

**Conditional Acceptance and RN to BS Express Agreement
Between
Rutgers University–Camden and Mercer County Community College
for the RN to BS in Nursing Degree offered
at Mercer County Community College
2017**

Rutgers University–Camden (“Rutgers–Camden,”), an institution of higher learning with the address of 303 Cooper Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102, and Mercer County Community College (“Mercer County”), an institution of higher learning with the address of 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor Township, New Jersey 08550, (collectively, the parties”) hereby enter into this Conditional Acceptance Agreement (“Agreement”) to form a linkage to promote their mutual goals of admission and preparation of students into their respective academic programs. This Agreement is effective on this 19th day of January, 2017.

Purpose

This Agreement is designed to allow a population of students to seamlessly transfer from Mercer County to Rutgers–Camden’s RN to BS program offered at Mercer County through Conditional Admission set forth on the day of acceptance to Mercer County’s Nursing Program. Admission to Rutgers–Camden is based upon successful completion of the Associate in Science in Nursing from Mercer County with a minimum 2.70 GPA, successful passage of the NCLEX exam, and subsequent licensing as an RN. This agreement applies only to the Rutgers–Camden RN to BS program offered on-site at Mercer County.

Additionally, this Agreement will establish a streamlined “RN to BS Express” pathway for this population of students, allowing them to complete an associate degree at Mercer County, use thirty-three (33) credits awarded from prior learning assessment associated with their successful completion of the NCLEX Exam, and a final year at Rutgers–Camden’s program on-site at Mercer County to complete their RN to BS degree program.

Criteria for Conditional Admission

Both institutions agree to the following criteria for conditional admission:

1. Conditional Admission to the RN to BS in Nursing degree program at Rutgers–Camden will be determined solely by the appropriate officials at Rutgers–Camden.

2. Rutgers–Camden will provide a letter of conditional acceptance to qualified applicants.
3. Mercer County nursing students who are interested in being conditionally admitted to Rutgers–Camden must verify their acceptance of this conditional admission offer as instructed in the letter.
4. A Mercer County student who has been conditionally admitted to Rutgers–Camden and successfully completes the Mercer County Associate in Science in Nursing and NCLEX exams with a 2.70 cumulative GPA will be accepted to Rutgers–Camden School of Nursing’s RN to BS program offered onsite at Mercer County.

Admission Procedures

1. Conditionally admitted Mercer County students will be required to complete the Rutgers undergraduate application process for transfer students.
2. To qualify under the terms of this Agreement, the online application for priority admission to Rutgers–Camden must be submitted by the priority due dates. (Supporting materials such as transcripts are also required.)
3. Students may apply after the due dates have passed on a space available basis.

Transfer

In accordance with the New Jersey Statewide Transfer Agreement, the A.S. in Nursing degree from Mercer County will be fully transferable as the first sixty (60) credits of a baccalaureate degree program at Rutgers–Camden, and will constitute fulfillment of all general education requirements. Additionally, Rutgers University–Camden will accept thirty-three (33) credits awarded upon the successful completion of the NCLEX exam. Students must complete the state-mandated general education requirements and an associate’s degree at Mercer County to be eligible for the New Jersey Statewide Transfer Agreement benefits. All credits are evaluated by the appropriate officials at Rutgers–Camden.

Mercer County students are strongly advised to consult with a Mercer County transfer counselor and to adhere to the Recommended Transfer Programs (RTP) available using NJTransfer. Students must also be mindful of Rutgers–Camden degree requirements and course sequencing in order to expedite completion of their degree.

The attached document outlines the curricular sequence students are expected to follow in this program and serves as a guide for advisors working with this student population.

Special Conditions

- Under the policies of our cooperative agreement, Mercer County will offer the first three years of the Nursing program and Rutgers will offer the final year. At present, Mercer County does not have a course that is equivalent to Biomedical Ethics (50:730:349), which is a graduation requirement for the Rutgers–Camden

BS in Nursing degree. Therefore, Rutgers will continue to offer Biomedical Ethics, and student will be required to take thirty-three (33) credits at Rutgers. Upon the development of a Biomedical Ethics course at Mercer, Rutgers will evaluate the Mercer County course. If this course is approved, Rutgers will allow the Mercer Biomedical Ethics course to fulfill the Biomedical Ethics graduation requirement, thus allowing students to complete the Rutgers degree by taking thirty (30) credits at Rutgers.

This Agreement does not create the relationship of principal and agent or any similar relationship between the parties hereto and neither party shall possess, and neither party shall hold itself out to third persons as possessing, any power, or authority to bind the other in any way whatsoever.

Neither party hereto shall be entitled to compensation from the other party for any activities performed under this Agreement.

Program Evaluation

This agreement shall be effective for five years from January 19, 2017 through January 18, 2022. Both parties (Rutgers–Camden and Mercer County) will evaluate the program regularly, review and revise the Agreement as necessary, and maintain a flow of communications for the good of the students affected by this Agreement.

Signature page follows

**2016 Rutgers-Camden / Mercer County Community College Nursing
Conditional Admission Agreement & RN to BS Express Program: Attachment A**

Year 1: Mercer County

	Course Name	MCCC Course #	MCCC Credits	RU-C Course #	RU-C Credits
Semester 1	General & Physiological Chemistry	CHE 107	4	50:160:101	4
	English Composition I	ENG 101	3	50:350:101	3
	Intro to Psychology	PSY 101	3	50:830:101	3
	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3	50:920:207	3
Semester 2	Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 103	4	50:120:253	4
	English Composition II	ENG 102	3	50:350:102	3
	Developmental Psychology	PSY 207	3	50:830:222	3
	Basic Concepts of Nutrition	HPE 101	3	50:520:255	3

Year 2: Mercer County

	Course Name	MCCC Course #	MCCC Credits	RU-C Course #	RU-C Credits
Semester 3	Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 104	4	50:120:254	4
	Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice	NRS 111	1	Non-Transferable	-
	Concepts of Nursing Practice I	NRS 112	6	Non-Transferable	-
	Biomedical Ethics*	-	-	50:730:349	3
Semester 4	Microbiology	BIO 201	4	50:120:211	4
	Concepts of Nursing Practice II	NRS 125	8	Non-Transferable	-
	Moral Choices (Transcultural I)	PHI 205	3	50:730:315	3

Year 3: Mercer County

	Course Name	MCCC Course #	MCCC Credits	RU-C Course #	RU-C Credits
Semester 5	Concepts of Nursing Practice III	NRS 225	8	Non-Transferable	-
	Elementary Statistics I	MAT 125	3	50:960:283	3
Semester 6	Concepts of Nursing Practice IV	NRS 235	8	Non-Transferable	-
	Transcultural II**	(Choice)	3	(Choice)	3
(Varies)	Additional transfer credits per NJSTA/NJTransfer.cc	Varies by student	11	Varies by student	11

Year 3: NCLEX Exam

Post-Semester NCLEX Exam (Credits Awarded)	Transfer Credit	33
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Year 4: Rutgers University-Camden at Mercer County Community College

	Course Name	MCCC Course #	MCCC Credits	RU-C Course #	RU-C Credits
Semester 7	Conceptual Foundations			57:705:358	3
	Wellness & Health Assessment			50:705:203	3
	Pathophysiology			50:120:347	3
	Community Health Nursing and Global Health + Lab			57:705:412/413	6
Semester 8	Genetics			50:120:231	3
	Nursing Pharmacology			57:705:489	3
	Nursing Research			57:705:411	3
	Nursing Management and Leadership + Lab			57:705:414/415	6

TOTAL CREDITS **120**

* Currently, MCCC does not have a Biomedical Ethics course that transfers to a Rutgers equivalent. Rutgers will offer the course at MCCC until a transferable course is developed.

** For courses with (Choice) as course number, students should discuss course equivalencies and transferability of their choice with their advisor.
Note: 120 credits total and 30 credits in residence at Rutgers University are required to complete the bachelor's degree.

***60 credits granted for Associates degree per NJ Statewide Transfer Agreement.