

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
between
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
and
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement (“Agreement”) is effective this 1st day of July, 2013, by and between the GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (“GW”), on behalf of its School of Nursing at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus, a nonprofit corporation chartered by an Act of Congress, and MONTGOMERY COLLEGE (“MC”).

WHEREAS, MC offers an Associate of Science in Nursing degree (“ADN”) to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Nursing, offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (“BSN”) and a Master’s of Science in Nursing (“MSN”) to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW and MC recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an ADN from Montgomery College as they pursue a BSN and/or MSN resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. Program Overview

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have obtained an ADN from MC’s nursing program, which is National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited, who desire to obtain a BSN from GW;
- B. Students who have obtained (i) an ADN from MC’s nursing program, which is National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited; and (ii) a Bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing; and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW.

II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

- A. For students who have obtained an ADN from MC and desire a BSN, admission to the GW School of Nursing will be guaranteed if the students have satisfied the following requirements:
 - 1. Obtained an ADN from MC’s nursing program;
 - 2. Graduated with cumulative MC GPA in nursing of 3.0 as well as an overall GPA of 3.0;
 - 3. Have completed the required prerequisite coursework (see Section III for details);

4. Provided evidence of a current, unencumbered U.S. license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN); and
 5. Provided evidence of current employment in a position that requires use of nursing knowledge and expertise (for example, letter of employment from hospital or nursing home) at the time of application and enrollment as determined by GW
- B. For students who have obtained an ADN from MC's nursing program and a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW, admission to the GW School of Nursing will be guaranteed if the students have satisfied the following requirements:
1. Obtained an ADN from a nursing program in the MC;
 2. Have completed a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university;
 3. Have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.0 or greater as well as a 3.0 GPA in the nursing program;
 4. Provided evidence of a current, unencumbered U.S. license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN); and
 5. Complete the GW School of Nursing's bridge course, Dimensions of Professional Nursing (NURS6180), in the summer prior to matriculating at GW.
- C. MC students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

III. Program Requirements

- A. The prerequisites for eligibility for students who have obtained an ADN from MC, which is NLNAC accredited, and desire a BSN are as follows and further outlined in Attachment A:
1. Each applicant must complete the ADN to include the following prerequisite coursework with grades of C or better and a minimum cumulative nursing 3.0 GPA, prior to starting the program.
 1. Human Anatomy and Physiology (BI 204 and BI 205: 8 semester hours)
 2. Microbiology (BI 203: 4 semester hours)
 3. Statistics (MA116: 3 semester hours)
 2. In addition to the ADN, the following prerequisite coursework must be completed with grades of C or better and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, prior to starting the program.
 1. Ethics (PL 202: 3 semester hours)
 2. Nutrition (NF 103 or BI 213: 3-4 semester hours)
 3. The following general education courses are required and will be completed in the ADN program or taken in addition to courses required by the ADN: English (EN 101 and EN 102: 6 semester hours), Math (MA110 or higher: 3 semester hours), Humanities/Social Sciences (12 semester hours). Any of these general education courses not completed as part of the ADN may be applied toward the additional general education requirement noted in Table 1.
 4. Work portfolio

- B. Students accepted to GW under the terms of this Agreement will be required to complete twenty-one (21) credits of GW coursework and submit a work portfolio in order to successfully complete the Bachelor of Nursing Science requirements. GW will determine whether each student's work portfolio is sufficient to obtain the requisite fifteen (15) credits required. If the student's work portfolio does not warrant fifteen (15) credits, the student will work with a GW advisor to either identify necessary GW coursework or modification work experience to meet the criteria. The cost of reviewing the work portfolio will be \$500 and will be borne by the students. Note that there may be periodic adjustments to this rate based on inflation.

Table 1: Associate Degree to BSN program	
Credits from Associate degree	69
Additional General Education Credits taken at MC	15
GW Work Portfolio review of clinical practice	15
GW required courses	21
Patient Safety and Health Care Quality	3
NPCR V: Epi and Community	3
*Research Methods I	3
*Nursing Leadership	3
*Concepts in Population Health	3
*Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
*Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology or Health Information and Technology	3
Total BSN program credits	120
* Designates courses offered for graduate credit to be applied toward an MSN	
If GAA students graduate with a BSN from GW with a cumulative GW grade point average of 3.0 or above, they will receive automatic admission to the GW MSN program within five years of completion of the BSN. MSN students must currently select from one of two tracks - Family Nurse Practitioner Program (33 credits) or Certified Nurse Midwife Program (34 credits). However, as additional tracks are offered, students may select from those tracks also.	

- C. The prerequisite for students who have obtained an ADN from MC's nursing program and a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW is completion of a bridge course entitled "Dimensions of Professional Nursing." MSN students must currently select from one of two tracks - Family Nurse Practitioner Program (33 credits) or Certified Nurse Midwife Program (34 credits). However, as additional tracks are offered students may select for those tracks also.

IV. Program Benefits

- A. The George Washington application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived (Centralized Application System fees will still apply).
- B. Students who are admitted to GW pursuant to this Agreement will be eligible to apply for financial aid and scholarships, as available. Ten scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year will be available on a competitive basis for applicants admitted under the terms of this agreement.

V. Responsibilities of MC

- A. MC agrees to disseminate accurate information to MC nursing program students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting such conditions on the MC website.
- B. MC agrees to collaborate with GW to promote this Agreement to prospective and current MC students.
- C. MC agrees to provide academic advising services to assist MC students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their nursing major at GW and to prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to GW.
- D. MC agrees to communicate with GW representatives to discuss any changes in the MC program which may impact or alter this Agreement.

VI. Responsibilities of GW

- A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to MC students who plan to apply to GW School of Nursing to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.
- B. GW agrees to collaborate with MC to promote this Agreement among MC students.
- C. GW agrees to provide tracking data regarding the performance of MC students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-MC students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by MC and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

VII. Responsibilities of Students

- A. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for understanding the requirements for the nursing major at GW.
- B. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for following the GW application and admission processes and timelines.

VIII. Miscellaneous

A. Term and Termination.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on July 1, 2013, and shall expire on July 1, 2018. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, MC students accepted for admission to GW School of Nursing at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new MC students shall be admitted to GW School of Nursing after notice of termination is received by either party.

B. Intellectual Property. Each institution reserves all ownership rights to the course materials they develop and utilize for their respective programs.

C. Review of Agreement.

1. MC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at MC. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement GW.
 - a. The GW representative will be the Dean of the School of Nursing.
 - b. The MC representative will be the Associate Dean/Director of Nursing.
2. Both GW and MC agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

D. Status of the Parties. The parties agree that no students or faculty of one party shall be considered an employee, agent, contractor, or representative of the other party for any purpose including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and employee benefits. The parties expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association among the parties, but is rather an agreement by and among independent parties.

E. Assignment or Subcontract. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted by a party without the written approval of the other party which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

F. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Jean Johnson, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Nursing
The George Washington University
2030 M Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20036

With a copy to:

Mary Lynn Reed
Senior Counsel
Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 994-6503 (Telephone)

If to MC:

Barbara Nubile
Montgomery College- Takoma Park/Silver Spring
Associate Dean/Director of Nursing
7600 Takoma Ave
Takoma Park, MD 20852

With a copy to:

Andrea Milo
Acting Director of Articulation, Transfer and Academic Services
Montgomery College
900 Hungerford Dr., Suite 325B
Rockville, MD 20850

- G. Severability. If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, to the extent that the substance of this Agreement remains intact, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- H. Waiver. Any waiver of any provision hereof shall not be effective unless expressly made in writing and executed by the party to be charged. The failure of any party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights granted hereunder or of the further performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligations of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.
- I. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The parties agree to comply with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, and standards and amendments thereto, of all entities that regulate, license, govern and/or accredit the parties, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local governmental entities.
- J. Other Affiliations. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any party from affiliating or contracting with any other entity for any purpose whatsoever.

Attachment A

Courses to be taken as a part of an Associate of Science in Nursing at Montgomery College

MC Course	Credits	MC Notes	GWU Notes
EN102 – Techniques of Reading and Writing II	3	English Foundation	English
MA116 – Elements of Statistics	3	Math Foundation	Statistics pre-req
Art Distribution	3	Art	
Humanities Distribution	3	Humanities	Humanities
PY102 – General Psychology	3	Social Science	Social Science
SO101, SO 108 or SO 210 – Intro to Soc, Soc of Gender, or Soc of Aging	3	Social Science	Social Science
BI204 – Anatomy & Physiology I	4	NSLD	A&P I
BI205 – Anatomy & Physiology II	4	NSLD	A&P II
BI203 – Microbiology	4	Program Requirement	Microbiology
Nursing Courses	35	Program Requirements	
BI 107- Principles of Biology	4	Pre-requisite to BI 204	
Maximum ADN credits accepted by GWU	69		

Additional courses to be taken at Montgomery College prior to attending GWU

MC Course	Credits	MC Notes	GWU Notes
EN 101- Techniques of Reading and Writing I	3	Pre-requisite to EN102	English
BI 213- Nutrition or NF 103-Intro to Nutrition	3-4	GWU program pre-req	Nutrition
PL 202- Intro to the Study of Ethics	3	GWU program pre-req	Ethics
MA 110 or higher	3	GWU gen ed	Additional Math
Humanities Distribution	3	GWU gen ed	Additional Humanities
Maximum addition credits accepted by GWU	15		

Upper division credits (21 credits) to be taken at GWU

GWU Course	Credits
Patient Safety and Health Care Quality	3
NPCR V: Epi and Community	3
Research Methods I	3
Nursing Leadership	3
Concepts in Population Health	3
Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology or Health Information and Technology	3

15 additional credits may be granted for GW work portfolio review of clinical practice