



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY And LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Siena Heights University, located at 1247 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221, with several Michigan degree completion centers and an online center, and **Lake Michigan College** with the main campus located at 2755 E Napier Ave, Benton Harbor MI, believe that collaborative programs benefit the community, employers, and students in their regions. It allows smooth transition for students transferring between institutions and maximizes allowable transfer of credits. Therefore, **Siena Heights University** and **Lake Michigan College** are entering into the following agreement for articulation for the Associate in Applied Science-Nursing at **LMC** and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion) at **SHU**.

PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

Siena Heights University (hereafter known as “SHU”) and **Lake Michigan College** (hereafter known as “LMC”) confirm the following points of agreement, to assure equal treatment of university/college and transfer students.

1. Credit completed at LMC will transfer towards a SHU baccalaureate degree according to the parameters below and the transfer guide for the RN-BSN major.
2. As part of the admissions process, LMC graduates must provide proof of a current unencumbered RN license from the State of Michigan, an official LMC transcript (and individual transcripts from each institution attended beyond LMC), an application for admission to the SHU Nursing program, current resume and letter of recommendation from an academic instructor or manager/supervisor.
3. LMC graduates under this agreement must apply and be admitted to both SHU and the RN-BSN program. LMC students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid.
4. LMC graduates with a minimum of a cumulative 2.5 GPA (courses numbered 100 and above) entering under the terms of this agreement will transfer into SHU as long as the courses apply to their program requirements and admissions requirements are met.
5. No time limit (years) shall be placed on the acceptance of credit transferable from LMC to SHU unless there is a specific policy limitation identified by SHU. A maximum of 90 hours of transfer credit can be applied to a SHU undergraduate program.

6. SHU and LMC will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.
7. This agreement will automatically renew unless personnel from LMC and SHU determine that a meeting is necessary to review and/or amend this agreement. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice of at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. Students will be permitted to complete their LMC program and then transfer.
8. SHU and LMC agree to the development of joint promotional and communications efforts to graduates and current students. Ongoing promotional opportunities will be reviewed and determined periodically as approved between the appropriate representatives at each institution. This may include but is not limited to classroom visits, marketing materials and advising sessions.
9. Responsibility for communication related to this agreement will rest with the Executive Director, Marketing & Communications and Nursing Program Chair for LMC and the Associate Director of Partnership Relations and the Director of Nursing for SHU.
10. Both institutions will provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students with regards to their respective program of study and the transfer process between institutions.
11. In the event the agreement must be terminated, SHU or LMC agree to provide advance written notice of termination of this agreement. All students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete their designated program of study at SHU.
12. Full time and part time employees of Lake Michigan College will be eligible for an \$80 per credit hour tuition discount for undergraduate and graduate degrees completed at the University degree completion centers as well as the University's online program. The student requesting the discount must complete the application, verify full time or part time employment with HR and complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for each academic year. Lake Michigan College employees utilizing financial aid and the discount tuition rate are subject to federal regulations regarding financial aid. In this situation, the university may be required to reduce the financial aid package.
13. Each party shall be separately responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The contract term includes applicable sections of the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act (Act 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCLA 37.1101 et seq.) and the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act (Act 453 of the Public Arts of 1976 as amended, being CMLA 37.2101 et seq.) and, in particular, the provision that illegal discrimination by either party may be considered a material breach of this agreement.

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Siena Heights University at Lake Michigan College Baccalaureate Degree

(See degree transfer guide for specific course requirements and equivalencies)

LMC Degree/Major
ADN (Nursing), AAS

Siena Degree/Major
BSN - RN-BSN completion

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program for Registered Nurses is designed for a licensed RN to earn a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Students admitted to the RN-BSN program must have graduated from an approved program of nursing; either a two-year associate degree nursing program or a hospital-based diploma program.

ARTICULATED PROGRAMS AT SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Candidates, for a SHU academic program of study, are required to complete the specific degree requirements for that program as outlined in SHU's undergraduate academic catalog. Candidates are required to present official transcripts from LMC and any additional institution(s) attended, where applicable, and fulfill the admissions requirements, as identified, for the respective programs. The completed coursework (including degrees, where applicable) will be accepted by SHU following the admissions and academic policies of Siena Heights University.

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester hours for completion.
- Thirty - (30) semester hour "residency" must be earned at SHU. Residency is fulfilled through online and/or on-campus courses.
- Thirty - (30) semester hours must be earned at the junior/senior level (300/400) at SHU.
- Students must fulfill all requirements of the SHU academic major.
- The cumulative grade point average must be at 2.5 to transfer into the SHU RN-BSN program.
- Up to ninety - (90) semester hours of credit may be applied to a SHU baccalaureate degree. This includes six (6) credits in developmental classes, four (4) credits in physical education classes, CLEP and any prior learning credit earned within the degree at LMC.
- Courses with the grade of C (2.0) and above will transfer to SHU. The grade of D will transfer provided the course was completed *within* a conferred degree (e.g., associate degree); otherwise, the course is not eligible to transfer. A grade of D will not transfer into coursework required in the degree major.
- Students must fulfill all SHU liberal arts education requirements.
- Students must fulfill math proficiency requirements.

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
Based on 60+ semester hours of transfer.

Liberal Arts Requirements that **can transfer in** to SHU from LMC as noted, **and/or** from other college credit, where applicable:

1. ENG Composition (C or 2.0 grade minimum) 6
LMC: ENGL 101 and 102
2. Science with a Lab 4
LMC: Met with pre-requisites
3. Social Science 3
LMC: Met with PSYC 201 (other Social Science, Economics or a Fine/Performing Arts course can be considered for transfer if student does not complete PSYC 201 at LMC). Fine/Performing Arts course needs to be a course that directly engages student in the learning process. This would include studio art, performance based music and theatre courses.

Liberal Arts Education Requirements **completed at SHU** are below:

1. NUR 301 Transition to Professional Nursing 4
2. Philosophy **or** Religious Studies (300/400 level) course taken at Siena 3
3. LAS 401 Senior Seminar Integrative Experience (C grade or higher) 3

PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students must demonstrate proficiency in mathematics. Proficiency is met by meeting one of the following criteria:

- i. A grade of “C” or better in any course that satisfies the university’s Liberal Arts Requirement in mathematics; or
- ii. A grade of a “C” or better in MAT 102, 104, or MAT 106 at Siena; or
- iii. An ACT mathematics sub score of 23 or above; or
- iv. Passing the mathematics section of the Michigan High School Proficiency Test; or
- v. A passing score on the Siena Heights University Mathematics Proficiency Test

Note: Math proficiency is met with **MTH 123 or higher** from LMC.

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Siena Heights University offers over a variety of majors and a number of baccalaureate degrees, both completely online and on-campus. SHU also offers completely online and on-campus graduate programs. Consultation with an academic advisor will assist students in the development of their degree plan.

Please consult the university website for locations and listing of programs offered at each location: <http://sienaheights.edu/Locations.aspx>.

Siena Heights University offers online and on-campus graduate programs upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. Review the website for more information: <https://sienaheights.edu/Academics/Graduate-College>