

Articulation Agreement

Southern New Hampshire University and Raritan Valley Community College

I. PURPOSE

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) and Raritan Valley Community College, in the spirit of academic cooperation, and in order to facilitate the transfer of graduates of Raritan Valley Community College to SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education, hereby do enter into an academic articulation agreement. Successful implementation of the Agreement is dependent upon communication of its content to all involved participants and the assumption of responsibility by both institutions for such communications.

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to acknowledge that, following completion of an Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Science degree at Raritan Valley Community College, students may transfer all the credits from the degree to a Southern New Hampshire University Bachelor of Arts in General Studies online, or per the equivalency tables, to an undergraduate degree program that coincides with their associate's degree as long as the following criteria are met.

II. TRANSFER PATHWAY(S)

- SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education welcomes students who wish to transfer from Raritan Valley Community College. To be eligible for application to enroll, the student must submit proof of having been awarded an Associate degree from Raritan Valley Community College in the form of an official transcript from Raritan Valley Community College.
- 2. As SNHU is regionally accredited, all academic course work in which a student has earned a grade of "C" or higher is fully transferable based on the attached course equivalents. Academic course work in which a student has earned a "C-" or better will transfer provided the GPA of transferring coursework is a 2.0 or higher. Up to 90 credits may be accepted in transfer toward a bachelor degree program.





3. Based on the course equivalency tables attached, SNHU guarantees transferability of all credits outlined in the following Raritan Valley Community associate's degrees to their corresponding SNHU bachelor's degrees:

AA Liberal Arts Communication Studies to BA Communication
AA Liberal Arts Communication Studies to BA Communication/Public Relations
AA Liberal Arts Communication Studies to BA Communication/Professional Writing
AA Liberal Arts Social Science to BA Sociology
AA Liberal Arts to BS Psychology
AS Business Administration/Marketing to BS Marketing
AAS Technical Management to BS Technical Management

- 4. Additionally, and upon a student's admission to the university, SNHU's College of Online and Continuing Education guarantees transferability of a minimum of 60 credits outlined in any Raritan Valley Community College Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees to the SNHU Bachelor of Arts in General Studies.
- 5. Students transferring from Raritan Valley Community College may enroll at SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education as full or part time students. The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies program is only offered online.
- 6. Military students enrolling at SNHU can transfer up to 90 hours for a bachelor's with unlimited CLEP, DANTES and Excelsior credits--providing students meet residency requirements.

III. TERMS

1. Because of this agreement to articulate, and provided the individual identifies Raritan Valley Community College on his or her application form, eligible employees and alumni will receive a ten (10%) percent tuition reduction in Southern New Hampshire University College of Online and Continuing Education, applicable as of the date this Agreement is fully executed by the parties below. In addition, those eligible employees and alumni who enroll in Southern New Hampshire University's online graduate program will receive a waiver of the application fee normally required by Southern New Hampshire University. No application fee waiver, tuition credit or refund shall be made retroactively for any eligible employee or alumnus already enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University on the date of execution of this Agreement; however, the tuition reduction shall be applied to such eligible employees or alumni for course enrollments following the execution of this Agreement. Programs offered at military tuition assistance levels are not subject to this reduction. Raritan Valley Community College employees and alumni must inform Southern New Hampshire University admissions representatives about their affiliation to receive their tuition reduction.





Southern New Hampshire University may change its tuition rates at any time at its sole discretion and the reduction will be calculated based on the current tuition in effect for the applicable academic term for the enrolled program. Eligible employees and alumni shall not be entitled to any other reduction and are subject to all other admission and continuation requirements as set forth in the respective Southern New Hampshire University policies and catalogs.

- Southern New Hampshire University agrees to provide Raritan Valley Community
 College, on official letterhead, an annual update of student enrollment and academic
 progress, to include general data on how many students have transferred to Southern
 New Hampshire University, completed at least three terms and are making satisfactory
 academic progress through their program (as defined in the SNHU catalog).
- 3. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the fully executed document, and shall continue until terminated. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing. Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.
- 4. The official, signed document, stamped "ORIGINAL" is to be filed in the VPAA office, and signed copies will be distributed to appropriate parties.
- 5. Admission criteria, academic requirements, and other admission requirements will be subject to the applicable Catalog at the time of the students' admission to. Students who have begun their Raritan Valley Community College program of study or students in the process of enrolling prior to the effective date of any without cause termination will be grandfathered in to continue receiving the discount offered in this Agreement until such time such students complete or discontinue enrollment in their program.
- This Articulation Agreement is based on the current curriculum of both educational
 institutions. Each institution is responsible for notifying the other of any substantive
 changes to the curriculum. This agreement shall be reviewed by both institutions every
 four years
- 7. The parties grant to each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and servicemarks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to Raritan Valley Community College's students and alumni. Use of trademarks, servicemarks and logos will comply with use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return any and all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the





owner at termination or expiration of the Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or servicemarks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or servicemarks.

- 8. Raritan Valley Community College agrees to regularly communicate to students via email and direct mail (costs to be incurred by SNHU) and to host SNHU representatives on campus for recruitment activities during the academic school year.
- 9. The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives or employees of the other.
- 10. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.

IV. CONTACTS FOR COORDINATION:

All notices and other communications required hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or received when using overnight courier or three business days after being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to Southern New Hampshire University:

Meg Harris, Director, Academic Alliances Southern New Hampshire University College of Online and Continuing Education 33 S. Commercial Street Manchester, NH 01301

If to Raritan Valley Community College:

Paul T. Michaud, Director of Transfer and Career Services Raritan Valley Community College P.O Box 3300 Somerville, NJ 08876





or to such other persons or places as either party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other.

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