

**Emmanuel College and Holyoke Community College
Articulation Agreement
Associate of Science in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pathway**

Effective January, 2026

Purpose and Intent

- To support the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' efforts to increase the percentage of baccalaureate educated registered nurses practicing in the state
- To better serve students of both institutions by establishing a streamlined academic pathway from the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Core Elements of an Articulation Agreement

This agreement defines the transfer pathway from the ASN program at Holyoke Community College to the BSN program at Emmanuel College by establishing the academic and program requirements for progression from ASN to BSN. It ensures communication between institutions regarding curriculum changes, admission requirements, and program expectations. The agreement requires successful completion of the ASN program. Emmanuel College is responsible to provide advisement to ensure all students understand remaining coursework, licensure requirements, and timeline to complete the RN-BSN program.

Eligibility for Transfer under this Articulation

Students must:

- Successfully complete the Holyoke Community College ASN program.
- Complete Emmanuel College's graduate [application for admission](#).
- Request an official transcript to be sent to Emmanuel College's Graduate Admissions office at gpp@emmanuel.edu.
- Hold a current, valid RN license, or provide documentation confirming registration to take the NCLEX-RN examination.
- Submit a current resume with the application.

Admission Limits

Students who do not yet hold a nursing license but can provide documentation confirming they are registered to take the NCLEX-RN examination may begin the program under conditional admission and may enroll in up to two courses before submitting their nursing license information.

Institutional Roles

- Holyoke Community College will:
 - A. Provide opportunities for Emmanuel College to share information about its programs, transfer pathways, and curricular requirements with students nearing graduation, such as through open houses, career fairs, or informational emails.
 - B. Advise qualified students about this agreement, including sharing transfer pathway, providing information, advising, and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from an ASN program to an RN-BSN program.
 - C. Inform Emmanuel College of any changes in their ADN curriculum.
- Emmanuel College will provide a seamless transfer experience that includes:
 - A. RN-BSN prospective student advisement about BSN degree requirements and course workload.
 - B. A 10% tuition discount for students transferring from Holyoke Community College to Emmanuel College through this partnership starting in Spring of 2026. This discount will be applied to all courses in the RN-BSN program.
 - C. Opportunities for students who transfer under this agreement to enroll in the RN–MSN pathway to continue seamlessly into the graduate-level program, which is offered in the same flexible, accelerated format.
 - D. An evaluation of coursework for transfer according to what both institutions have agreed to (see **Appendix A** for more details):
 - Accept up to 96 transferred credits, including up to 40 credits awarded for the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing.
 - Students may transfer other required courses with a final grade of C or higher taken at another college, regardless of the year the course was taken.
 - The RN-BSN program consists of thirty-two (32) nursing credits of baccalaureate-level nursing courses. These credits comprise 8 courses that must be completed through Emmanuel College and cannot be transferred from another institution.
 - E. Communication with Holyoke Community College regarding retention and graduation rates.

Articulation Agreement and Liability Terms

This Agreement is effective as of the Effective Date written above, and it is expected to remain in effect indefinitely.

The Agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual written agreement of the parties or terminated by either party with prior written notice to the other. Any such termination shall


not affect students who have already been accepted into Emmanuel College under this Agreement.

Other:


- A. Termination shall be without penalty, and neither party shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result.
- B. Neither party may assign its obligations under this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent.
- C. The parties shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or country of ancestral origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or veteran status in the admission or access to this program.
- D. Both institutions may inform/advise relevant faculty, staff, students, and prospective students about the opportunities under this Agreement. Except as permitted above, neither party may use the other's name or trademarks in any material without prior written consent.
- E. Each party may revise its curricula and enrollment standards as needed to maintain academic integrity and meet accreditation requirements. The institution making the changes will communicate all of its curricular revisions to the other party to ensure a seamless, uninterrupted transfer experience for students.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto agree to be bound by the terms herein effective on the Effective Date marked above.

Emmanuel College Signatories

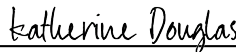


 Dr. Peter S. Cahn
 Vice President of Academic
 Affairs Date: 03/19/26

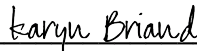


 Dr. Diane Shea
 Dean of School of Nursing
 Date: 03/19/26_

Holyoke Community College Signatories

Signed by:


 Dr. Katherine Douglas
 Interim Vice President of Academic &
 Student Affairs
 Date: 2/2/2026

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 Karyn Briand
 Director of Nursing
 Date: 2/2/2026

Appendix A:

Holyoke Community College Nursing A.S. to Emmanuel College BSN Transfer Pathway

*NOTE: Emmanuel College will transfer up to 96 credits into the RN to BSN program. Based on HCC's coursework, a total of 36 credits will be applied for passing ASN courses. A.S. in Nursing coursework will be listed on the transcript as one 36 credit course notated as ASNTR*CRED. All courses must earn a minimum grade of C or better to transfer and meet the College's criteria for transfer. Lab credit is awarded with lecture credit. Three semester and four semester hour courses will transfer as 4 credits to Emmanuel. Courses transferred into HCC will need to be reviewed based on the institution in which the course was completed with an official transcript from that institution.*

In order to complete all BSN pre-reqs and general requirements prior to Emmanuel coursework and transfer in 96 credits, students should complete Statistics, World Religions, two additional Emmanuel approved Humanities courses and three additional "Free Electives" at 3-4 semester hours each. Refer to the attached equivalency document for HCC courses approved to fulfill the EC Humanities req. Courses listed as Free Elective will fulfill credit toward the 128 credit minimum for graduation with the BS degree.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASN PROGRAM WITH EMMANUEL COLLEGE BSN EQUIVALENTS			
HCC Course # and Title	Credits	Emmanuel Course # and Title	Credits
General Education Requirements	30	Emmanuel Equivalents	36
ENG 101 Composition I	3	FREE*ELEC Free Elective Credit	4
ENG 102 Composition II	3	ENGL*1103 Intro to Academic Writing	4
PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYCH*1501 General Psychology	4
PSY 216 Human Development	3	BSNPSY*REQ Additional BSN Psychology Requirement	4
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC*1101 Intro to Sociology	4
BIO 217 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL*2135 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab	4
BIO 218 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL*2137 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab	4
BIO 229 Microbiology	4	BIOL*2019 Medical Microbiology w/ Lab	4
NTR 101 Introduction to Nutrition	3	FREE*ELEC Free Elective Credit	4
Program Requirements	40	Emmanuel ASN Credit	40
NUR 170 Fundamentals of Nursing	9	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
NUR 180 Health Promotion & Maintenance	9	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
NUR 270 Acute Care Across the Lifespan	8	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
NUR 280 Complex Care Across the Lifespan	8	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
NUR 282 Role Development	2	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
PHM 171 Pharmacology I	1	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
PHM 181 Pharmacology II	1	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
PHM 271 Pharmacology III	1	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
PHM 281 Pharmacology IV	1	ASNTR*CRED ASN Transfer Credit	ASN*
Total Pathway Credits** <i>If no other courses than the above completed</i>	70	Total Pathway Credits** <i>If no other courses than the above completed</i>	76
ADDITIONAL COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FOR ASN AND TRANSFERABLE TO EMMANUEL TOWARD BSN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS			
<i>These courses should be completed in order to enter Emmanuel with only the 8 BSN NURS courses to complete. If not completed prior to Emmanuel matriculation, they will need to be completed at Emmanuel or via other approved transfer credit.</i>			20
MAT 142 Statistics	3	MATH*1117 Introduction to Statistics	4
PHI 110 Comparative Religion	3	GPPRT*REQ GPP Religious Thought	4
Humanities Elective	3 or 4	AIREQ*ARTS/ AIREQ*LIT/ HC*REQ/ MR*REQ or Emmanuel Course Equivalent course with (AI-A), (AI-L), (H), or (M) listed after course title). Review Approved Humanities Electives.	4
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Free Elective Credit	3 or 4	Dependent on course taken. Must meet EC's transfer credit eligibility to transfer credit	4
EMMANUEL COLLEGE 16 Month BSN Requirements: 8 Courses <i>Each Emmanuel BSN courses is 4 credits, resulting in a total of 32 credits. EC's residency requirement for the BSN degree is 32 credits.</i>			32
NURS 3101 Concepts of Professional Practice		NURS 3112 Leadership and Professional Issues in Nursing	
NURS 3103 Health Assessment		NURS 3114 Diversity in Health Care & Contemporary Healing Interventions	
NURS 3105 Research in Nursing Practice		NURS 4118 Community Health & Health Promotion in Nursing Practice	
NURS 3108 Nursing Informatics & Computer Applications		NURS 4170 Health Promotion Capstone Practicum	
Total Credits Completed/Minimum Needed to graduate with BS Degree			128