

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT CREATES PATHWAY TO NURSING DEGREE

MANCHESTER—Manchester Community College (MCC) and the New England School of Practical Nursing (NESPAN) have signed an articulation agreement which allows NESPAN graduates to transfer their Licensed Practical Nurse credits to MCC towards an associate degree in nursing and their Registered Nurse (RN) credentials.

The nursing programs at both institutions are accredited by the National League for Nursing and approved by the NH Board of Nursing.

“Through this agreement, we are creating a smooth career ladder for these students to help them achieve their goals of becoming RNs, thereby helping alleviate New Hampshire’s severe nursing shortage,” says Charlene Wolfe-Stepro, chair of MCC’s nursing program.

Under the new agreement, NESPAN students will be admitted into the nursing program at MCC after successful completion of their Licensed Practical Nursing program, and after meeting other MCC admissions requirements.

“We’re pleased our students will have the opportunity to transfer their LPN program credits to MCC to advance their nursing careers,” says Deborah Bourcier, NESPAN director.

MCC is one of the seven colleges in the Community College System of NH, and offers more than 20 degree and certificate programs, from accounting to liberal arts to welding. MCC nursing students are routinely among the top performers on the NCLEX-RN exam, the state licensing exam for RNs. For more information, click on www.manchestercommunitycollege.edu.

The New England School of Practical Nursing in Manchester is a Division of Health Career Training Associates (HCTA), which was founded in 1997. It is accredited by the National League for Nursing, licensed by the State of New Hampshire Post-secondary Education Commission and approved by the New Hampshire Board of Nursing. The school is owned and operated by two nurse partners, Marie Grenier, BS, RN, of Manchester and Joanne O'Donnell, BSN, RN, of Londonderry.

