

# ADVANCE AGREEMENT

To maintain my enrollment in the ADVANCE/NOVA- MASON partnership, I acknowledge that I will:

- Enroll in a minimum of six credits approved for my Advance pathway each fall semester and each semester.
- Complete ENG 111, ENG 125 and the required math for my Advance pathway with grades of A, B, or C in each course within my first 30 credits of enrollment at NOVA.
- Earn grades of A, B or C in all courses.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average each semester at NOVA.
- Maintain communication with my ADVANCE Success Coach each semester to insure that I am enrolled in the courses leading to completion of my associate's degree.
- Read and comply with the NOVA and MASON Codes of Student Conduct at: ***[nvcc.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html](http://nvcc.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html)*** and ***[studentconduct.gmu.edu](http://studentconduct.gmu.edu)***
- Adhere to the Mason Honor Code: *To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University Community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set for this Honor Code: Student Members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.*
- Be responsible for responding to emails sent to my NOVA and MASON email accounts
- Graduate from NOVA with the applicable Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree.

## **Administration of ADVANCE**

Advance students with 63 or fewer credits are guided by the academic policies of NOVA. Advance students with 64 or more credits are guided by the academic policies of MASON.

Violations of student behavioral codes may be addressed by one or both institutions. The applicable code will be based on location of the incident(s), severity, as well as in collaboration between the conduct offices at both institutions. Additionally, a student may be charged by both institutions if a possible outcome is suspension or dismissal (expulsion).

Referrals for possible violations of Academic Integrity will be addressed according to the host institution of a particular class. This will be determined by the course listing (i.e. either NOVA or MASON) as well as the affiliation of the faculty member instructing the course.

### **Enrollment and Financial Aid**

With the written approval of the Success Coach, ADVANCE students may co-enroll in a maximum of 9 credits at Mason during the first 63 credits of NOVA enrollment. Each lower-level course must be designated 100-299 and be approved to fulfill an associate's degree pathway requirement.

Advance students recognize that academic, registration and payment policies are different at NOVA and MASON. Additionally, the academic calendars of both institutions vary. Students are expected to comply with the deadlines, policies and procedures at the institution where they are taking courses.

For purposes of awarding financial aid, NOVA will be the home school until the student has completed 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, and Mason will be the host school. Upon completion of 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, Mason will become the home school, and NOVA will be the host school.

### **FERPA and Student Records**

NOVA and MASON will share academic and financial aid information about ADVANCE students under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). FERPA protections go into effect on the first day of classes of the student's first term of enrollment.

I agree to abide by the information provided in the ADVANCE Agreement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A.S. Nursing/B.S.N. Nursing

2019-20

## A.A.S. Nursing (Co-enrollment RN-to-BSN) Pathway

2019-2020

### ADVANCE Nursing Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must be admitted to the AAS Nursing degree program at NOVA.
3. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
4. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTE or ENF courses (excluding summer).
5. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
6. Students must apply and be admitted to Mason's Co-Enrollment RN-to-BSN program.
7. Students must complete their Mason Nursing Prerequisites with a grade of C or better by completion of the AAS Nursing program: Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Microbiology, Statistics, and Bioethics.
8. Students must maintain a 2.85 GPA and:
  - a. Remain in good standing in the AAS Nursing program at NOVA;
  - b. Complete all courses (Nursing Prerequisites, Mason Core, Nursing Program courses, and electives) with a C or better.
9. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.
10. Students must take and pass the NCLEX examination upon completion of their AAS Nursing program at NOVA.
11. After completion of their AAS degree, students must complete any remaining Mason Core requirements at Mason.
12. At least 30 credits must be taken in degree status at Mason.

**This program has additional requirements for admission. Students must meet with a NOVA Medical Education advisor before signing an ADVANCE agreement and must also apply to the Mason Nursing program before matriculation.**

The Co-enrollment BSN Program (BCE) allows students to begin taking online classes toward a BSN degree while enrolled in the AAS-Nursing program at NVCC. Mason's Co-enrollment nursing classes are online, offered in a seven-week format, and can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis.

Students can apply to the Co-enrollment program as early as their first semester of the AAS-Nursing program. Students can complete the Co-enrollment program one semester after earning their RN license at the earliest, but can take additional time if needed. A link with a list of courses for the Co-enrollment program, our Co-enrollment Information Session presentation, and a sample schedule for a student in the Co-enrollment program, is available here: <https://nursing.gmu.edu/academics/bsn-programs/co-enrollment-bsn-program-non-veteran>

Nursing prerequisites must be complete prior to admission to the Co-enrollment program. To minimize the time needed to earn the BSN, the Mason Core and elective requirements should be complete prior to starting the Co-enrollment program, but it is not required. After graduation from the AAS-Nursing program, students must complete any remaining Mason Core or elective courses at Mason.

NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE		Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV 101	1	SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare	UNIV 100	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	PSY 230	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	Soc/Behav
4	BIO 141	4	BIO 141 Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 124	NAT SCIENCE/Nursing Prerequisite
5	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	PHI 227 Biomedical Ethics	PHIL 309	Nursing Prerequisite
6	BIO 142	4	BIO 142 Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 125	NAT SCIENCE/Nursing Prerequisite
7	NSG 100	4	NSG 100 Introduction to Nursing Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
8	NSG 106	2	NSG 106 Competencies for Nursing Practice	BAS XXX	Elective
9	NSG 130	1	NSG 130 Professional Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
10	NSG 200	3	NSG 200 Health Promotion and Assessment	BAS XXX	Elective

11	BIO 150	4	BIO 150 Microbiology	BIOL 246 & BIOL L306	Nursing Prerequisite
12	NSG 152	3	NSG 152 Health Care Participant	BAS XXX	Elective
13	NSG 170	6	NSG 170 Health/Illness Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
14	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
15	NSG 210	5	NSG 210 Health Care Concepts I	BAS XXX	Elective
16	NSG 211	5	NSG 211 Health Care Concepts II	BAS XXX	Elective
17	NSG 230	2	NSG 230 Advanced Professional Nursing Concept	BAS XXX	Elective
18	NSG 252	4	NSG 252 Complex Health Care Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
19	NSG 270	4	NSG 270 Nursing Capstone	BAS XXX	Elective
20	Open Elective	3	STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I	STAT 250	Quant/Nursing Prerequisite
<b>A.A.S. NURSING DEGREE TOTAL</b>		<b>67</b>			

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

**Students must take and pass the NCLEX examination after completion of their AAS Nursing degree and before continuing with the BSN Nursing program.**

MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE			Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Literature	3	Approved Literature course**		Literature
22	Gen Ed: Global Understanding	3	Approved Global Understanding course (Recommend: GCH 205 Global Health)**		Global
23	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 336 Concepts in Professional Nursing as a Discipline*		DEGREE
24	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 425 Comprehensive Health Assessment		DEGREE
25	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 436 Leadership and Management of Health Care		DEGREE
26	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
27	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 440 Community Health Epidemiology		DEGREE
28	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 434 Vulnerable Populations		DEGREE
29	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course**		Info Tech
30	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course**		Arts
31	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 453 Research in Nursing		DEGREE
32	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 457 Introduction to Nursing Informatics		DEGREE
33	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	General Elective		DEGREE
34	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	NURS 465 Examination and Integration of Professional and Health Care Issues		Synthesis & Writing Intensive
35	Gen Ed: Western Civilization	3	Approved Western Civilization course**		DEGREE
B.S.N. NURSING DEGREE TOTAL		120*			

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

\*RN students will be awarded 33 upper-level nursing credits upon completion of NURS 336 and NCLEX examination.

\*\*For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

**BSN Academic Grade Standards:**

1. Grade of 77% (C+) or higher is passing; anything below is not passing.
2. One unsatisfactory grade is allowed; second failure will lead to termination from program.
3. ADVANCE students must remain in good standing in the AAS-Nursing program at NOVA and failure to adhere to the academic standards of the AAS-Nursing program will halt progress in the Mason ADVANCE BSN program.

**General Note:** If English is not your first language or you have completed ESL coursework, you must complete ENG 111 and ENG 125 prior to matriculating to George Mason University to meet the English Language Proficiency requirement.

For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>

**Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements**