



**Master Articulation Agreement Between
State University of New York (SUNY) Canton
and
Holyoke Community College**

Effective date: July 1, 2026

This articulation agreement is intended to facilitate the transfer of graduates from **Holyoke Community College** to SUNY Canton. The objectives, terms and conditions of this agreement are set forth as follows:

OBJECTIVES

1. To attract qualified students to Holyoke Community College and SUNY Canton.
2. To facilitate upward educational and career mobility by increasing accessibility to baccalaureate education for qualified individuals.
3. To provide students with advisement in academic and career planning throughout their program of study.
4. To reduce unnecessary repetition of general education and curricular content by providing seamless articulation opportunities.
5. To facilitate communication and academic coordination between faculty, students, and administrators at each institution.

ELIGIBILITY/ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must complete the admission process at SUNY Canton.
2. Students must meet the academic requirements listed in the "*Terms of Agreement*".

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Students who have completed an Associates program at **Holyoke Community College** will be accepted into a baccalaureate program at **SUNY Canton**.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: Graduates of **Holyoke Community College** must possess a **minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale**. SUNY Canton **assures acceptance for Holyoke Community College students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better**.¹ Students are encouraged to apply during their last semester at Holyoke Community College.

TRANSFER CREDIT: A grade of C or better must be earned for each transfer credit of courses applicable to the Degree. (See *Appendices* for list of specific college level courses by program.)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: SUNY Canton requires that **120 or more¹ credits** be completed in order to earn a Bachelor's Degree. To be eligible for graduation with a Bachelor's Degree, a minimum of **30** credits must be taken in residence at SUNY Canton. **15** credits must be taken in the major, or acceptable cognates as determined by the department at SUNY Canton. Students will be required to matriculate in accordance with the guidelines as specified in the policies of the academic catalog.

¹ Exceptions may apply. Program-specific requirements are stated on the individual program's current course equivalency chart on file.



2+2 Program Articulations: The following SUNY Canton programs accept a corresponding Associate's degree as the first two years of the baccalaureate program. Students will enter with junior status and take third and fourth year courses to complete the baccalaureate program. (See program descriptions.) Specific requirements apply. Students are encouraged to apply during their last semester at **Holyoke Community College**.

Nursing (Online program)

- Students must be able to provide proof of US Citizenship, legal residence or valid work visa.
- Proof of licensure as a **Registered Nurse (RN)**. This must be submitted to the SUNY Canton Nursing Curriculum Coordinator by October 1 (for fall semester enrollment) or March 1 (for spring semester enrollment). Students who do not submit proof of licensure by the above listed date will be moved to non-matriculated status and withdrawn from the program at the end of the semester. (Students may reapply to the program once they supply proof of Registered Nurse License.)

Veterinary Services Management (Online program)

- Students must be licensed as a Veterinary Technician (LVT) or must be eligible for licensure (i.e. must be eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam).

IMPLEMENTATION: Students transferring under this agreement into SUNY Canton will, whenever possible, be provided with a projected outline of their individual requirements for the Degree.

LOCATION: SUNY Canton reserves the right to use classroom space at alternative locations and to offer all, or part, of this degree program online.

FINANCIAL AID: A student accepted into SUNY Canton under this agreement is eligible to participate in all financial aid, grants, and scholarship programs customarily open to transfer students.

PROGRAM CHANGES: If either SUNY Canton or **Holyoke Community College** makes changes to their respective program(s), those changes will be communicated to the other college for review of the respective course equivalency chart.

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APPROVALS

We, the undersigned, agree to the above conditions established for the articulation agreement between *Holyoke Community College* and *SUNY Canton*.

Representatives of Holyoke Community College:

Signed by:

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Dr. George Timmons
President

8/21/2026

Date

Signed by:

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Dr. Jessica M. Nicklin
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

7/24/2026

Date

Representatives of SUNY Canton:

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Dr. Zvi Szafran
President

7-21-26

Date

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Peggy De Cooke, Ph.D.
Provost/VP of Academic Affairs

7/21/26

Date

Nursing—BS

The SUNY Canton RN-BS Nursing program is based upon the beliefs that:

- Communities are comprised of unique, holistic individuals and aggregates who have values and beliefs that originate from their life-world, who have specific needs and are capable of making decisions by themselves, with others, and/or by proxy.
- Health and well-being are dynamic lived experiences uniquely defined by the individual and community within the context of culture and environment.
- Nursing is a unique profession that provides a service to society that is culturally sensitive, evidence-based, collaborative, and individualized. Utilizing the nursing process, the nurse facilitates transformation within individuals, groups, and communities to attain desired outcomes.

STUDENTS IN THIS MAJOR:

- Demonstrate critical thinking and decision making that utilizes the nursing process and evidence-based practice in the delivery of care to culturally diverse individuals, families, groups, and community.
- Synthesize knowledge from the liberal arts and nursing to promote the health and well-being of culturally diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- Integrate legal and ethical concepts with the leadership role to advance and promote the health and well-being of culturally diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- Utilize nursing theory/conceptual frameworks, nursing research, and evidence-based practice in addressing the nursing care needs of culturally diverse individuals, families, groups and communities.
- Incorporate leadership theory to the nurse manager role in the collaboration, coordination, and provision of nursing care in health care settings.

- Apply knowledge from nursing, humanities, biological, and social sciences to plan, implement, and evaluate care for sick and well individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- Participate as nurse leaders on interdisciplinary care teams to influence positive social change and health care policy.
- Plan and implement educational activities that empower individuals, families, group, and communities to manage their health care at the local, national, and global level.
- Collaborate with health care colleagues to promote holistic health care for individuals, families, groups, and communities.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Public and Community Health
- Armed Services and Veterans Administration
- Entry level nursing management
- Acute, long-term, and specialty nursing units

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Graduates of the RN-BS program are able to transfer into Nursing graduate programs.

ACCREDITATIONS:

- Registered by the NYS Education Department, Office of the Professions State Education Building-2nd Floor, Albany NY 12234, and phone: 518-474-3817.
- Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3390 Peachtree Road, Suite 1400, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, and phone: 404-975-5000.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Admission requirements can be found online at: http://www.canton.edu/sci_health/nurs/description.html

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

(CURRICULUM 0291)

SEMESTER I	CREDITS
NURS 300 Conceptual Frameworks in Nursing	3
NURS 303 Health Assessment In Nursing	4
MATH 111 Survey of Math OR	
MATH 121 College Algebra*	3-4
Liberal Arts Elec. (GER 4,5,6,7,8, 9)	3
BIOL 335 Pathophysiology	3
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SEMESTER II

NURS 302 Legal & Ethical Iss. in Healthcare	3
NURS 304 Health Promotion & Restoration	3
BIOL 310 The Genome	3
MATH 141 Statistics	3
SOCI 101 Intro to Sociology	3
Lib. Arts Elective (GER 4,5,6,7,8, 9)	3
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SEMESTER III

NURS 370 Research Methods in Health Sci.	3
NURS 403 Transcultural Nursing	2
Lib. Arts Elective (GER 4,5,6,7,8, 9)	3
U/L Lib. Arts Elec. (GER)	3
U/L Lib. Arts Elec. (GER)	3
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SEMESTER IV

NURS 402 Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 400 Nursing Mgmt & Leadership **	3
U/L Lib. Arts Elec. (GER)	3
U/L Liberal Arts Elective	3
U/L Liberal Arts Elective	3
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—Part-time status program requirements can be found online at: http://www.canton.edu/sci_health/nurs/description.html

—Students must pass all courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to graduating with the BS degree.

* *Students who have not met the prerequisite for MATH 141 (Statistics) take MATH 111 or Math 121; students who have already taken Statistics or have met the prerequisite for MATH 141 take a Liberal Arts elective*

** *Fulfills writing intensive requirement*

UL = Upper-Level Courses (300/400)

GER = General Education Requirement

NOTE: Nursing students must take seven out of ten General Education Requirements including one and ten, 30 total General Education credits and 45 upper level credits.

Student Learning Outcomes can be found at www.canton.edu/sci_health/nurs/.

Residency Requirements: Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits at SUNY Canton's RN-BS program in order to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Canton. Required courses include: Health Assessment in Nursing (NURS 303), Nursing Management and Leadership (NURS 400), and Community Health Nursing (NURS 402).

Veterinary Service Administration—BBA

A 2-year (minimum) degree from any AVMA-accredited program in Veterinary Science Technology or Veterinary Technology fulfills the first two years of SUNY Canton's Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program in Veterinary Service Administration. In years 3 and 4, a foundation is established in basic business and accounting principles, which are then applied to the management of specific types of veterinary businesses and institutions. Students are thereby provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage a business or organization that provides veterinary care to animals. Students will finish the program with an internship concentrating on management and administration within a veterinary setting. This program may be completed partially or entirely online.

STUDENTS IN THIS MAJOR:

- Begin by laying a foundation in Business, Accounting, Math, and Liberal Arts.
- Build upon this foundation with coursework specific to veterinary management.
- Will spend a semester in the field as an intern in a managerial capacity.
- Are prepared for entry-level management positions in veterinary hospitals or other veterinary industries or organizations.
- Will complete the course work required for Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM) certification.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Veterinary Practice Management
- Animal Shelter Management
- Veterinary Mobile and Spay/Neuter Clinic Management
- Biomedical Research Facility Management
- Zoo and Wildlife Management
- Public Sector employment (State, Federal, and Local regulatory agencies)

CAREER OUTLOOK:

- Veterinary Technician has been listed as one of Money Magazine's "Top 10 Fastest Growing Career Fields." Coupling this training with a baccalaureate degree focusing on veterinary business management increases its value, expanding the scope of employment opportunities and earning potential for graduates.
- Veterinary hospitals and other animal care facilities seek managers with not only a working knowledge of the medical and technical aspects of veterinary medicine, but also an understanding of the operational structure of animal care facilities and the ability to oversee the personnel, information, finances, infrastructure, equipment, and other integral components of the operation of these facilities.
- With fewer, larger veterinary facilities becoming the norm, there is greater stratification of duties within these facilities, and greater demand for full-time Managers and Technician/Managers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO JUNIOR YEAR OF PROGRAM:

- Graduation from an AVMA-accredited Veterinary Technology or Veterinary Science Technology program.
- Either Veterinary Technician licensure/registration/certification, as applicable in for state of residency, OR eligibility thereof.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

(CURRICULUM 2535)

SEMESTER V

ACCT 101	Foundations of Financial Accounting	4
BSAD 201	Business Law I	3
BSAD 340	Management Communications*	3
MATH 111	Survey of Mathematics or Higher	3
	Liberal Arts Elective (GER if needed)	3
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SEMESTER VI

BSAD 215	Small Business Management	3
VSAD 301	Veterinary Practice Management	3
BSAD 310	Human Resource Management	3
HLTH 303	Occupational Health and Safety	3
	U/L Liberal Arts Elective (GER if needed)	3
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SEMESTER VII

HSMB 301	Public Health Issues	3
BSAD 301	Principles of Management	3
VSAD 302	Animal Care Institution Management	3
VSAD 308	Veterinary Service Administration Internship Orientation	1
VSAD 402	Veterinary Business & Financial Management	3
	U/L Liberal Arts Elective (GER if needed)	3
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SEMESTER VIII

VSAD 408	Internship for Veterinary Service Administration	12
	Upper-Level General Elective	3
		15

* *Fulfills writing intensive requirement.*

U/L = Upper-Level Courses (300/400)

GER = General Education Requirement

NOTE: Veterinary Service Administration students must meet seven of the ten General Education Requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes can be found at www.canton.edu/sci_health/vsct/.