ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

AND

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ESTABLISHING A JOINT ADMISSION PROGRAM LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE AND BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

- In recognition of and coordination with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts efforts to increase the percentage of baccalaureate educated registered nurses practicing in the state, the University of Massachusetts Boston and Roxbury Community College hereby establish a joint admission program leading to an Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- This agreement is formed to better serve the students of the two institutions, by streamlining the application process and establishing a clear pathway from the ASN to the BSN

To reach these goals, the following Agreement is entered into by the University of Massachusetts Boston and Roxbury Community College:

I. Program Summary

At the time of application to the ASN program at Roxbury Community College, applicants can opt for their application to be shared with the University of Massachusetts Boston for provisional admission to the Nursing for RNs program. The University will only receive and review applications for students who are admitted to the Roxbury Community College program.

II. Rationale

The joint admission program offers qualified students the ability to be admitted to both the ASN and BSN programs simultaneously, streamlining the application process and establishing a clear and concrete pathway to baccalaureate completion. The agreement will allow Roxbury Community College to attract students to the ASN program who are interested in baccalaureate completion as well as support enrollments in UMass Boston’s Nursing for RNs program offered online.

III. Oversight

A. Roxbury Community College will be responsible for clearly identifying the joint admission option on its admission application. Additionally, Roxbury Community College will be responsible for sharing individual applications and related materials with the University of Massachusetts Boston. Roxbury Community College will also provide information about students who have been dismissed or have discontinued the ASN program.
B. The University will be responsible for communicating directly with applicants throughout their ASN program and providing information about next steps and matriculation into the Nursing for RNs program.

C. The two institutions will be in communication regarding changes to curriculum, admission requirements and deadlines and the mailing of acceptance letters.

IV. Eligibility for Joint Admission

Students who are admitted to the Roxbury Community College ASN program and opt-in to the joint admission program are eligible for provisional admission to the Nursing for RNs program at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Acceptance to the Nursing for RNs program is contingent upon the following:

A. Successful completion of the Roxbury Community College ASN program as evidenced by an official transcript reflecting a conferred ASN degree, cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in the nursing curriculum, a minimum course grade of C- (70%) for all general education courses, C (74%) for all health sciences courses and C+ (77%) for nursing final courses or passing score of 74% for National League for Nursing (NLN) Exams

B. Current, unrestricted and valid Massachusetts RN license

C. Review of Personal Disclosure responses

V. Advising and Enrollment

A. Information about the joint admission option should be made available to prospective ASN students via the Roxbury Community College website and other promotional materials.

B. Students will be admitted to UMass Boston at the time of their admission to the BSN program. The admit term will be the fall semester, following their expected graduation years.

C. The admit term for the BSN program can be adjusted based on expected completion term.

D. Eligible students should matriculate into the BSN program within two years of completion of the ASN and/or attainment of license. After such time the joint admission will expire and students will have to initiate a new application if they wish to be considered for the BSN program.

E. Students will be clearly advised that they must successfully graduate from the ASN program, seek and receive licensure, and submit personal disclosure responses for review before they can enroll at UMass Boston.

F. Students will receive 42 credits based on passing the National Council Licensure Examination Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN)

G. Any student who does not meet all of the criteria as indicated in section IV will be evaluated for admission and transfer credit acceptance on an individual basis.

VI. Implementation

The joint admission option shall be retroactively offered to all currently enrolled ASN students in good standing and made available as an option on the application for all future ASN applicants beginning with the next admission cycle.