

**Agreement for Dual Admission for Registered Nurses  
between  
University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Nursing  
and  
College of Southern Maryland**

University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Nursing ("UMSON") hereby enters into an Agreement ("Agreement") with College of Southern Maryland, (" CSM") to offer dual admission to graduates of Associate Degree nursing education programs to complete prerequisite coursework at CSM and enroll in UMSON's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program or Registered Nurse to Master of Science Program ("BSN" and "RN to MS") and transfer credits from one institution to the other on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- I. Registered Nurse (RN) Dual Admission Program. CSM and UMSON agree to allow simultaneous admission to CSM and UMSON's BSN or RN to MS Programs through a coordinated admission process using the procedures set forth in Exhibit 1 ("RN Dual Admission Program"). Eventual matriculation at UMSON is dependent upon a student meeting criteria for progression to UMSON before the desired date of enrollment at UMSON.
  
- II. Acceptance of Credits. In order to matriculate to UMSON, a CSM student must have graduated from an accredited nursing education program with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing, possess an active Registered Nursing license in Maryland or another Compact State, and satisfy UMSON's progression criteria and other applicable requirements at the time the student matriculates to UMSON as identified in Exhibit 2. UMSON shall accept up to 59 transfer credits that will satisfy general education and prerequisite course requirements at CSM and UMSON, also identified in Exhibit 2. In addition to transfer credits for completed coursework, UMSON will award students 30 credits toward their BSN upon verification of an active RN license.
  
- III. Enrollment in UMSON BSN Courses Prior to Completion of Prerequisites at CSM. While enrolled in the RN Dual Admission program at CSM, a student may take UMSON courses under Special Student status to earn credits towards the BSN degree. The parties will direct students who wish to apply UMSON credits toward obtaining a BSN degree to consult a UMSON representative. The procedures for Special Student status are set forth in Exhibit 1 ("Special Student Status"). Course prerequisite requirements are set forth in Exhibit 3 ("Prerequisites for UMSON RN to BSN Courses").
  
- IV. Applicability. The status afforded to students as contemplated in this Agreement applies only to the RN Dual Admission Program, courses in the RN Dual Admission Program, transfer of credits and credentials, and credential requirements in effect as of the Effective Date (as defined in Section X.). The RN Dual Admission Program and the processes and procedures outlined in this agreement are limited to the RN Dual Admission Program. UMSON and CSM agree that students enrolled in the RN Dual Admission Program are subject to the respective laws, regulations, practices and policies in effect at the institution the student is attending. Such laws, regulations, practices and policies include, but are not limited to, payment of tuition and fees, grading, appeals of grades, reasonable accommodation and

academic misconduct. Each party will bear its own expenses related to resolving grievances and academic matters at its respective institution.

A student will pay regular deposits, tuition and fees set up by the institution in which the student is enrolled. Each institution is responsible for collecting tuition and fees from its students in the RN Dual Admission Program according to its own rate structure in place at the time of the students' enrollment at the institution. Each institution is responsible for billing and student accounts for the semester(s) when a student is enrolled at the institution. Financial aid will be administered through CSM prior to a student's enrollment into UMSON's programs. After enrollment into a UMSON program, financial aid will be administered through UMSON

V. Student Responsibility. Upon acceptance to the RN Dual Admission Program students must execute a written authorization (a FERPA release) to permit CSM and UMSON to monitor any matter of legitimate educational interest. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that they meet all requirements for successful completion of the RN Dual Admission Program including the general education requirements and all prerequisites for successful matriculation to UMSON as specified in UMSON guidelines <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/academic-programs/undergrad/rn-bsn> . Students must also meet UMSON Technical Standards, matriculation requirements and maintain satisfactory academic standing in courses taken at UMSON.

CSM students are responsible for submitting all forms and materials as required by CSM and UMSON and ensuring that all required materials have been received by UMSON.

Students must comply with the policies and procedures, as well as the academic and non-academic standards of CSM and UMSON during the time students are enrolled in each institution.

VI. CSM and UMSON Responsibilities. Consultation and communication on student progress will be maintained by CSM and UMSON once a FERPA release form is completed by each student.

CSM will provide counseling / advising to students accepted into the RN Dual Admission Program and evaluate students' performance in accordance with the requirements as stated herein every semester while students are enrolled at CSM. At the end of each semester, CSM and UMSON will provide an overview of students accepted into the RN Dual Admission Program to include courses completed, GPA and projected semester to matriculate to UMSON. UMSON will meet with these students in a group on an annual basis. CSM RN Dual Admission Program students will be invited to visit the College of Southern Maryland site during UMSON open houses.

UMSON will provide CSM Admissions staff with student progress and BSN and MS completion data for all RN Dual Admission Program students as well as information supporting the BSN and RN to MS programs and, if requested, on-site visits annually.

CSM and UMSON must maintain accreditation by a national nursing accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). UMSON's BSN program must be approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing.

VII. Degree Awarded. Students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing or a Master's of Science degree by UMSON after successful completion of all the requirements as identified for the UMSON program.

VIII. Promotion/Publicity. During the term of this Agreement, CSM and UMSON shall develop and agree upon a mutually acceptable marketing and student recruitment plan to promote the RN Dual Admission Program and inform students of the opportunities available at both institutions under this Agreement. CSM will provide to UMSON its student and alumni directory information for promotion of the alliance.

Any and all marketing, promotional, or other materials developed by one party to publicize this Agreement must be reviewed and approved in writing by the other party prior to use of any such materials. Neither party shall use the name or marks of the other party in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release or other publicity, without the prior written consent of the party whose name or marks is under consideration. . In all communications, marketing, promotional and other materials related to the RN Dual Admissions Program, students shall be referred to as RN dual admission students taking pre requisite coursework at CSM to UMSON BSN or RN to MS programs.

IX. Changes in Programs. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, UMSON and CSM retain the right and the authority to make changes in their respective courses, programs, and credential requirements. The parties shall give each other reasonable notice of changes in their respective courses, programs, and/or credential requirements that may materially affect a student's status, acceptance of degrees, or the transfer of credit as contemplated in this Agreement. A student who is already enrolled in the RN Dual Admission Program at the time of such changes will have the option to choose whether to follow the existing or new requirements. A student's selection of either option, as well as the student's proposed plan of study, must be approved by representatives of both the CSM and UMSON's nursing program.

The parties shall meet, at least once a year, to review their respective courses, programs, and credential requirements to determine whether this Agreement should be amended to reflect the courses, programs, and credential requirements then in effect at each institution, as well as to determine if there is a need for a cap on enrollment in the RN Dual Admissions Program.

X. Term and Termination. The term of this Agreement is one year commencing as of September 1, 2015 (the "Effective Date") and ending on August 31, 2016. The term will extend automatically for successive one-year periods.

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party.

Provided neither UMSON's nor CSM's programs, courses, or credential requirements have changed such that articulation or the transfer of credit is no longer academically appropriate, UMSON shall accept the transfer of CSM credits and afford the students the status on the terms and conditions of this Agreement for those students who have enrolled in UMSON and remained continuously enrolled at or before termination of this Agreement. Continuous enrollment means enrollment in at least one course at CSM within a two-year period (i.e., six semesters) and enrollment in at least one course every semester during matriculation at UMSON.

XI. General Provisions. This Agreement is subject to applicable policies and procedures promulgated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding the transfer of credits.

All notices under this Agreement must be in writing; delivered in person or by U.S. mail, facsimile, or commercial courier; and addressed as follows:

If to UMSON:

University of Maryland School of Nursing  
655 W. Lombard ST., Suite 505  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Attn:  
Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dean and Professor

If to CSM:

College of Southern Maryland  
8730 Mitchell Road  
La Plata, MD 20646  
Attn:  
Laura Polk, PhD, RN, CNE  
Professor and Chair  
Health Sciences Division

Either party may change its respective notice address by providing notice to the other party.

This Agreement integrates the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any and all prior and/or contemporaneous agreements between the parties, written or oral, with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by a writing signed by both parties.

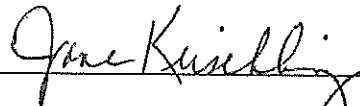
The laws of the State of Maryland govern interpretation of this Agreement.

Neither party may assign this Agreement, its interest herein, or its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other.


Nothing in this Agreement is intended to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the parties. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create rights in or benefit any person or entity other than the parties.

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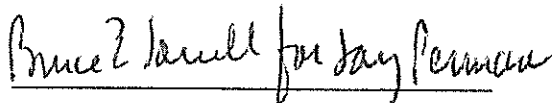
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Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dean and Professor

August 28, 2015  
Date

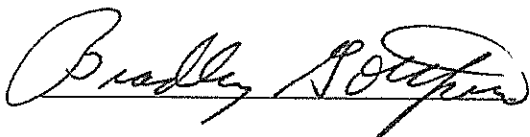
  
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Bruce Jarrell, MD  
Chief Academic and Research Officer

9/1/2015  
Date

  
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Jay Perman, MD  
President

9/8/2015  
Date

For: College of Southern Maryland

  
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Bradley Gottfried, PhD  
President

9-16-15  
Date

EXHIBIT 1  
RN DUAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

I. Admissions. A student may apply for dual admission as early as the time of application to CSM but no later than the completion of the last course at CSM. UMSON will consider for admission into its BSN and RN to MS program CSM students with an overall GPA of 3.0 for higher education course work completed and a 2.75 GPA in any prerequisite science courses if applying to the BSN program and 3.0 if applying to the RN to MS program. UMSON and CSM shall develop and use a coordinated application process ("RN Dual Application") that will result in the progression of the student to UMSON. A student must complete and submit the appropriate admission paperwork for both CSM and UMSON to CSM. CSM shall forward the application to the Office of Admissions at UMSON. The student is responsible for paying the application fees for both CSM and UMSON when applying to the RN Dual Admission Program. Both UMSON and CSM shall identify students enrolled in the RN Dual Admission Program in their respective student databases.

II. Progression Process. Students interested in the CSM and UMSON RN Dual Admission Program must meet with the CSM nursing advisor to ensure appropriate course scheduling for progression into the BSN or RN to MS programs. Students must enroll in courses in the nursing plan of study in order to progress to UMSON. Progression to UMSON must be done within the timeframe specified below.

The CSM nursing advisor, in collaboration with the student in the RN Dual Admission Program, will monitor the process for completing the CSM RN Dual Admission Program. CSM students must submit all required materials to UMSON no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> for enrollment in the following fall semester and no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> for enrollment in the following spring semester. All student inquires for information regarding the status of a student's filing for progression should be directed to UMSON Office of Student and Academic Services (OSAS).

Following reviews of the student's materials, UMSON will notify the students whether or not they qualify for provisional acceptance for progression to UMSON BSN or RN to MS programs by November 1<sup>st</sup> for spring enrollment and April 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall enrollment. Provisional acceptance for progression is granted to students who meet UMSON progression criteria, are completing their remaining studies at CSM, and will complete all prerequisite courses prior to the beginning of the semester offered progression to UMSON. Students pursuing this RN Dual Admission Program may not have more than 6 outstanding prerequisite courses in their fall or spring semester prior to Enrollment to UMSON. Students in the RN Dual Admission Program must be enrolled in UMSON within three years of completion of CSM coursework unless the student falls under the Armed Forces and Sailors Act, with respect to involuntary recall to active duty. In these cases, individual reviews will be made case by case.

CSM students in the RN Dual Admission Program must notify the UMSON Office of Admissions of their decision to matriculate and pay the required deposit by the date included in the offer of progression letter or the offer of progression will be rescinded.

If students in the guaranteed CSM to UMSON RN Dual Admission Program do not fulfill remaining progression requirements satisfactorily, UMSON reserves the right to rescind the provisional admission for progression.

III. Special Student Status. CSM students that have successfully met the criteria outlined in RN Dual Admission Program may enroll in coursework towards the BSN degree at UMSON. CSM students interested in dual enrollment coursework at CSM and UMSON must submit all of the necessary materials to enroll in a course at UMSON and follow the policies and procedure outlined by UMSON, including completion of a

course's prerequisite requirements. Special Students will be limited to enrollment in available courses specified by UMSON.

IV. Matriculation to UMSON. A student is eligible for matriculation to UMSON if the student has graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing and completed UMSON's BSN and RN to MS prerequisite coursework at CSM with an overall GPA of 3.0, and an overall GPA in the science prerequisites (general chemistry, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology I and II) of 2.75 if applying to the BSN program and 3.0 if applying to the RN to MS program. The student must also possess an active RN license in Maryland or a Compact State. The GPA calculation is based on the student's final transcript at CSM and the final transcripts from other institutions attended. Applicants who do not meet the GPA requirements will be automatically considered for admission to UMSON as part of UMSON's regular applicant pool

V. Registration. A student must register through the institution offering the course and pay the appropriate tuition and fees to the institution where registered. The UMSON's Catalogues and Schedule of Classes will be available on the UMB main website. In order to register as a Special Student in the UMSON the student must have an overall GPA of 3.0 in his/her CSM course work and a GPA of 2.75 in the science prerequisites if applying to the BSN program and 3.0 if applying to the RN to MS program.

VI. Residency for Tuition Purposes. Residency requirements for each institution shall apply to courses taken at that institution. Initial determination of residency will be made at the time of admission. Verification of residency is the responsibility of each institution.

VII. Advising. General advising for degrees available through the RN Dual Admission Program will be provided by CSM academic advisors while a student is at CSM and by UMSON while a student is at UMSON.

VIII. Disabled Student Services. All students must meet the technical standards of both CSM and UMSON. Students with disabilities can request reasonable accommodations, and these will be determined on a case by case basis, in order to demonstrate technical standards.

IX. Financial Aid. While a student is at CSM, CSM will issue the student's financial aid. When the student plans to matriculate to UMSON, the student must reapply for financial aid through UMSON. From then on, the student's aid will be issued from UMSON only.

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**DUAL ADMISSION PROGRAM**  
**CROSSWALK BETWEEN CSM AND UMSON RN BSN COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

CSM Required Courses		Credits	UMB Requirements	Credits
<b>Pre Nursing</b>				
BIO-2070	Human A&P I	3	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO-2070L	Human A&P Lab	1	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
ENG-1010	English and Rhetoric	3	English I	3
HTH-1030	Current Issues of the Older Adult	1	General Elective	1
NUR-1015	Introduction to Nursing	1		
	Mathematics	3	College Algebra, Calculus, Pre-Cal	3
			<i>English II</i>	3
			<i>General Chemistry</i>	3
			<i>General Chemistry Lab</i>	1
			<i>Human Growth and Development</i>	3
			<i>Social Sciences Elective</i>	3
			<i>Statistics</i>	3
			<i>Nutrition</i>	3
			<i>General Elective</i>	3
			<i>General Elective</i>	3
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>				
NUR-1115	Fundamentals of Nursing	3		
NUR-1115L	Fundamental of Nursing Lab	4		
BIO-2080	Human A&P II	3	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO-2080L	Human A&P II Lab	1	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PSY-1010	General Psychology	3	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>				
BIO-2010	Microbiology	3	Microbiology	3
BIO-2010L	Microbiology Lab	1	Microbiology Lab	1
NUR-1215	Nursing Care of Adults	4		
NUR-1215L	Nursing Care of Adults Lab	5		
SOC-1010	Introduction to Sociology	3	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester</b>				
NUR-2115	Nursing Care of Adults II	3		
NUR-2115L	Nursing Care of Adults II Lab	2		
NUR-2315	Nursing Care in Comm/Behav	2		
NUR-2315L	Nursing Care in Comm/Behav Lab	2		
COM-XXXX	Communications Elective	3	Humanities	3
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</b>				
NUR-2215	Nursing Care Child Bearing/Rearing	3		
NUR-2215L	Nursing Care Child Lab	2		
NUR-2415	Management and Trends	2		
NUR-2415L	Management and Trends Lab	2		
	Arts and Humanities	3	Humanities	3
	Arts and Humanities	3	Humanities	3



<b>CSM Required Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>UMB Requirements</b>	<b>Credits</b>
		NURS 450 RN BSN Transition	3
		NURS 452 Nursing Research	3
		NURS 454 Patho-Assessment	5
		NURS 460 Nursing Informatics	3
		NURS 462 Nursing Leadership	3
		NURS 467 Public Health Nursing	5
		NURS 418 Elective	3
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		<b>RN to BSN Credits</b>	<b>31</b>
		<b>Prerequisites completed with AS</b>	<b>34</b>
		<b>Outstanding Prerequisites**</b>	<b>25</b>
		<b>Credits for RN Licensure</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>Total BSN Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
		<b>UMB HSLM MS Requirements</b>	<b>Credits</b>
		NRS 780 Health Promotion and Population Health	3
		NRS 782 Health Systems & Health Policy: Leadership & Quality Improvement	3
		NRS 790 Application of Science for Evidence-based Practice	3
		NRS 795 Biostatistics for Evidence-based Practice	3
		NURS 690 Managerial Health Finance	3
		NURS 691 Organizational Theories: Applications to Health Service Management	3
		NURS 692 Administration of Nursing and Health Care Services	3
		NURS 695 Practicum in Health Services, Leadership, and Management	5
		NURS 736 Technology Solutions for Generating Knowledge in Health Care	3
		<b>HSLM EXECUTIVE PRACTICE Directed Electives***</b>	<b>9</b>
		<b>HSLM EDUCATION Directed Electives***</b>	<b>9</b>
		<b>Total MS Credits</b>	<b>38</b>

	<b>UMB Informatics MS Requirements</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	NRS 780 Health Promotion and Population Health	3
	NRS 782 Health Systems & Health Policy: Leadership & Quality Improvement	3
	NRS 790 Application of Science for Evidence-based Practice	3
	NRS 795 Biostatistics for Evidence-based Practice	3
	NURS 690: Managerial Health Finance	3
	NURS 691 Organization Theory	3
	NURS 736 Technology Solutions for Generating Knowledge in Health Care	3
	NURS 786: Systems Analysis and Design	3
	NURS 784: Information Technology Project Management -	3
	NURS 785 Healthcare Database Systems	3
	NURS 737 Nursing Informatics Concepts and Practice in Systems Adoption	3
	NURS 738 Practicum In Nursing Informatics	4
	NURS 770 Human-Technology Interaction	3
	<b>Total MS Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

\*\*\* Students should select a focus (HSLM Executive Practice or HSLM Education) for their electives. Students in the RN-MS program are required to complete 2 NURS 418 electives, rather than the 3 required for the RN-BSN.

\* Selected RNBSN Courses may be taken if all prerequisites for the specific courses are completed. (Course Prerequisites are in Exhibit 3). CSM students may also work on completing the 25\*\* outstanding prerequisites required prior to matriculation to UMSON.

**Notes:** Courses shaded in **Green** are courses that meet both the CSM AS and UMSON BSN course requirements, and reflect the “34 Prerequisites completed with the AS”.

Courses shaded in **Gray** are CSM Nursing courses.

The **bold/italicized** courses are the remaining prerequisites for the UMSON BSN program.

**EXHIBIT 3  
DUAL ADMISSION PROGRAM**

**PREREQUISITES FOR UMSON RN TO BSN COURSES**

<b>UMSON</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CSM Prerequisites</b>	<b>UMSON Prerequisites</b>
NURS 450 (3 credits)	RN to BSN Transition: Implications for Practice, Policy and the Profession	English I	N/A
NURS 452 (3 credits)	Nursing Research and Evidence Based Care for the Registered Nurse	English I Statistics Math/Algebra	N/A
NURS 454 (5 credits)	Pathophysiologic Implications to Patient Assessment	English I Chemistry Microbiology A and P I & II	N/A
NURS 460 (3 credits)	Health Informatics for the Registered Nurse	Completion of ADN program and RN licensure	NURS 450 NURS 452 NURS 454
NURS 462 (3 credits)	Nursing Leadership and Management for the Registered Nurse	Completion of ADN program and RN licensure	NURS 450 NURS 452 NURS 454
NURS 467 (5 credits – 3 credits theory, 2 credits which equals 90 practice hours)	Public Health Nursing Essentials for the Registered Nurse	Completion of ADN program and RN licensure	NURS 450 NURS 452 NURS 454
NURS 418* (Elective courses) (3 credits)	Cardiovascular Nursing Care Pain Management	English I Chemistry Microbiology A and P I & II	
NURS 418* (Elective course) (3 credits)	Emergency Nursing Care	English I Chemistry Microbiology A and P I & II	

\*Three NURS 418 electives are required for the RN to BSN Program. Two options are listed above. Prerequisites for other NURS 418 electives vary by course. Students must have completed at least Fundamentals of Nursing Theory (NUR 1115) and Fundamentals of Nursing Lab/Clinical (NUR 1115L) to register for any NURS 418 elective. Specific prerequisites for each NURS 418 will be available from the UMSON Office of Registration. Students should contact a UMSON advisor to discuss NURS 418 options.