

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

This articulation agreement establishes a cooperative relationship between Cardinal Stritch University (Stritch) and the sixteen (16) college districts of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) that will assist these schools to better serve the educational needs of transfer students. The agreement sets forth policies and procedures by which WTCS students may become eligible to enroll in the Bachelor of Science program offered through the College of Nursing (CON) at Stritch. The transfer policies described herein will be in effect upon date of signature for WTCS graduates with completion dates of May 2012 and after. The agreement will be renewed at appropriate intervals, with content changes as deemed appropriate by the parties. Stritch will administer this agreement according to the procedures cited in Part D.

Note: Stritch reserves the right to make policy revisions, which may affect the contents of this agreement due to changes in the curriculum or quality standards at either institution.

The following documents are attached to this memorandum:

Part A: Program-to-Program Articulation Parameters

Part B. General Education/ Liberal Arts Core Transfer Guide

Part C: Major Requirements Summary

Part D: Articulation Policies & Procedures

**PART A
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM ARTICULATION PARAMETERS**

ARTICULATION FROM:

INSTITUTION: Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)

PROGRAM(S): Associate of Applied Science
70 cr. Nursing

COMPLETION DATE: Degree awarded from May 2012

ACCREDITATION: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central
Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC)

ARTICULATION TO:

INSTITUTION: Cardinal Stritch University (Stritch)

COLLEGE: College of Nursing (CON)

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science

MAJOR(S): Nursing (BSN)

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2012 to present

**PART B
GENERAL EDUCATION/LIBERAL ARTS CORE TRANSFER GUIDE**

Cardinal Stritch University supports the educational philosophy that a student should be exposed to various ideas common to human experience, beyond the specifics of the undergraduate major. The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing degree requires 47 credits in the general education core, distributed among the following content areas, plus additional electives amounting to approximately 12 credits (59 credits total). Several of these requirements are met by courses in the ADN program.

Historical, Religious, Philosophical Foundations (6 credits)

- Religious/Ethical Principles for Health Science (3 credits)
- *Philosophy course (3 credits)

Foundations of Human Society (9 credits)

- General Psychology (3 credits)
- Life-Span Human Development (3 credits)
- History or Social Science course (3 credits)

Natural Sciences & Mathematics (14 credits)

- Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
- Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- Microbiology (3-4 credits)
- *Applied Statistics (3 credits)

Literature & Fine Arts (6 credits)

- *Literature course (3 credits)
- *Art/Music/Fine Arts course (3 credits)

Communication (12 credits)

- Written Communication I (3 credits)
- Written Communication II (3 credits)
- Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)
- *Group Communication (3 credits)

Arts & Sciences Electives (non-nursing) (app. 12 credits)

**Typically included in the BSN Completion program sequence*

The number of required free electives will vary based on credit values and types of transferring coursework. Coursework not applied to a specific core requirement will transfer as a block of elective credits. The following guide identifies some WTCS general education courses that will satisfy core requirements. Courses not listed may apply to core requirements based on individual transcript evaluations. A grade of “C-“ or better is needed for the course to fulfill the specified requirement. The course must be a minimum of 2 semester credits to apply to the core.

See Appendix for sample transfer overview

STRITCH CORE COURSE/REQ.

APPLICABLE WTCS COURSE

History, Religious, & Philosophical Foundations

RL 235 Religious/Ethical Principles for Health Science

809-149 Ethics for the Professions

Philosophy*

809-250 Introduction to Philosophy

Foundations of Human Society

PS 201 General Psychology

809-198 Introduction to Psychology
809-231 Introduction to Psychology
809-251 General Psychology

PS 202 Life-Span Human Development

809-188 Developmental Psychology
809-233 Developmental Psychology
809-238 Life-Span Psychology

History/Social Science

809-195 Economics
809-196 Introduction to Sociology
809-197 Contemporary American Society
809-199 Psychology of Human Relations
809-203 Introduction to Sociology
809-210 Death & Dying

Natural Sciences & Mathematics

BL 111 Anatomy & Physiology I

806-177 General Anatomy & Physiology
806-201 Anatomy & Physiology I
806-207 Anatomy & Physiology I

BL 112 Anatomy & Physiology II

806-179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
806-202 Anatomy & Physiology II
806-208 Anatomy & Physiology II

BL 202 Microbiology

806-197 Microbiology
806-273 Microbiology (3 cr.)
806-274 Microbiology (4 cr.)

MT 120 Applied Statistics*

102-104 Business Statistics
804-178 Statistics
804-189 Introductory Statistics
804-260 Basic Statistics

Literature & Fine Arts

Literature*

801-204 Introduction to Modern Literature
801-213 American Literature I
801-214 American Literature II
801-215 Contemporary Literature
801-217 World Literature in Translation
801-218 African-American Literature I
801-219 African-American Literature II
801-220 Native American Literature
801-221 Native American Women in Lit
801-222 Images of Women in Literature
801-223 Afr Am Lit By/About BI Women
801-225 Holocaust Literature
801-229 Literature of Horror
801-235 Utopian & Science Fiction Lit

Music/Fine Arts*

304-118 Art History
801-240 Introduction to Modern Cinema
805-205 Music Appreciation
805-206 History of Rock & Pop
810-212 Introduction to Theater
815-201 Understanding Art

Communication

EN 101 Written Communication I

801-136 English Composition I
801-195 Written Communication
801-201 English Composition I

EN 102 Written Communication II

801-202 English Composition II

CA 108 Interpersonal Communication

801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication
810-203 Interpersonal Communication
810-205 Interpersonal & Small Gr. Comm.

CA 210 Group Communication*

**Typically included in the BSN Completion program sequence*

PART C
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (BSN)

BSN major coursework consists of 31 credits as outlined below:

- NUR 312 The Nurse in Today's Society (4 cr.)
- NUR 316 Theories & Concepts in Nursing (3 cr.)
- NUR 326 Nursing Research (3 cr.)
- NUR 418 Introduction to Educational Resources in Nursing (3 cr.)
- NUR 420 Population-Focused Care (6 cr.)
- NUR 422 Trends & Issues in Contemporary Nursing (4 cr.)
- NUR 424 Leadership & Management in Professional Nursing (3 cr.)
- NUR 430 Professional Nursing Practicum (5 cr.)

All nursing courses must be passed with a grade of 83% (C+). Additionally, to be successful in any nursing course in the BSN completion program, students must average at least 83% on individual course work as a minimum passing criterion. If a student does not achieve a minimum average of 83% on his/her individual work, then the average which was individually achieved will be the final grade for the course. If a student achieves an average score of 83% or greater for his/her individual work, then study team work scores will be averaged with the individual score to determine the final grade. For students who have met the minimum individual passing score requirement of 83%, the final course grade may be increased or decreased by the study team scores.

See Appendix for sample transfer overview

PART D
ARTICULATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

1. This articulation agreement is based upon Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) 2011-2012 courses and requirements for the associate degrees listed in Part A. A 2.33 cumulative GPA at associate degree completion is required for this articulation to be in effect.

Without degree completion, WTCS courses will be evaluated on an individual course-by-course basis, and some courses accepted through this agreement may not be accepted, per Stritch transfer credit policies.

2. The articulation agreement is applied toward admission to and completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree offered by Cardinal Stritch University's College of Nursing at all locations via on-ground or on-line delivery systems.
3. Additional requirements for the BSN program include:
 - a) Evidence of RN licensure in Wisconsin prior to the first clinical in NUR 420.
 - b) Health forms documenting health status that is safe to clients and other students. A completed current health history and examination by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant will be required as documented evidence of satisfactory health. The College of Nursing reserves the right to require the candidate to seek further medical advice when it is believed that the health status may impede the student's progress or jeopardize the health of others.
4. The maximum number of semester credits which may be applied through the agreement per degree is:

70 cr. Nursing

5. Entering students who have successfully completed WTCS general education courses may apply them toward satisfying Stritch core requirements as specified in Part B of the transfer guide. All other WTCS courses completed, regardless of grade, transfer as a block of elective credit.
6. Entering students are required to complete all credits in the major as listed in Part C to receive a Stritch Bachelor of Science degree. The residency requirement is met by completion of the Nursing major courses (31 credits). A minimum of 128 credits is required for Bachelor of Science degree completion with a cumulative GPA of 2.33.
7. This articulation agreement will be in effect from the date of approval, and may be applied to students who completed the associate degree identified in Part A on or after the date specified. Review and renewal of this agreement will be made at appropriate intervals. Officials identified in #12 will be notified for the purpose of review and renewal.

8. Upon individual assessment, the terms and intent of this agreement may be extended to include degrees identified in Part A that were completed prior to the designated effective date.
9. Stritch reserves the right to make policy changes which could affect the contents of this agreement.
10. Stritch and WTCS may seek to jointly develop material and processes to promote this agreement. Stritch reserves the rights to review promotional materials used.
11. No financial implication concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate is intended or implied by this agreement. Stritch and WTCS are separate and independent institutions and intend to remain so.
12. All official notices under this agreement shall be sent to:

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**APPENDIX
SAMPLE TRANSFER OVERVIEW**

70 credits from WTCS ADN program**

Stritch Requirement Met

NRSAD 101 Nursing Fundamentals (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 102 Nursing Skills (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 103 Nursing Pharmacology (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 104 Intro to Nursing Practice (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 105 Nursing Health Alterations (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 106 Nursing Health Promotion (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 107 Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 108 Nursing: Intro to Clinical Mgt (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 109 Nursing Complex Health Alterations 1 (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 110 Nursing Mental Health Community Concepts (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 111 Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 112 Nursing Advanced Skills (1 credit)	Elective
NRSAD 113 Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2 (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 114 Nursing Mgt Concepts (2 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 115 Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice (3 credits)	Elective
NRSAD 116 Nursing Clinical Transition (2 credits)	Elective
ECON 195 Economics (3 credits)	Found of Hum Soc core
ENG 201 English 1 (3 credits)	Communication core (EN 101)
SPEECH 203 Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)	Communication core (CA 108)
NATSCI 177 General Anatomy & Physiology (4 credits)	Nat Sci/Math core (BL 111)
NATSCI 179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology (4 credits)	Nat Sci/Math core (BL 112)
NATSCI 186 Introductory Biochemistry (4 credits)	Arts & Sciences Elective
NATSCI 197 Microbiology (4 credits)	Nat Sci/Math core (BL 202)
PSYCH 188 Developmental Psychology (3 credits)	Found of Hum Soc core (PS 202)
SOCSCI 197 Contemporary American Society (3 credits)	Arts & Sciences Elective
FLANG 105 Spanish for Nursing (1 credit)	Arts & Sciences Elective

58 credits, remaining BSN degree requirements

- 27 credits of liberal arts core and elective requirements (see Part B)
- 31 credits of nursing courses (must be taken at Stritch, see Part C)

128 credits total for BS in Nursing degree

**Specific courses will vary according to individual student records. These courses represent common course selections that fulfill the shared WTCS nursing curriculum.

ADDENDUM

USE OF AGREEMENT FOR ADN DEGREES EARNED PRIOR TO MAY 2012

Part D, no. 8 of the memorandum allows the terms of this agreement to extend to transfer students whose completion dates precede the completion date specified on the cover sheet. The intent of this clause is to avoid arbitrary distinctions between students based solely on dates of graduation without corresponding differences in curriculum. Transcript evaluators may, on a case-by-case basis, determine whether students with ADN degrees from a Wisconsin Technical College earned prior to May 2012 completed the same curriculum as that identified in this agreement. Since the system-wide curriculum went into effect in 2004, ADN graduates as far back as 2006 or earlier may be expected to fall under these conditions and may be treated identically to those who fall under the explicit conditions of the agreement.