

**Mount Mercy University Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program  
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
St. Ambrose University  
AND  
Mount Mercy University**

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between St. Ambrose University and Mount Mercy University for a St. Ambrose University undergraduate student to transition to Mount Mercy University to pursue the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the MSN program and the understanding between Mount Mercy University and St. Ambrose University for preference for St. Ambrose University students to the Mount Mercy University MSN program.

**A. Intent**

1. St. Ambrose University has developed an articulation agreement with Mount Mercy University to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria, to allow St. Ambrose University students to receive preference for admission to the Mount Mercy University MSN program.

**B. Articulation Agreement**

1. St. Ambrose University students who have completed a minimum of 100 credits toward the bachelor's degree, have met the admission requirements for the MSN program, and have been interviewed by the Mount Mercy University faculty, will receive preferential admittance to the Mount Mercy University MSN program, with guaranteed seats for the top 10 candidates per cohort.
2. St. Ambrose University students will apply for admission to the MSN program in their senior year, at minimum of 4 months prior to beginning MSN courses.
3. Mount Mercy University will reserve ten spots for qualified St. Ambrose University students in each MSN cohort beginning with the cohort entering in the fall of 2024.
4. After the bachelor's degree has been conferred, students will request an official transcript from St. Ambrose University be sent to Mount Mercy University so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
5. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the MSN program by the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> year will be awarded the MSN degree by Mount Mercy University.
6. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to St. Ambrose University while enrolled at St. Ambrose University for the first four years of this agreement and will pay tuition and fees to Mount Mercy University for the final two or three years enrolled at Mount Mercy University.
  - i. **Provision for dual enrollment.** MMU may, at its discretion, allow SAU undergraduates to enroll in its MSN program while those students are still enrolled as undergraduates at SAU. SAU students pursuing a BSN are eligible to enroll in a maximum of one MMU MSN course while enrolled as an undergraduate at SAU. Students in SAU's online RN/LPN-BS

program are eligible to enroll in a maximum of three MMU MSN courses while enrolled as undergraduates at SAU. In such instances of dual enrollment, SAU will transcript the MMU MSN courses in which students are enrolled and will charge students the standard SAU undergraduate tuition for the program in which they were enrolled. MMU will bill SAU for SAU students' enrollment in MMU MSN courses at a cost of fifty percent (50%) of the published tuition for MMU MSN courses at the time of the students' enrollment.

#### C. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

1. St. Ambrose University will be responsible for identifying and communicating the necessary majors that allow students to complete this pathway to the MSN degree who may be qualified for guaranteed admission.
2. St. Ambrose University will advise the student within the first four years to complete necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, and the necessary pre-requisites.
3. St. Ambrose University will make eligible students aware of guaranteed admissions seats.
4. St. Ambrose University will confer the bachelor's degree after the student's fourth year prior to full admission into the Mount Mercy University MSN program.

#### D. Responsibilities of Mount Mercy University

1. Mount Mercy University will reserve 10 spots for qualified St. Ambrose University students in each MSN cohort beginning with the cohort entering in the fall of 2024. Mount Mercy University will advise the student while enrolled in the MSN program to complete necessary degree requirements. .
2. Mount Mercy University will share marketing materials and promotional information with St. Ambrose University to promote the MSN program to prospective students.
3. Mount Mercy University will confer the MSN degree upon completion of all MSN degree requirements.

#### E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. The student will declare the necessary major at St. Ambrose University to be eligible for the guaranteed slots.
2. The student will complete general education requirements, major courses, and necessary pre-requisites.
3. The student will apply to the Mount Mercy University MSN program by May 1 in their fourth year or once they have completed at least 100 credits and all necessary prerequisite courses.
4. Once the student has been accepted to the MSN program at Mount Mercy, the student will complete the FAFSA as a graduate student at Mount Mercy University.
5. After the bachelor's degree is conferred, the student will request the official transcript from St. Ambrose University be sent to Mount Mercy University to verify the student is eligible for graduate coursework.

F. Admission Criteria

a. To be eligible for admission to the Mount Mercy University MSN program, students must meet the admissions criteria found on the Mount Mercy University MSN website.

G. Terms and Terminations

a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing.

H. Mutual Indemnification

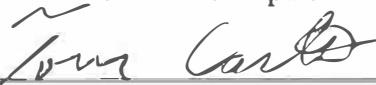
a. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description brought by third part including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court costs, penalties, and whatsoever and of any kind or nature directly resulting or arising from any breach of party and/or its agents of any provisions of this Agreement, or and negligent or willful act or omission of a party and/or its agents.

I. Relationships

a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

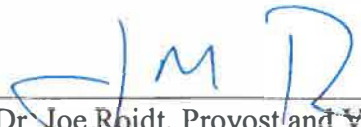
a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between either parties.

  
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Dr. Tom Castle, Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs  
Mount Mercy University

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Dr. Todd Olson, President  
Mount Mercy University

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Dr. Joe Roidt, Provost and Vice President  
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Dr. Amy Novak, President  
St. Ambrose University

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