

Academic Articulation Agreement
between
Hutchinson Community College
Hutchinson, KS
and
Wichita State University
Wichita, KS
for the
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
(RN to BSN Degree Completion)

OVERVIEW:

This academic articulation agreement is made and entered into by Hutchinson Community College, hereinafter referred to as HutchCC, and Wichita State University, hereinafter referred to as WSU. By this agreement HutchCC and WSU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to, and success in, higher education.

PURPOSE:

This agreement provides students who have completed an **Associate Degree in Nursing** at HutchCC the opportunity to complete a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** degree at WSU.

The RN¹ to BSN² degree completion program at WSU, offered completely online, is intended for students who have graduated from an accredited nursing program and hold a current license in nursing. To be eligible for admission, applicants must have:

- 1) An earned associate degree from a regionally accredited school, with an accredited nursing program.
- 2) A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- 3) A passing score on NCLEX-RN (very recent graduates may be able to begin the program before sitting for this examination).
- 4) Completion of all required prerequisite courses.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES³:

<u>WSU</u>	<u>HutchCC Equivalent</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ENGL 101 English Comp I	EN 101 English Composition I	3
ENGL 102 English Comp II	EN 102 English Composition II	3
COMM 111 Public Speaking	SH 101 Public Speaking	3
PSY 111 General Psychology	PS 100 General Psychology	3

¹ RN = Registered Nurse

² BSN = Bachelor of Science in Nursing

³ Each of these courses must be completed with a C/2.0 or higher.

SOC 111 Intro to Sociology	SO 100 Fundamentals of Sociology	3
PSY 325 Developmental Psychology	PS 102 Human Growth & Development	3
BIOL 220 Microbiology/Lab	BI 112 General Microbiology	4
BIOL 223 or HS 290 Human A & P/Lab	BI 103 Human A & P/Lab	6
STAT 370 Elementary Statistics	MA 108 Elements of Statistics	3

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER EQUIVALENT COURSES⁴

<u>WSU</u>	<u>HutchCC Equivalent</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
HS 400 Intro to Pathophysiology	HR 212 Pathophysiology	4
HS 301 Clinical Pharmacology	AL 153 Clinical Pharmacology	3

PROFESSIONAL NURSING COURSES⁵

The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU requires 31 total credit hours, as indicated below.

NURS 346	Health Assessment for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 329	Introduction to Evidence Based Practice for the Practicing RN <i>must take STAT 370 or transfer equivalent prior to enrollment</i>	3
NURS 337	Foundations of Nursing Leadership for the Practicing RN	4
NURS 451	Care of Populations for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 490	Health Care Leadership for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 496	Nursing Leadership Practicum for the Practicing RN <i>must be taken in last semester of program</i>	2
HS 400	Introduction to Pathophysiology *May be replaced with an elective for HutchCC graduates	4
HS 301	Clinical Pharmacology *May be replaced with an elective for HutchCC graduates	3
Career Enhancement Electives ⁶ (Upper Division) – WSU only		6
Total Credit Hours for Professional Nursing Courses		31

⁴ Applies only to those HutchCC students who successfully complete the listed courses with a 73% or higher grade. Students who transfer these courses may need to take an additional 7 credit hours at WSU to meet graduation requirements.

⁵ All professional courses are offered online (NURS courses may not be taken concurrently and must be completed in order). NURS 496 requires a practicum that may be completed locally.

⁶ The following courses satisfy the Career Enhancement electives requirement: PHS 310, PHS 326, PHS 408, HP 430, ID 301, FA 321, BIOL 370, IB 333, PSY 534, SOC 316, SOC 319, SOC 326, SOC 346, THEA 385.

CREDIT AWARDED FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE:

WSU awards 30 upper division credit hours of Credit for Life Experience⁷ for admitted students who demonstrate successful completion of the NCLEX-RN national exam.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) One of the WSU graduation requirements is that students must have earned 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution. With the 30 hours of Credit for Life Experience + 31 hours of new course work at WSU, the total is 61 credit hours (thus, this requirement is met).
- 2) For all bachelor's degrees granted by WSU, at least 30 credit hours must be earned at WSU. In addition, at least 24 of the last 30 credit hours applied towards the degree must have been completed at WSU.
- 3) WSU requires a minimum of 45 upper division credit hours. However, 30 of these awarded via Credit for Life Experience + the 31 hours of new coursework, RN-BSN students will have no problem meeting this requirement.
- 4) WSU requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This includes any transferred hours from a regionally accredited school. For example, a student with an associate degree must transfer at least 89 credit hours to complete the program without taking any additional elective coursework to meet the 120-hour graduation requirement.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

HutchCC students who earn an associate degree in nursing with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and who have a current nursing license, will be eligible to matriculate to the WSU academic program in place for that catalog year. The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU is completely online and accessible 24 hours a day. It can be completed in as little as three (3) semesters or up to six (6) years.

HutchCC transfer students will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services on a similar basis as any other student.


WSU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to HutchCC transfer students as are applicable to any other student in the same catalog year.

⁷ The 30 hours of Credit for Life Experience counts towards two of the graduation requirements: 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution AND 45 upper division credit hours.

SIGNATURE PAGE

In signing this document, all parties agree to honor both the spirit and intent of this program-level articulation of an Associate Degree in Nursing from Hutchinson Community College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Wichita State University. Students who follow the curriculum and complete all the agreed-upon requirements will be able to graduate with degrees from both institutions in a timely manner.

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2023-2024 and remains in force unless a new articulation agreement is signed by all parties. The agreement is subject to annual review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements, and may be amended at any time, affecting students from the date of the amendment forward. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of one year will be required and students enrolled under the Agreement who remain continuously enrolled will be allowed to complete the program as articulated.



ADN Director and
Co-Chair of Allied Health
HutchCC
Date: 8/4/2023

Debra Pile

Chair, School of Nursing, WSU
Date: 07/31/2023



Dean, College of Health Professions, WSU
Date: 7/31/2023



Vice President, HutchCC
Date:



Executive Vice President and Provost, WSU
Date: