

Agreement Between  
**CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
and  
**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
(Online Campus)

This agreement dated September 21, 2011 is between **Cape Cod Community College**, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in West Barnstable, Massachusetts, hereinafter called CCCC, and **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, hereinafter called MCPHS.

It is agreed by and between CCCC and MCPHS for the mutual considerations and covenants herein contained as follows:

1. CCCC and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from CCCC may complete an **Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)** at CCCC, and then transfer to MCPHS Online to complete the requirements of the **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Bridge Program**, hereinafter called the Bridge Program.

2 (a). MCPHS shall accept up to \*25\* qualified CCCC students each year into the Bridge Program. If more than 25 students meet the established requirements, the 50 students deemed most qualified by MCPHS [based upon overall grade point average, grade point average on required prerequisite coursework, and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (minimum score: 213 computer-based/79 internet-based) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (minimum score: 6.5) scores, if applicable] will be assured admission, with the remaining students given equal consideration as other applicants to the Bridge Program and accepted on a space-available basis to the Online program. ~~Students must notify, in writing, the Office of Admission at MCPHS Online of their intent to apply at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the semester they wish to enroll in (i.e. if applying for fall enrollment, they must notify the Admission Office of their intent by June 1). Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of Admission at MCPHS Online by October 1 prior to anticipated matriculation in January, and by June 1 prior to anticipated matriculation in September. Completed applications must be submitted to the MCPHS Online Office of Admissions by the priority filing date for the requested semester of entry as such date is set forth on the MCPHS Online website (See Amendment dated January 24, 2012).~~

2 (b). Upon the successful completion of the degree program at CCCC, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to CCCC students, said students will be accepted by MCPHS, in accordance with its published standards, to the Bridge Program at MCPHS Online, subject to the limitations and procedures set forth in paragraph 3. All reference to standards will be those published in the respective current catalog of each institution and other applicable materials published by each institution.

3. CCCC students, who have successfully completed a CCCC Associate's Degree in Nursing program with an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) with a cumulative grade

point average of 3.0 in the specified prerequisite coursework (listed below), with no grade below C and no repeats, are eligible for assured admission to the Bridge Program, contingent upon other admissions requirements, and subject to the availability of openings in the Bridge Program within the limit set forth in paragraph 2 (a). Any student who has repeated coursework will be evaluated on a space available basis. Students for whom English is a second language must also submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. **A current Massachusetts RN License must be submitted to the MCPHS Admission Office prior to matriculation.** MCPHS retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application.

4 (a). CCCC students accepted in the Bridge Program are subject to the graduation requirements of the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by CCCC and MCPHS in the years of respective matriculation at each institution, subject to changes that may be required to meet accreditation standards, including those established by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Massachusetts Board of Nursing, or which are determined by the CCCC or MCPHS faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program. Current requirements for the bridge programs to the MSN are attached to this contract. See Appendices A and B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4 (b). The required prerequisite courses offered (or accepted in transfer) by CCCC must be the equivalent of those offered by MCPHS at its Boston campus. CCCC students may apply a maximum of 18 credit hours toward the prerequisite requirements through College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests with written approval from the Office of Admission at MCPHS. **Any changes to the approved CCCC prerequisite courses must be agreed upon by both parties in writing.**

5. A faculty or staff member at CCCC will act as advisor to students interested in the nursing program and will serve as the liaison with the MCPHS Online Admission office on all aspects of the Bridge Program.

6. The Admission offices of both institutions agree that the Admission directors will communicate at the beginning of each fall term to discuss recruiting, entrance requirements, and any other concerns that either may have about the affiliation. Other communications between them may be scheduled as needs arise. Each party agrees that it will communicate as soon as practicable to the other party any changes to its programs as will impact this Agreement. Each institution shall provide the other with advance copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.

7. This Agreement shall be effective on September 12, 2011, and shall continue until terminated by either party. Either institution may terminate this Agreement in any year, without cause, provided that the terminating institution has given the other institution written notice at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of such termination and further provided that termination may occur only at the end of a full academic year. In the event that said Agreement is not terminated, it will automatically be extended year by year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that MCPHS terminates this Agreement with respect to the Bridge Program Online, the Bridge Program will continue to be offered for two years to CCCC students so as to afford them an opportunity to complete the program, or those students will be provided the opportunity to undertake the program at another MCPHS campus.

8. Both MCPHS and CCCC represent and agree that they are and shall remain during the term of this Agreement fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (or any successor organization). Each party further represents and warrants to the other that it is duly commissioned by the appropriate state governing authorities to offer post-secondary educational degrees.

9. This Agreement is being executed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of said Commonwealth.

10. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between them and supersedes any prior agreements and understandings with regard to acceptance of CCCC students into the MCPHS Bridge Program, and that any modifications or amendments thereof must be in writing executed by both parties in order to be effective.

11. All notices or other communications made or given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed made or given upon receipt, or three business days after deposits in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, and addressed as follows:

If to Cape Cod:

With copy to:

If to MCPHS:

With copy to:

Office of the President  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
and Health Sciences  
179 Longwood Avenue  
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General Counsel  
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and Health Sciences  
179 Longwood Avenue  
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EXECUTED AS A SEALED INSTRUMENT THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE  
WRITTEN.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Kathleen Schatzberg  
President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Barbara Murphy  
Nursing Program Coordinator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George E. Humphrey  
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MCPHS Online ADN to Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program  
and ADN to MSN Generalist Program  
Cape Cod Community College Prerequisite Equivalents**

**Anatomy and Physiology I and II with laboratories**

BIO 107 Human Anatomy and Physiology I  
BIO 108 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

**English Composition and Literature I and II**

ENL 101 English Composition I  
ENL 102 English Composition II

**General or Medical Microbiology with laboratory**

BIO 201 Microbiology

**Introduction to Psychology**

PSY 101 General Psychology

**Introduction to Sociology**

SOC 106 Principles of Sociology

**Human Development (Life Span)**

PSY 233 Developmental Psychology: The Life Span

**Statistics**

MAT 150 Elementary Statistics

**Algebra and Trigonometry**

MAT 190 Precalculus Mathematics II

**Healthcare *or* Biomedical Ethics**

PHI 120 Ethics of Health Care

**History Elective**

Any history (HIS) course (minimum 3 semester hours)

**Humanities Elective**

A course that covers one of the following topics: Philosophy, Ethics, Humanities, Music, Art, Dance, Theatre, Foreign Language, Religious Studies, Creative Writing, or an additional upper level English/Literature course (minimum 3 semester hours)

# **Appendix A - ADN to MS in Nursing Bridge Program (Family Nurse Practitioner Track)**

## **Program Overview**

The bridge portion of the ADN to MS in Nursing Bridge program allows students to complete 100% of their bridge coursework online – there are no visits to campus! Each student will complete two courses per semester for one year (fall, spring, and summer sessions). Some online coursework will require participation by live web conferencing. Dates will be announced well in advance so that you can plan accordingly. Students must complete a 45-hour health assessment practicum and a 45-hour community nursing clinical rotation. These experiential requirements can be completed in your respective community with the approval of the course faculty. No bachelor's degree is awarded upon completion of the bridge coursework.

The FNP portion of the program, which is offered in a blended format, requires a minimum of 585 unpaid clinical hours (which are in addition to your work hours). These can be earned at a location of your choice pending program director approval. All students are encouraged to find their own clinical sites at a location of their choice pending program director approval. Students having difficulty finding a clinical site may request assistance from the MCPHS School of Nursing. All candidates must possess a valid nursing license in the state where will complete their clinical experience.

## **Matriculation into MSN Program**

Students are eligible for admission upon completion of the six MCPHS bridge courses (20 credits) prior to a student's matriculation into the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner program. The bridge curriculum prepares the associate's degree nurse for the advanced practice role. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 in the bridge courses in order to matriculate into the FNP program. Graduates of the [Family Nurse Practitioner](#) program are eligible to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certification Exam.

Upon the completion of the MSN program students will be able to:

- Provide safe, effective, culturally-competent, and advanced nursing care to individuals and families across the lifespan as a member of an interdisciplinary team and in the context of community
- Integrate the core competencies of research, diversity, health care policy, ethics, health promotion and disease prevention, and theoretical foundation of nursing in the advanced nursing practice role
- Demonstrate leadership role in the profession of nursing
- Engage in ongoing nursing knowledge development to guide practice

Candidates will complete all FNP courses, including a required master's thesis and a FNP clinical practicum of 585 hours, for a total of 40 credits.

## Curriculum

### Bridge Courses (year one)\*

COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER HOURS
NUR245	Health Assessment	4
NUR250	Chemistry of Nutrition	3
NUR330	Nursing Informatics and Health Care Technologies	3
NUR350	Scholarly Inquiry	3
NUR410	Professional Role Development	3
NUR426	Community Health Nursing	4
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE CURRICULUM</b>		<b>20</b>

### Graduate FNP Courses (years two and three)\*

COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER HOURS
NUR701	Professional Role Development in Nursing	3
NUR702	Human Diversity, Ethics, and Social Policy Issues	3
NUR703	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
NUR704	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3

NUR706	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR707	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR708	Evaluation Research and Statistical Analysis	3
NUR709	Family Health Nursing I	5
NUR810	Family Health Nursing II	5
NUR811	Family Health Nursing III	5
NUR820	Master's Thesis in Nursing	3
<b>TOTAL FNP CURRICULUM</b>		<b>40</b>

**Total Credits for ADN to MSN Bridge program (Family Nurse Practitioner Track): 60**

\*Taking two courses per semester (year-round), the ADN to MSN Bridge program can be completed in three years.



## **Appendix B - ADN to MS in Nursing Bridge Program (MSN Generalist Track)**

### **Program Overview**

The bridge portion of the ADN to MS in Nursing Bridge program allows students to complete 100% of their bridge coursework online – there are no visits to campus! Each student will complete two courses per semester for one year (fall, spring, and summer sessions). Some online coursework will require participation by live web conferencing. Dates will be announced well in advance so that you can plan accordingly. Students must complete a 45-hour health assessment practicum and a 45-hour community nursing clinical rotation. These experiential requirements can be completed in your respective community with the approval of the course faculty. No bachelor's degree is awarded upon completion of the bridge coursework.

The graduate component of the program is offered in a blended format with some required visits to campus that will be announced each semester, well in advance. The program requires one 45-hour educational practicum. This can be completed at a location of your choice pending program director approval.

### **Matriculation into MSN Program**

Students are eligible for admission upon completion of the six MCPHS bridge courses (20 credits) prior to a student's matriculation into the MSN-Generalist program. The bridge curriculum prepares the associate's degree nurse for the advanced role. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 in the bridge courses in order to matriculate into the MSN program.

Upon the completion of the MSN program students will be able to:

- Provide leadership at the point of care
- Focus on outcomes measurement, risk assessment, quality improvement, inter-professional communication and evidence-based practice
- Be a leader in the health care delivery system
- Educate others pursuing a career in nursing

Candidates will complete all MSN courses, including a required master's thesis and a clinical practicum for a total of 37 credits.

## Curriculum

### Bridge Courses (year one)\*

COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER HOURS
NUR245	Health Assessment	4
NUR250	Chemistry of Nutrition	3
NUR330	Nursing Informatics and Health Care Technologies	3
NUR350	Scholarly Inquiry	3
NUR410	Professional Role Development	3
NUR426	Community Health Nursing	4
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE CURRICULUM</b>		<b>20</b>

### Graduate Generalist Courses (years two and three)\*

COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER HOURS
NUR701	Professional Role Development in Nursing	3
NUR702	Human Diversity, Ethics, and Social Policy Issues	3
NUR703	Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
NUR704	Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3

NUR706	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR707	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR708	Evaluation Research and Statistical Analysis	3
NURxxx	Organizational Management and Leadership	3
NURxxx	Educational Theory and Curriculum Design	3
NURxxx	Instructional Methods and Outcomes Assessment	3
NURxxx	Teaching and Learning for Nurse Educators (Practicum)	3
NURxxx	Master's Thesis in Nursing	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>37</b>

**Total credits for ADN to MSN Bridge program (MSN Generalist Track): 57**

\*Taking two courses per semester (year-round), the ADN to MSN Bridge program can be completed in three years.