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College Partnership Creates Seamless Path for Nurses to Advance Their Education
Fair Transfer Promise helps graduates of community college nursing programs obtain their BSN

CHARLOTTE, NC, May 3, 2022 – Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte, NC and Richmond Community College in Hamlet, NC are announcing a new partnership focused on helping nurses advance their education. The new Fair Transfer Promise Agreement creates a seamless academic experience for community college nursing graduates to complete their bachelor's degree in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible.

The agreement between the two colleges allows nursing graduates who have received their Associate of Applied Science (AAS) from Richmond Community College to receive guaranteed admission into the Carolinas College RN-BSN program, assuming all conditions below are met. Qualified students will also receive guaranteed transfer of all AAS credits toward their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), meaning they can complete the program as quickly as possible – potentially in as few as 12 to 18 months. All participants must meet the following conditions:

1. Applicants must complete a program on or after the effective date of this agreement and must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25.
2. Applicants must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in courses outlined in this agreement.
3. Applicants must hold a current unencumbered license as a registered nurse.

Students must have followed a prescribed five-block course list in completing their AAS and must have already completed all required credit hours. Applicants not meeting the eligibility requirements of the Fair Transfer Promise Agreement may apply directly to the Carolinas College RN-BSN program, and transfer credits will be determined on a course-by-course basis.

Carolinan College is working to secure similar partnerships with other college nursing programs in the North Carolina Community College System. So far, in addition to Richmond Community College, the college has reached agreements with Fayetteville Technical Community College and Mitchell Community College.

Carolinan College launched its 100% online RN-BSN program in 2020. Graduates are exceptionally prepared to excel in their nursing careers. Nurses who earn a BSN have greater career opportunities with the ability to assume more responsibility, earn a higher salary and lead their colleagues in new ways.

About Carolinas College of Health Sciences

Carolinan College of Health Sciences is a public non-profit college owned by Atrium Health. The mission of Carolinas College is to transform lives by educating, engaging and empowering professionals for an evolving healthcare environment. The college currently offers associate degrees, certificate programs and several baccalaureate degrees. Visit [CarolinanCollege.edu](https://www.carolinan.edu).

About Richmond Community College

Richmond Community College's mission is to offer educational opportunities, cultural enrichment, and workforce development and training that will enhance the quality of students' lives and support economic development in Richmond and Scotland counties. The College has an open admissions policy and offers more than 60 degree, diploma and certificate programs.

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