

Appendix B: Curriculum Plan for Undergraduate Articulation Agreement

Degree Programs (CC & University): Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (SCC)
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (WCU)

This articulation agreement between Southwestern Community College (SCC) and Western Carolina University (WCU) allows graduates of the Western Region Regional Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at SCC to transfer credit towards a Bachelor of Science (BSN) program at Western Carolina University. Upon transfer to Western Carolina University, students from Western Region RIBN must comply with all applicable Academic Regulations as listed in *The Record*, The WCU Undergraduate Catalog.

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Notes:

1. Students who complete the General Education Core, the Associate of Arts degree, or the Associate of Science degree will have their Liberal Studies requirements at Western Carolina University waived.
2. If the above statement does not apply and 15.1 or more semester hours are transferred into WCU the first semester, the First Year Seminar is not required at WCU.
3. If Liberal Studies requirements are not waived at WCU then students must take a course that has been approved as an Upper Level Perspectives course (300-400) in one of the Perspectives categories.
4. The RIBN program major requires students to take two Upper Level Perspectives courses (300-400).
5. Per WCU degree requirements, a minimum of 25 percent of semester hours applied toward a bachelor's degree must be earned through regular enrollment in Western Carolina University junior-senior level courses, including a minimum of 12 hours in junior-senior courses in the major field.

Liberal Studies/General Education Requirements:

WCU Requirement	Partner Institution Equivalent
First Year Seminar (see note #2 above)	Not Required
C1 ENGL 101 (3 hrs.)	ENG 111 (3 hrs)
C1 ENGL 202 (3 hrs.)	ENG 112 or 114 (3 hrs)
C2 Mathematics (3 hrs.)	MAT 171 or MAT 152 (4 hrs)
C3 Oral Communication (3 hrs.)	COM 110 (3 hrs) or COM 231 (3 hrs)
C4 Wellness (3 hrs.)	HEA 110 (3 hrs) or PED 110 (2 hrs)
C5 Physical & Biological Sciences (3 hrs.)*	CHM 131 (4 hrs)
C5 Physical & Biological Sciences (3 hrs.)*	BIO 168 or 169 (4 hrs)
P1 Social Sciences (3 hrs.)**	PSY 150 (3 hrs)-May take at WCU-distance
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P3 History (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P4 Humanities (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P5 Fine and Performing Arts (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P6 World Cultures (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance

C=Core category of Liberal Studies Program P= Perspectives category of Liberal Studies Program
 *sciences must be from two different disciplines
 ** social sciences must be from two different disciplines

Major Requirements (courses)

WCU Requirement	Partner Institution Equivalent
CHEM 132 (4 hrs)	CHM 131 (3 hrs)
CHEM 133 (4 hrs)	CHM 132 (4 hrs)
BIO 291 (4 hrs)	BIO 168 (4 hrs)
BIO 292 (4 hrs)	BIO 169 (4 hrs)
COMM 201 (3 hrs)	COM 231 (3 hrs) or COM 110 (3 hrs)
ENVH 260/261 (3 hrs)	BIO 175 (3 hrs)
NSG 346 (3 hrs)	Taken at WCU-distance
PSY 150 (3 hrs)	PSY 150 (3 hrs)-Take at either SCC or WCU (this is required for the ADN and is a prereq for PSY 241)
NSG 322 (2 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 327 (4 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 302 (3 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 305 (1 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 384 (2 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 328 (3 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 329 (3 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 471 (2 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 472 (2 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 473 (2 hrs)	Taken at WCU-residential

+Western Region RIBN students will enroll in NSG 327-Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing I during the ninth semester. Successful course completion of this course results in the awarding of a 43-semester block of credit.

SCC requirements needed to complete the degree program:

ACA 111 (1 hr)
HEA 110 (2 hrs)
PSY 241 (3 hrs)
NUR 111 (8 hrs)
NUR 114 (5 hrs)
NUR 117 (2 hrs)
NUR 112 (5 hrs)
NUR 211 (5 hrs)
NUR 212 (5 hrs)
NUR 113 (5 hrs)
NUR 213 (10 hrs)
NAI Requirement

Liberal studies (and electives as needed for WCU)	52
Upper level courses (taken through WCU)	32
Maximum credits transferred	96*
Minimum credits from WCU	32*
Total hours required for graduation*	128

Semester Plan for Degree Program

Please indicate which courses are to be taken at the relative institutions.

1 st Semester (Summer) *UE 101 (1 hr-WCU distance)	
2 nd Semester (Fall) C5: BIO 168 (4 hrs) MAT 171/171A (4hrs) or MAT 152 (4 hrs) ACA 111 (1 hr) CHEM 131/131A (4 hrs) P course: Liberal Studies (3 hrs)	3 rd Semester (Spring) C1: ENG 111 (4 hrs) C5: BIO 169 (4 hrs) C5: CHEM 132 (4 hrs) HEA 110 (3 hrs) or PED 110 (2 hrs) P1: PSY 150 (3 hrs)
4 th Semester (Summer) Make up semester *WCU course (could take NSG 346 or an ULP)	
5 th Semester (Fall) NUR 111 (SCC-8 hrs) NUR 117 (SCC-2 hrs) C5: BIO 175 (3 hrs) P course: Liberal Studies (3 hrs)	6 th Semester (Spring) NUR 114 (SCC-5 hrs) NUR 112 (SCC-5 hrs) PSY 241 (SCC-3 hrs) P course: Liberal Studies (3 hrs)
7 th Semester (Summer) NUR 113 (SCC-5 hrs) *WCU course (could take NSG 346 or an ULP)	
8 th Semester (Fall) NUR 211 (SCC-5 hrs) NUR 212 (SCC-5 hrs) ENG 114 (SCC-3 hrs) P course: Liberal Studies (3 hrs)	9 th semester (Spring) NUR 213 (SCC-10 hrs) COM 231 (SCC-3 hrs) or COM 110 (SCC-3 hrs) *P course: Liberal Studies (3 hrs) if not already completed in previous semesters
10 th semester (Fall) NSG 322 (2 hrs) WCU-Residential +NSG 327 (4 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 302 (3 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 305 (1 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 384 (2 hrs) WCU-Residential	11 th semester (Spring) NSG 328 (3 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 329 (3 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 471 (2 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 472 (2 hrs) WCU-Residential NSG 473 (2 hrs) WCU-Residential

*Students must take NSG 346 and 2 ULP's through WCU to meet the 25 rule for upper level courses. Students must be actively enrolled through WCU at least once per three semesters. UE 101 counts as an active enrollment course through WCU.

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Articulation Agreement between Southwestern Community College Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing and Western Carolina University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Western Region RIBN)

- A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required for admission to Western Region Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN). Students admitted to Western Region RIBN must meet admission requirements of Southwestern Community College (SCC) and Western Carolina University (WCU). RIBN admission criteria will meet the standard admission requirements for degree seeking students at WCU. Retention in the nursing major is contingent on maintaining a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses in the major, with a cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- B. Year 2 and Year 3 nursing courses completed at SCC meet the requirements for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and satisfy graduation requirements. These courses do not directly transfer to WCU, but after successful completion of NSG 327: Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing I during the fall semester of the final year, 43 semester hour credits will be awarded.
- C. To graduate from WCU with a BSN degree, students must complete the degree requirements per academic regulations listed in *The Record*, the WCU Undergraduate Catalog; however, the 50% rule has been waived for Western Region RIBN students. Students transferring credits to WCU from other institutions must still comply with the 25% rule of taking 25% of required degree hours through WCU at the upper level.
- D. This agreement will run continuously without need for renewal. Updates to the agreement will be initiated and processed every two years. The update process will be completed as follows: copies of this agreement will be distributed to deans and department heads by November 1st of each update year. Updates or “no change” approvals to this agreement should be returned by December 10th. If curriculum changes are identified by either institution during the review process, parties from both institutions will review and approve the proposed changes and make necessary updates to the course equivalency outline.
- E. Either party upon written notice can terminate this agreement. If the agreement is terminated, SCC students who have matriculated at WCU can continue until completion of the baccalaureate degree if they are continuously enrolled at Western Carolina University. Also, students who are enrolled at SCC at the time may continue under the terms of the agreement as long as they are continuously enrolled. If the student ceases enrollment for two regular academic semesters, the student must re-enroll under the most recently adopted agreement.
- F. SCC will continue to financially support a student success advocate (SSA) position at a minimum of a half-time basis.
- G. An administrative team composed of representatives from both WCU and SCC will be maintained with regularly scheduled meetings. What does continuously enrolled mean? Does it mean every third semester or every semester enrolled at WCU?