THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
Jefferson School of Nursing (JSN)

Guaranteed Admissions Agreement

Associate in Applied Science in Nursing
To
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
(RN-BSN)

The information in this booklet is meant to be used as a guide. The transfer institution reserves the right to make changes at any time.

Delaware County Community College
Transfer Office
Sept. 2009
Guaranteed Admissions Agreement
Associate in Applied Science in Nursing
To
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Between
Delaware County Community College
and
Jefferson School of Nursing,
Thomas Jefferson University

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish and maintain an articulated agreement between the institutions and to facilitate the transfer of students from Delaware County Community College to Jefferson School of Nursing of Thomas Jefferson University (TJU).

Guaranteed Admissions Agreement Description

This agreement provides a mechanism for students to earn the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree ("BSN") in a seamless, integrated curriculum. Students will complete the A.A.S. program at Delaware County Community College, and then proceed to the RN-BSN program at TJU for the BSN coursework. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree will be awarded by Thomas Jefferson University after successful completion of that program. Upon successful completion of the A.A.S in Nursing degree at Delaware County Community College, students who meet all admission and application requirements for TJU, will be guaranteed admission to the RN-BSN Completion program at TJU.

Application Requirements to the RN-BSN program at Thomas Jefferson University

- Submit an online application for admission to TJU and forward all required documents
- Include the offer of admission letter to the A.A.S in Nursing degree at Delaware County Community College.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from the student’s academic advisor or other appropriate official at Delaware County Community College.
- Choose an entry term at Jefferson within two years of the anticipated date of graduation from Delaware County Community College.

Admission Requirements to the RN-BSN program at Thomas Jefferson University

The candidate must:

- Be admitted to the A.A.S in Nursing degree at Delaware County Community College.
- Successfully complete attempted college level coursework at Delaware County Community College with a grade of “C” or better.
- Demonstrate English language proficiency as outlined in the TJU admissions application.
Submit a criminal background clearance and child abuse clearance to TJU prior to matriculation as outlined in the TJU admissions application.
- International students or students with foreign credentials must submit an evaluation of foreign transcripts by the World Education Service (WES) or comparable agency.
- Submit to an interview.
- Meet admissions criteria as established by TJU.
- Not have a record of discipline at Delaware County Community College.
- Be eligible for licensure as Registered Nurse and must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN exam prior to clinical coursework at TJU.

Admission Decisions

- Students who have been admitted to the A.A.S in Nursing degree at Delaware County Community College and who meet the admission criteria established by TJU will be offered admission into the RN-BSN program at TJU.
- Offers of admission to the RN-BSN program at TJU, made at the time the student is accepted into the A.A.S program at Delaware County Community College are contingent upon the student fulfilling all of the TJU admission requirements upon completion of the A.A.S program at Delaware County Community College.
- Offers of admission to the TJU RN-BSN program, or withdrawal of admission offers, are determined by TJU at its sole discretion. Students will be notified in writing of any decisions that TJU makes.

Articulated Curriculum

- Students in this program will follow a specific curricular track at Delaware County Community College that will include the prerequisite coursework needed to transfer into the RN-BSN program at TJU. The required curricular track is set forth in Appendix I.
- Students who have completed the Delaware County Community College curriculum (as referenced in Appendix I), have met the admissions criteria as established by TJU, and have earned at least a ‘C’ in all prerequisite coursework will transfer into the RN-BSN program at TJU.
- Courses at TJU are offered both on-line or on-line/in-class combination. Most in-class courses are offered during the day.
- Jefferson School of Nursing will accept, in transfer, 97 college level credits from Delaware County Community College with a "C" grade or better. Working with a Transfer Advisor will ensure the transfer of credits towards the B.S.N. degree at TJU.
Maintenance

- Nora Manz, Transfer Specialist, will serve as coordinator of the program and as advisor of students who plan to transfer to the TJU RN-BSN program. The coordinator will:
  - Be the responsible party for providing the Delaware County Community College institutional recommendation for current students;
  - Maintain files for those Delaware County Community College students who intend to transfer to the RN-BSN program at TJU.

- Both Delaware County Community College and TJU will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective colleges are made aware of the existence of this Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons at Delaware County Community College and TJU will include: admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, transfer coordinators, and faculty.

- Personnel from the Jefferson School of Nursing will visit Delaware County Community College on a regular basis, but at least two times per year, to meet with the coordinator and other appropriate faculty and administrators. Meetings with students will also be arranged, including potential candidates who intend to transfer to the TJU RN-BSN program as well as other students who may simply wish to seek general information.

- The faculty, staff, and administration of Delaware County Community College are encouraged to visit the campus of Thomas Jefferson University.

Evaluation

To serve as a basis for evaluating the program, TJU will provide aggregate statistical information regarding application, applicant credentials, and admissions decisions. This information will be shared with Delaware County Community College.

Marketing and Recruitment

TJU will supply Delaware County Community College with promotional literature to be used in recruiting students into the RN-BSN Programs. Promotional literature created by TJU or Delaware County Community College must be reviewed and approved by all parties prior to distribution. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

General

- This agreement may only be amended, modified or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the parties.
- At all times, TJU and Delaware County Community College shall remain separate entities, each as independent contractors. Each shall continue to conduct its own business and affairs under the control of its own officers and Boards of Trustees and each of them shall remain solely responsible in all respects for the management of its own affairs.
Length of Agreement

- This Agreement will continue in effect from year-to-year and will be automatically renewed annually unless terminated or amended.

- This Agreement may be terminated on June 30 of any calendar year by either institution via written notice one year in advance. Students participating in the program at the time of termination shall be permitted to complete the program under the terms and conditions set forth herein. The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below:

Jefferson School of Nursing:

Mary G. Schaal, RN, Ed.D.
Dean
Jefferson School of Nursing
Thomas Jefferson University
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

Delaware County Community College:

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President
Delaware County Community College
901 S. Media Line Road
Media, PA 19063-1094

Lana DeRuyter, Ph.D., RN
Dean, Allied Health and Nursing
Delaware County Community College
901 S. Media Line Road
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Nora Manz, M.A., Ed.M.
Transfer Specialist
Delaware County Community College
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Media, PA 19063-1094
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- **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Agreement shall run to or be enforceable by any student or other third party.

- **Assignment.** Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.

Signed:

For Delaware County Community College:

Jerome S. Parker, Ph.D.  8/1/09
President

Virginia M. Carter, Ed.D.  8/30/09
Provost

Frances M. Cubberley, M.S.  8/25/09
Vice President, Enrollment Management

For Jefferson School of Nursing:

Mary G. Schaal, RN, Ed.D  9/14/09
Dean
Jefferson School of Nursing
Thomas Jefferson University

Lana DeRuyter, Ph.D., RN  8/24/09
Dean, Allied Health and Nursing
LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: Expected Course Sequence for Nursing Students - Delaware County Community College Enrolled in the Guaranteed Admissions Agreement

APPENDIX II: Sample Curriculum at Delaware County Community College

APPENDIX III: RN-BSN Curriculum – Thomas Jefferson University
Appendix I

General Education courses required of students entering the RN-BSN program. Students are required to complete all courses before transferring to Thomas Jefferson University and are encouraged to complete courses at Delaware County Community College.

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<th>Course Requirements</th>
<th>Credits req’d</th>
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<td>Selective(^1)</td>
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<td>Any Philosophy course or SOC 120, 210 or 215</td>
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<td>Electives(^2)</td>
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<td>Humanities or Social Science Elective</td>
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\(^1\)Includes logic, philosophy, ethics or critical thinking

\(^2\)Electives cannot be remedial or review in nature and cannot be technical courses. You may choose any other courses for the Electives requirement with only 6 credits being from a non-theory based courses. The following courses are recommended to fulfill the Electives requirement: AHM 233, HUM 110, HUM 160, PHI 100, PHI 110, PSY 221, and PSY 290.

*BIO 117 and BIO 118 is also acceptable.
Appendix II

Delaware County Community College
Department of Nursing
Sample Nursing Course Curriculum

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<th>Semester 1</th>
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<td>BIO 150</td>
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<td>PSY 210</td>
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Course
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Statistics (BUS)  
Phil, Critical Th  
Elective*  
**TOTAL**  

* At least one Elective should be a Nursing Elective

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<th>Semester 3</th>
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<td>SOC 110</td>
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Courses left to complete prior to entering TJU RN-BSN Program
All course work can be completed at Delaware County Community College

**Electives 12 credits**

Please see a Transfer Advisor for assistance in selecting appropriate courses. The following courses are recommended: AHM 233, HUM 110, HUM 160, PHI 100, PHI 110, PSY 221, and PSY 290.
## Appendix III

**RN-BSN Curriculum**  
*Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson School of Nursing*  
Completion programs for RNs (27.5 credits BSN program)

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<th>Option A</th>
<th>RN-BSN Plan of Study</th>
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<td><strong>Course</strong></td>
<td><strong>Credit</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>NU 300 Transition to Prof Nsg Education</td>
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<td>NU 672 Informatics for Advanced Practice Nursing</td>
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<td>NU 323 Health Assess for the RN student</td>
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<td>NU 424 Community Health Nursing for the RN student</td>
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<td>NU 425 Community Clinical for the RN student</td>
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<td>NU 440 Advanced Concepts of Nrsq Leadership</td>
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<td>NU 442 Clinical Practicum VIII</td>
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<td>NU 423 Nursing Issues and Trends for the RN student</td>
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<td>NU 431 Development of Nursing Knowledge: Research Perspectives for the RN student</td>
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<td>NU 445 Contemporary Knowledge and Role Delineation for the RN Student</td>
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All courses are done as a hybrid- (both on-line or on-line/in-class combination)  
- RN students may either do the entire program on-line or as the on-line/in-class student. Most in-class courses are offered during the day.