBH 101 Principles of Public Health (3)
Writing and Communication (3)	At Rutgers 01:355:101 Expository Writing (3) or equivalent course at community college in general composition
Quantitative Reasoning (6)	A 3-cr college-level mathematics or a course utilizing applied quantitative reasoning (Mercer general math course, algebra) (3) AND A basic statistics course (MAT 125) or higher (MAT 200) (3)
Natural Sciences (9)	A two-semester biology sequence (3,3 4, 4) AND A college-level chemistry course or sequence (3 4)
Arts and Humanities (6)	Any two Art, Music, English Literature, Foreign Language, Speech, Classics, Religion, Philosophy, or other Humanities course (3,3)
History (3)	A course from a history department or any course primarily historical in nature from another department (3)

B. Public Health Major Requirements (43 credits)
Taken via Rutgers Bloustein School unless otherwise listed

Public Health Core (12)	10:832:101 Intro to Planning, Policy and Health (3) 10:832:201 Principles of Public Health (satisfied via PBH 101) 10:832:212 Health Disparities (3) 10:832:240 Global Health Perspectives (3) 10:832:356 Public Health Law & Ethics (3)
Research and Applied Statistical Methods (7)	10:832:335 Epidemiology (3) 10:832:395 Research Methods (4)
Professional Writing (3)	One of the following: 10:832:300 Writing for Professionals (3) 10:832:339 Public Health Literature (3)
Field Experience with Professional Seminar (9)	10:832:450 Leadership Seminar (3) 10:832:499 Internship - prerequisites: 832:395, 832:450 and 100 credits (6)
Public Health Electives (12)	Select from (832) electives, 9 credits of which are at 300 level or higher

Notes: Students interested in select career paths should consider clustering their electives and seek advising early in their program of studies.

Students qualifying for departmental honors (3.400 or higher) may replace 832:499 with 832:497, 498 Bloustein Honors Research (3,3)

C. General Electives (47 credits)

Awarding of the BS degree requires at least 120 credits towards graduation. The additional credits may include liberal arts credits (no limit), technical credits (limit 24), or physical education credits (limit 2), either transferred in from community college or earned at Rutgers (See NJTransfer).

Approval of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective for five years from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. To ensure continuity and maintenance of this agreement, it shall be reviewed and updated every five years or as needed when either party makes curricular changes.

Rutgers, The State University of N.J.

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