

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
**Articulation Agreement for the Bloustein Direct Admit Programs in:
Health Administration, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design**

Raritan Valley Community College
and the
Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") is to enable students who graduate with an Associate Degree (A.A., or A.S.) from Raritan Valley Community College (hereinafter Raritan Valley) to continue their education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for the purpose of matriculating for a Baccalaureate degree (Bachelor of Science, or B.S.) in Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, or Urban Planning and Design from the Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (hereinafter Bloustein).

Mutual Recognition of Community College Degree and Advanced Standing

This Agreement will allow for continued progression toward the bachelor's degree as part of a Rutgers-Raritan Valley Partnership through direct admission to the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (Bloustein School) and matriculation toward the New Brunswick Campus B.S. programs in Health Administration, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design.

Accordingly, the Agreement speaks specifically to admission to the Bloustein School with guaranteed advanced standing as a third year student. Unconditional admission criteria include:

Students completing their A.A. or A.S. degree at Raritan Valley shall be considered as having completed all lower division distribution requirements, and shall enter Bloustein with 60 credits toward the 120 credit B.S. in Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design. Accordingly, Raritan Valley graduates in the A.S. or A.A. degree programs shall enter with third year standing. Similarly, such students so admitted shall be considered as having completed all lower division distributional requirements.

Students Presenting an A.S. or A.A. Degree seeking matriculation for the Bachelor of Science degree at the Bloustein School – Admission criteria:

Students completing their A.A. or A.S. degree at Raritan Valley shall be provided a seamless transfer and acceptance to the RU-EJB School program of student choice in the Health Administration (501D), Public Health (832D), Public Policy (833D), or Urban Planning and Design (971D) program after having met the following admissions criteria:

- They will have completed the Associate degree for which they were enrolled with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or better in all college level courses at Raritan Valley.
- They will have completed the upper division program pre-requisites, for the appropriate program for which they are seeking admission, as specified in the table immediately following

Students should plan for lower division completion of		Raritan Valley Equivalent At Lower Division per NJ Transfer			
Curriculum (Upper Division B.S. Major Program)	Pre-Req. Credits	Public Health	Health Administration	Public Policy	Urban Planning & Design
Degree Admission and Curriculum Code		832D	501D	833D	971D
Rutgers Course Pre-Requisite					
355:101 Expository Writing	3	Yes ENGL112/112H	Yes ENGL112/112H	Yes ENGL112/112H	Yes ENGL112/112H
220:102 Intro to Microeconomics	3	Not required	Yes ECON102	Yes ECON102	Yes ECON102
762:205 Basic Statistical Methods or its equivalent	3 or 4	Yes MATH110	Yes MATH110	Yes MATH110	Yes MATH110
790:104 American Government	3	Not required	Not required	Yes POLI121	Not required
920:101 Intro to Sociology	3	Not required	Not required	Not required	Yes SOCI101
Two semester biology sequence	8	YES BIOL102	Not required	Not required	Not required
A chemistry course or sequence (*CHEM 103 or 107)	3-9	YES* CHEM107	Not required	Not required	Not required
Range of lower division pre-requisites	9 to 24	17-24	9-10	12-13	12-13

Admission for A.A.S. degree recipients for the B.S. in Health Administration (501D)

Students completing their A.A.S. degree at Raritan Valley with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all college level courses at Raritan Valley, and the three lower division courses specified in the table above under Health Administration with a "C" or better, will also be considered as having met the admission requirements for acceptance into the Bloustein School program in Health Administration.

In the case of A.A.S. degree holders, once admitted:

- A.A.S. students may be required to complete up to 12 credits in distributional requirements as assessed by Bloustein based upon the courses completed with a "C" or better. These credits will be determined upon admission and may include (a) social and behavioral aspects (3 to 6 credits), math (0 to 3 credits), humanities (3 to 6 credits) and/or science (3 to 6 credits). Lower division pre-requisites may at the discretion of Bloustein be included in determination of the 12 credit post admission requirement.

- For A.A.S. graduates, conditional upon satisfactory performance as specified below (“C” or Better in Major Courses...”), “post admission” upper division requirements shall not exceed 61 credits for A.A.S. degree recipients, as outlined as follows:
 - Major requirements 49 Credits
 - Post admission distribution – 12 credits
 - Total upper division requirements – 61 credits

This upper division limit of 61 credits is based on all courses in the major earned at Rutgers be at or better than a “C”.

- Students not presenting the required pre-requisite courses shall complete said courses within the first semester at Rutgers.

All admitted students: “C” or Better in Major Courses While At Rutgers University

Failure to maintain a “C” or better in all major courses will necessarily result in requiring completing additional courses with a “C” or better or the retake of courses in which a “C” or better was not earned. Such additional courses and/or retakes will result in the need to complete more than 121 credits.

Once admitted to the Bloustein School, students are subject to the academic performance requirements of Rutgers University and the Bloustein School. In all instances, 30 of the last 42 credits must be completed at Rutgers University.

Continued On-Going Mutual Discussion of Curricula: Raritan Valley and the Bloustein School shall annually review degree programs to discuss whether any curriculum changes may be recommended, or to advise the other partner of changes contemplated that may affect this agreement; each institution remains in full control of the degrees for which it is authorized.

Review of Agreement

This agreement shall be for a term of five (5) years, and must be reviewed and extended (or renewed) during its fourth year, with extensions presumed to be approved.

Both Raritan Valley and the Bloustein School commit to resolve unidentified issues and challenges in a manner that insures the greatest educational opportunity while recognizing fiscal constraints that may emerge.

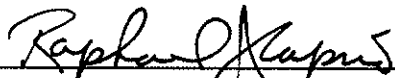
Cancellation of this Agreement may be initiated by either party. Cancellation of this Agreement must be in writing, and provide for a prior full academic year advance notice of the date of termination. For the purposes of such advance notice, July 1 shall be the date by which cancellation may occur on July 1 the following year (for fall semester-spring semester sequence) and January 1 shall serve as the notification date for dissolution the following January 1st (i.e. Spring Semester, Fall semester).

In the Interest of Students

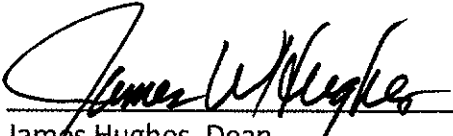
This Agreement is intended to serve as a guide for students seeking to transfer to the Public Policy program at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campuses. It is designed to make transfer and admission transparent and feasible, recognizing the assets offered by both Raritan Valley and Rutgers University.


That said, we each recognize that every student is different, offering different skills and competencies. The EJB School is committed to providing Raritan Valley students/graduates interested in the Public Policy program with guidance and information as may be required to facilitate their academic planning and transfer potential.

The terms of this agreement become effective November 1st 2015.


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