

State University of New York
Upstate Medical University, College of Nursing
Dual Admission RN/BSN Program Agreement
With
Mohawk Valley Community College

SUNY Upstate Medical University (“SUNY Upstate”), located at 766 Irving Avenue Syracuse, New York 13210, and Mohawk Valley Community College located at 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501, hereby establish this Dual Admission RN/BSN Program Agreement to facilitate joint admission of students in both Mohawk Valley’s College of Nursing Associate of Nursing A.A.S. Registered Nurse (“RN”) Program and the SUNY Upstate College of Nursing’s, Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (“BSN”) Program.

Objectives:

- To align institutional efforts of Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Upstate to foster a consistent pipeline of well-qualified nurses to serve the people of New York State;
- To attract and identify qualified nursing students to Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Upstate;
- To enable a mutually agreeable, clearly defined, and easily understood pathway from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at Mohawk Valley Community College through the Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing at SUNY Upstate;
- To provide student advising appropriate to assist students to timely complete both the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and the Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing.
- To encourage institutional collaboration, academic coordination, and faculty and administrative facilitation to foster success of this Dual Admission RN/BSN Program.

Admission Procedures

- Qualified applicants will be solely reviewed and accepted by the Mohawk Valley Community College Admissions Committee on behalf of Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Upstate Medical University.
- Formalized opportunities to interview for appropriate available nursing positions at Upstate will be incorporated into accepted students’ acceptance letter. Students must otherwise be eligible for employment at Upstate in such position to have the opportunity to interview.
- To maintain their enrollment in the Dual RN/BSN program, students are required to achieve a 3.0 cumulative GPA by the end of their final semester in the Nursing

program at Mohawk Valley Community College and have completed all prerequisite courses with a C or better.

- Students will be encouraged to apply for consideration at the time of Nursing application at Mohawk Valley Community College, however matriculated nursing students are eligible to apply for dual-admission up until June 1st of the year of matriculation. Applications will be considered dependent on enrollment numbers at SUNY Upstate.
- Students will be awarded the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (RN) degree from Mohawk Valley Community College upon completion of all degree requirements. Students will be awarded the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree by SUNY Upstate after successfully completing the program of study as outlined on the SUNY Upstate website: <http://www.upstate.edu/con/programs/bs/part-time.php>.
- Pass the NCLEX exam prior to enrollment at SUNY Upstate

Course Equivalencies Agreement

Students in the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program must complete the following course requirements including the following prerequisite credit hours at Mohawk Valley Community College:

BI 216	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BI 217	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BI 201	Microbiology	4
EN 101	English 1: Composition	3
EN 102	English 2: Ideas & Values in Lit	3
PY 101	Intro to Gen Psychology	3
PY 207	Lifespan development	3
Liberal Arts/Sciences		6
Nursing		30

Prerequisites requirements are subject to change and must be completed with a C or better.

The following Mohawk Valley Community College courses have been pre-approved by SUNY Upstate as transfer credits toward the bachelor's degree program of study:

HU 280 Intro to Ethics (meets Upstate requirement for HUM 320, Ethics and the Health Prof.)
MA 110 Elementary Statistics (meets Upstate requirement for BIO 310, Biostatistics)
EN 147 Report Writing (meets Upstate requirement for ENGL 325, English Tech writing)

Students may also transfer up to twelve (12) additional Liberal Arts and Sciences credits to the SUNY Upstate BSN program. Students may accomplish these additional credits either through transfer of credits taken prior to matriculation to Mohawk Valley Community College or through cross-registration at both SUNY Upstate and Mohawk Valley Community College.

The parties expressly agree that program requirements will not be changed by either institution for students enrolled in the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program without a formal modification to this Agreement signed by both institutions. Moreover, SUNY Upstate expressly commits and agrees that all credits attributable to Mohawk Valley Community College 63-credit Associate of Applied Science in Nursing that adhere to the course equivalencies stated above will transfer to SUNY Upstate's Bachelor's of Science in Nursing program, and that each student who matriculates at SUNY Upstate pursuant to this Dual Admission Agreement who has attained Mohawk Valley Community College Associate of Applied Science in Nursing after completing said courses and met the cumulative GPA requirement will be deemed at the point of transfer to have attained full junior standing at SUNY Upstate. This commitment goes to the essence of this Dual Admission RN/BSN Agreement.

Administration of Financial Aid

For the purpose of administering financial aid, Mohawk Valley Community College will be the home institution for the RN component of the program. SUNY Upstate Medical University will assume responsibility as the home institution for the BSN component of the program once the student has matriculated at Upstate. Cross-registration can be granted with financial aid approvals between the two institutions.

- SUNY Upstate agrees that a student accepted by Mohawk Valley Community College will pay the appropriate tuition to Mohawk Valley Community College for the student's full period of enrollment at Mohawk Valley Community College.
- Mohawk Valley Community College agrees that a student accepted by SUNY Upstate will pay the appropriate tuition to SUNY Upstate for the student's full period of enrollment at SUNY Upstate.
- Should a student enrolled in the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program enroll concurrently in both Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Upstate courses, then the institutions will apportion the charges and revenue from the student's enrollment consistent with each institution's delivery of specific courses.

Review/Revision of the Agreement

The Agreement will be effective from the date of signing for the Fall 2022 entering class and will remain in effect through December 2027 unless earlier terminated by either institution with one year's advance written notice to the other. Students then enrolled in the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both institutions, will be allowed to complete both degrees in the Program in accordance with the terms in effect prior to termination.

Any proposed changes to courses or program requirements at either institution will be discussed in advance by the appropriate faculty and administrators at both institutions, and this Agreement will be amended to reflect any decisions reached. Such program changes will be applied prospectively to students new to the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program. Students already enrolled in the Dual Admission RN/BSN Program will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to complete both degrees under the requirements in place at the time of the student's admission to the Program.

Marketing & Communication

Mohawk Valley Community College and SUNY Upstate Medical University agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program through joint marketing efforts and by providing advising, information, and assistance to prospective students.

There will be one acceptance letter provided upon acceptance to Mohawk Valley Community College that acknowledges that dual-admission agreement for each institution. Each application term (fall and spring), identified Upstate and Mohawk Valley Community College representatives will review marketing and applicant communication documents (acceptance letter). A Mohawk Valley Community College representative will work with Upstate admissions representative to maintain an active and updated roster for each application term.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The institutions will exercise the right to share student educational records data governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, with the other institution for purposes of this agreement pursuant to 34 CFR 99.34 (disclosure to assist a requesting student to enroll in the other institution) and will disclose this information sharing arrangement in its Annual Notice pursuant to 34 CFR 99.34(a)(1)(ii).

Coordination

SUNY Upstate and Mohawk Valley Community College commit to working collaborative to support the success of this initiative. SUNY Upstate's liaison to Upstate Medical University is: Gabriela Lozanova, Assistant Director of Admissions, 315-464-4570. Mohawk Valley Community College's liaison to SUNY Upstate is: Melissa Copperwheat, Dean of School of Health Sciences, 315-792-5499.

Entered into this _____ day of _____, 2021

By:

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