# College of Nursing Michigan State University and St. Clair County Community College

# I. INTRODUCTION

The Michigan State University (MSU) College of Nursing (CON) and St. Clair County Community College (SC4) agree that students enrolled in the SC4 Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program are eligible to apply for transfer admission to the MSU on-line Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for Registered Nurses (RN-BSN). Students admitted to MSU and the RN-BSN program will be concurrently admitted to the SC4 ADN and MSU RN-BSN programs per the provisions outlined in this Agreement.

## II. ADMISSION

## A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU

SC4 ADN students are eligible to apply for transfer admission to the MSU RN-BSN program per the requirements outlined below:

- i. Students apply to the baccalaureate program using the MSU Office of Admissions application form and apply to the RN-BSN program by completing the College of Nursing supplemental application form. It is recommended that students apply during the first semester they are enrolled in the ADN program.
- ii. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher and earn a 2.00 or higher in each science prerequisite course or its equivalent. Admission to the program is competitive; the most qualified candidates will be selected from the pool of candidates meeting the minimum criteria.
- iii. Students must complete the equivalent of MSU's transfer admission writing requirement.
- iv. Students must complete the equivalent of MSU's transfer admission mathematics requirement.

Additional information regarding transfer admission to MSU is available in the Transfer Student Admission statement in the Undergraduate Education section of the MSU Academic Programs catalog.

## B. ENROLLMENT STATUS

SC4 students admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program will enroll in two summer sessions at MSU while simultaneously completing the SC4 ADN program. Students will be required to register and pay fees at each respective institution when concurrently enrolled.

Students will be eligible to continue enrollment in the MSU RN-BSN program upon graduation from the ADN program at SC4 and the successful completion of all other MSU RN-BSN program prerequisites including, but not limited to, a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher at graduation from the ADN, a grade of 2.00 or higher in each science prerequisite course, completion of all other prerequisite coursework, possession of an active, unrestricted RN license, background check, and drug screen.

## III. STUDENT ACCESS

## A. ACCESS TO MSU AND CC FACILITIES

SC4 students who are admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program and who are enrolled at MSU will be granted those privileges and accesses provided to all enrolled MSU students including, but not limited to, housing, commuter parking, libraries, student organizations, athletic facilities and tickets, etc. Students will be eligible for SC4 student privileges when enrolled at SC4. Students will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions.

Students will be required, as a condition of admission to the Program, to agree that their educational records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations may be disclosed by MSU and SC4 to each other.

#### B. FINANCIAL AID

During all terms of enrollment in the SC4 ADN program, SC4 will be responsible for processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid to the ADN students. Once students graduate from the ADN program at SC4, MSU will process, award and disburse financial aid to students enrolled in the MSU RN-BSN program.

#### IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND DEGREE OPTIONS

## A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students enrolled in the SC4 ADN courses are required to comply with the academic standards of SC4. Students enrolled in MSU RN-BSN courses are required to comply with the academic standards of MSU and the academic standards of the MSU College of Nursing RN-BSN program. Any student whose academic record does not meet the academic requirements to remain in good standing is subject to appropriate academic action at the respective institution.

#### **B. DEGREE OPTIONS**

Students concurrently admitted to the SC4 ADN program and the MSU RN-BSN program will work toward completion of the SC4 ADN program. Upon graduation from

the ADN program and successful completion of all other MSU RN-BSN program prerequisites, students will continue work toward completion of the MSU RN-BSN program. A maximum of 60 semester credits may be transferred from SC4 to MSU. An additional 30 semester credits will be granted by MSU for successful completion of the RN licensing exam. Students will be completing their final 28 credits at MSU. Information regarding MSU graduation requirements is available in the Graduation Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree statement in the Undergraduate Education section of the MSU <u>Academic Programs catalog</u>.

## V. POLICIES AND LEGAL INDEMNITIES

## A. PROGRAM REVISIONS

Both MSU and SC4 agree to notify each other immediately of revisions to the respective programs and changes in accreditation status.

#### **B. INDEMNIFICATION**

MSU and SC4 each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either the institution or any of its employees.

#### C. NONDISCRIMINATION

Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, height, weight, marital or familial status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

#### D. GENERAL TERMS

This Agreement contains the complete agreement of SC4 and MSU concerning this transfer program and supersedes all previous communications. Any changes to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by both SC4 and MSU. There are no third party beneficiaries to the Agreement.

#### E. REVIEW AND TERMINATION

This Agreement will be reviewed by each institution every three years and may be renewed at that time. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified time period. The agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 180 days written notice. Students enrolled in the SC4 ADN program and admitted to the MSU RN-BSN program at termination of this Agreement will have the opportunity to complete the MSU RN-BSN program within four years of their admission.

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