

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Between**  
**Blue Ridge Community College**  
**Associate of Applied Science Degree: Human Services Major**  
**and**  
**James Madison University**  
**Bachelor of Social Work Program**

Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Therefore, James Madison University (JMU) and Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) enter into this articulation agreement to facilitate the transfer of course credits and smooth the transition of students earning an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Human Services at BRCC into the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Program at JMU.

<b>Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC)</b>				
<b>BRCC Class #</b>	<b>BRCC Course Name</b>	<b>JMU Class #</b>	<b>JMU Course Name or Gen Ed Requirement</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
<u>1st Semester</u>				
ENG 111	College Composition I	WRTC 100	Writing	3
HMS 100	Intro to Hum Services	SOWK 287 <sup>1</sup> w/HMS 190	Intro to Social Work	3
ITE 119	Information Literacy	PHIL 001	(Cluster One: CT)	3
PSY 200	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 101 <sup>1</sup>	(Cluster Five: SC)	3
SDV	Student Development	Does Not Transfer	Does Not Transfer	0
CST 110	Social Communication	SCOM 121	(Cluster One: COM)	<u>3</u>
				15
<u>2nd Semester</u>				
ENG 112	College Composition II	WRTC 103	(Cluster One: WT)	3
HLT 121	Intro to Drug Abuse	HTH 000	Health elective credit	3
HMS 190	Coor Internship in HS	SOWK 287 <sup>1</sup> w/HMS 101	Intro to Social Work	Above
MEN 101	MH Skill Training I	SOWK 000	Social work general credit	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psych	PSYC 160 <sup>1</sup>	(Cluster Five: SC)	3
SOC 268	Social Problems	SOCI 101 <sup>1</sup>	(Cluster Four: Global)	<u>3</u>
				15

<u>3rd Semester</u> HMS 290 PSY 215 PSY 220 SOC 215 HMS 141	Coor Internship in HS Abnormal Psychology Intro Beh Mod Sociology of the Fam Group Dynamics	SOWK 000 <sup>2</sup> PSYC 335 <sup>1</sup> PSYC 180 SOCI 374 SOWK 000	Field hours for SOWK 301 Abnormal Psychology Intro to Beh Analysis Sociology general credit Social Work general credit	3 3 3 3 <u>3</u> 15
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</u> PLS 130 OR 135  MEN 295 MEN 225 HMS 290  MATH 154	American Politics  Topics in Interviewing Counseling Therapy Coor Internship in MH/HS Quantitative reasoning	POSC 225  SOWK 000 SOWK 301 <sup>13</sup> (3 cr) SOWK 000  MATH 103	(Cluster Four: American Experience)  Social Work general credit Social work elective Social work general credit  (Cluster Three: Grp 1)	3  3 3 3 <u>3</u> 15
<u>Other courses:</u>  BIO 101	If this course is <b>NOT</b> taken at BRCC, it will need to be taken at JMU to fulfill Gen Ed Requirements General Biology I (4 credits with lab)	This could be taken with other JMU courses OR in the summer  BIO 103	  (Cluster Three: Group 3)	  3 or 4

**James Madison University (JMU)**

		<b>JMU Class #</b>	<b>JMU Course Name or Gen Ed Requirement</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 288 <sup>1</sup> ISAT 100 or 112 ENG 221 or others MATH 220 HTH or KIN 100	Social Welfare (Cluster Three: Group 2) <sup>4</sup> (Cluster Two: Lit) Statistics (Cluster Five: W)	3 3 or 4 3 3 <u>3</u> 15 or 16
		<u>2nd Semester</u> SOWK 305 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 317 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 320 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 335 <sup>1</sup> HIST 101 (or other Cluster Two: HQC)	SW Research SW Practice Hum Beh & Soc Env. SW Policy (Cluster Two: HQC)	3 3 3 3 <u>3</u> 15
		<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester</u> SOWK 465 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 466 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 467 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 493 <sup>1</sup> IPE 415 <sup>1</sup> Social Work Elective <sup>1</sup>  ART/MUS/THEA	Mezzo practice Micro practice Macro practice Preparing for Field Interprofessional Ethics Varies – can be taken in summer (Cluster Two: VPA)	3 3 3 1 1 3 <u>3</u> 17

		<u>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</u>		
		SOWK 481 <sup>1</sup>	Practicum 1	6
		SOWK 482 <sup>1</sup>	Practicum 2	6
		SOWK 494 <sup>1</sup>	Social Work Capstone	<u>3</u>
				15

**Total Hours transferred from BRCC: 60**

**Total Hours taken at BRCC OR JMU: 3 or 4**

**Total Hours taken at JMU: 62 or 63**

**TOTAL: 126**

<sup>1</sup> Required social work pre-requisite or course

<sup>2</sup> Field hour credit (required for SOWK 493) for HMS 290 will be awarded ONLY if student internship hours are completed in an agency that employs a degreed social worker.

<sup>3</sup> Social work elective credit (SOWK 301) for MEN 225 will be awarded ONLY if the course is taught by a degreed social worker.

<sup>4</sup> If BIO class includes a lab, then the physical science class does NOT have to include lab (ISAT 100). If the BIO class does NOT include a lab, the physical science class must have a lab (ISAT 112). Total credits between these two classes is 7.

#### **JMU Admission and Graduation Criteria:**

This Agreement does **not** guarantee admission to JMU; additionally, students earning an A.A.S. degree from BRCC are **not** eligible for admission to JMU under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

Students following this agreement will be considered for admission to JMU on an individual basis. Before applying to JMU, students should have completed or be in the process of completing at least 24 credit hours **after** high school graduation and be in good academic standing. Competitive students will have a well-rounded program of study and a cumulative GPA of around 3.0 ("B" grade average with mostly "A" and "B" grades). Students must submit the *JMU Application for Admission* and request that all previously attended colleges/universities submit an official transcript to JMU's Office of Admissions. The *JMU Application for Admission* and all transcripts must be submitted by February 1 for the following summer term; by March 1 for the following fall semester; and by October 1 for the following spring semester.

JMU requires that students earn a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate. Of the 120 credit hours, students must earn a minimum of 60 credit hours at a four-year institution and a minimum 30 credit hours at JMU.

## **JMU Social Work Program Admission and Degree Criteria:**

Students transferring to JMU should declare the Social Work major when they register for orientation; however, students will only be officially admitted to the major **after** they have applied to the JMU Social Work Program **and** been accepted. Students who have declared the social work major and completed SOWK 287 and SOWK 288 are eligible to be fully admitted to the B.S.W. program. To be admitted, students must submit an application, personal statement and three references. Students are evaluated on their demonstration of community service and life experiences, academic performance, communication skills, work related skills, ability to work with others, motivation, professional value orientation and career plans. Applications and other advising documents can be found on the **Department of Social Work website**.

### ***Unconditional Admission***

Unconditional admission to Social Work is given to students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0, no single grade lower than a "C" (2.0) in SOWK 287 and SOWK 288 and completion of the 20 hours of community service-learning required in SOWK 287. In their application narrative, students must demonstrate the above criteria through their references and service-learning.

### ***Conditional Admission***

Students who do not meet the above requirements or whose application does not demonstrate the criteria discussed may be admitted conditionally with a contract specifying activities and objectives that must be met prior to their full admission into the program.

Students may **NOT** enter upper level Social Work practice courses until they have been admitted to the Social Work Program.

The JMU-B.S.W. Program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

Once students have been fully admitted to the major, they must also meet requirements for continuation in the major. These requirements are outlined in the *Social Work Student Handbook*.

The minimum requirement for the B.S.W. degree is completion of the General Education requirements, 40 credit hours of core social work courses, one credit hour in inter-professional education, prerequisite courses as specified in course descriptions and elective hours, six of which must be in social work, for a total of 120 credit hours. If a grade of "C" (2.0) or above is not achieved the first time a social work course is taken, the student may repeat the course only once. All social work majors are expected to abide by the NASW Code of Ethics. Additionally, all majors participate in social work student outcome assessment measures.