

**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	Intro to 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 110 <sup>1</sup>	(Cluster Four: Global)	<u>3</u>
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<u>3rd Semester</u> HMS 290 PSY 215 MTH 157 SOC 215 HMS 141 ENG 241	Coor Internship in HS Abnormal Psychology Elementary Statistics Sociology of the Fam Group Dynamics American Literature (or other literature)	SOWK 000 <sup>2</sup> PSYC 335 <sup>1</sup> MATH 220 <sup>1</sup> SOCI 000 SOWK 000 ENG 235	Field hours for SOWK 301 Abnormal Psychology (Cluster Three: Group 1) Sociology general credit Social Work general credit (Cluster Two: Lit)	0 3 4 3 3 <u>3</u> 16
<u>4th Semester</u> MEN 295 MEN 225 PSY 220 SOC 266 HMS 290	Topics in Interviewing Counseling Therapy Intro Beh Mod Minority Grp Relation Coor Internship in MH/HS	SOWK 000 SOWK 301 <sup>1 3</sup> (3 cr) PSYC 180 SOCI 336 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 000	Social Work general credit Social work elective Intro to Beh Analysis Race and Ethnicity Social work general credit	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	This could be taken with other JMU courses OR in the summer  BIO 103	  (Cluster Three: Group 3)	  3

**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 112 POSC 225 HIST 101 (or other Cluster Two: HQC)	Social Welfare (Cluster Three: Group 2) (Cluster Four: AE) (Cluster Two: HQC)	3 4 4 <u>3</u> 14
		<u>2nd Semester</u> SOWK 305 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 317 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 320 <sup>1</sup> SOWK 335 <sup>1</sup> HTH or KIN 100	SW Research SW Practice Hum Beh & Soc Env. SW Policy (Cluster Five: W)	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> IPE 415 <sup>1</sup> Social Work Elective <sup>1</sup> ART/MUS/THEA	Mezzo practice Micro practice Macro practice Interprofessional Ethics Varies (Cluster Two: VPA)	3 3 3 1 3 <u>3</u> 16

		4 <sup>th</sup> Semester		
		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: 61**

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

**Total Hours taken at JMU: 60**

**TOTAL: 124**

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

<sup>2</sup> Field hour credit (SOWK 301) 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.

#### **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 15 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, 36 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.

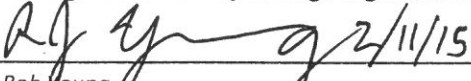
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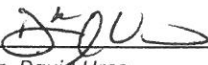
The Agreement, which will be implemented beginning in spring 2015, will be annually reviewed, and revised as appropriate, beginning in spring 2016.

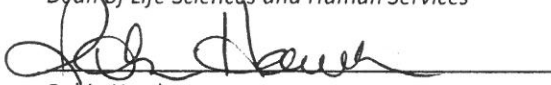
The undersigned have reviewed and agreed that James Madison University (JMU) and Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) should enter into this Articulation Agreement.

Agreed by the parties on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2015.

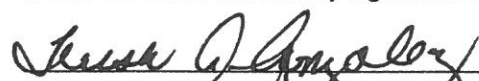
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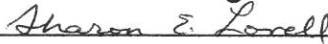
  
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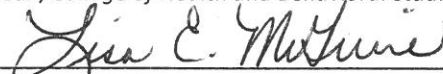
  
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