

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
for
VETERINARY NURSING PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

Michigan State University, through its College of Veterinary Medicine (“MSU” or “CVM”), and Lansing Community College (“LCC”), enter into this Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) to jointly offer a program (the “Program”) in veterinary nursing that will allow students to obtain an Associate in Applied Science Degree (“AASD”) from LCC and a Certificate of Completion of the Veterinary Nursing Program (“VNP”) from MSU. The students will be expected to meet the graduation requirements as defined by LCC for the AASD and the requirements for the VNP Certificate of Completion as defined by MSU.

II. ADMISSION

Students may enter the Program through one of two pathways. A student may begin taking general education courses at LCC and apply for admission to the VNP. Alternatively, students may be admitted first to the VNP and then decide to enter the Program to receive an AASD from LCC.

A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU

MSU will review applications and admit students into the VNP according to standards and policies set forth by the Office of Admissions. Applicants may be required to participate in an assessment and selection process.

B. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO LCC

LCC will admit students with appropriate preparation according to the open admissions policy set forth in the LCC catalog, the LCC Curriculum Guide (Appendix B) and by the LCC Admissions, Registration and Records Office. Many courses at LCC have minimum skill level requirements in reading, writing, and/or mathematics. These skill levels must be met before a student will be permitted to enroll in those courses. One way students meet these skill prerequisites is by achieving the required scores on placement tests. Other options to meet basic skill prerequisites are outlined on the LCC website www.lcc.edu/placement. Students completing general education courses at LCC who wish to matriculate in the VNP will be expected to make a formal application to the VNP.

C. ENROLLMENT STATUS

Students will register, pay fees, and receive financial aid (if eligible) from LCC as long as they are taking courses only at LCC. LCC students who begin taking courses at MSU must register, pay fees and receive financial aid (if eligible) from MSU. There may be terms when a student chooses to take courses at both institutions. In that instance, students will be required to register and pay fees at each respective institution but will only be able to receive aid at one of the institutions. In determining aid eligibility for that term, enrollment at the two institutions will not be combined. For that reason, it is in the student’s best interest to complete requirements at one institution at a time, and they should be advised of that.

III. ACCESS TO MSU AND LCC FACILITIES

Students accepted into and in good financial and academic standing with the VNP, regardless of enrollment as LCC students, will be granted those privileges provided to MSU students. Amenities include, but are not limited to, housing, commuter parking, libraries, athletic facilities, student organizations, and tickets, etc. Students, enrolled in this Program will also be eligible for a LCC student ID permitting facility utilization,

library use, and other student opportunities associated with LCC student status. Students will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions.

IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND DEGREE OPTIONS

A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students enrolled in the Program are required to comply with the academic standards set forth by the MSU policy for maintaining good academic standing. Students also will be required to meet the academic standards at LCC. If the MSU and LCC standards differ, the more demanding of the two shall apply. The students' GPA will be monitored by the VNP staff at MSU and by LCC. Any student whose academic record does not meet one or more of the requirements to remain in good academic standing is subject to appropriate academic action.

B. DEGREE OPTIONS

Students participating in the Program will work toward an AASD from LCC and a Certificate of Completion from the VNP. The AASD will be awarded by LCC and the Certificate of Completion awarded by MSU upon the student's successful completion of the curriculum approved by both institutions. A minimum of 60 semester credits is required for the AASD. To qualify for the AASD, students must complete a minimum of 15 semester credits of general education courses through LCC. Students must also complete the VNP requirements, which currently includes 43 credits of veterinary nursing course work through MSU and 15 credits of veterinary nursing clinical clerkships.

To receive an associate degree from Lansing Community College, a student must also meet the following institutional graduation requirements:

1. Complete a course of study approved by the College and consisting of a minimum of 60 semester credits with no more than 10 percent of these credits acquired on the pass/fail (P-Z) grading system. (See the Degree and Certificate Programs section of this catalog: http://www.lcc.edu/catalog/degree_certificateprograms/.)
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. Earn toward the curriculum at least 15 semester credits in attendance at Lansing Community College. Credits earned through comprehensive exams will not be counted toward this requirement.
4. Satisfy the LCC General Education Core Requirements. Students following the Associate in Applied Science Degree will fulfill these requirements by completing specific curriculum requirements.
5. Satisfy all general and specific requirements of Lansing Community College.
6. File an application for graduation with the Admissions, Registration and Records Office by the deadline for the semester the program requirements are completed.

V. POLICIES AND LEGAL INDEMNITIES

A. PROGRAM REVISIONS

Both LCC and MSU will strive to keep each other informed about significant changes in courses included in the Program.

B. INDEMNIFICATION

MSU and LCC 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 parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do 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 LCC and MSU concerning this transfer program and supersedes all previous communications. Any changes to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by both LCC and MSU. There are no third party beneficiaries to the Agreement.

E. Program Review & 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. Either MSU or LCC may terminate the Agreement by notifying the other party in writing 120 days in advance. Should the Agreement be terminated, any LCC student who has been admitted to the VNP prior to termination will be allowed to complete, in the intended time frame, the Program in place at the time of their admission.

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Therefore, in support of the Program, Michigan State University and Lansing Community College are signatories to this Agreement.

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