

Academic Articulation Agreement
between
North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays
and
Wichita State University
Wichita, KS
for the
Bachelors of Science in Nursing
RN to BSN Degree Completion

OVERVIEW:

This academic articulation agreement is made and entered into by North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays, hereinafter referred to as North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays and Wichita State University hereinafter referred to as WSU. By this agreement North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays 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 the **Associate of Applied Science, Nursing** degree at North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays 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's degree from a regionally accredited school.
- 2) A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- 3) A passing score on NCLEX-RN (verification of RN licensure is required for program entry).
- 4) Completion of all required prerequisite courses.

Required Prerequisite Courses³:

ENGL 101 English Comp I	3
ENGL 102 English Comp II	3
COMM 111 Public Speaking	3
MATH 111 College Algebra	3
PSY 111 General Psychology	3
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology	3
PSY 325 Developmental Psychology (lifespan study)	3
CHEM 103 Intro Chemistry/Lab	5

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

BIOL 220 Microbiology/Lab	4
BIOL 223 or HS 290 Human A & P/Lab	5
STAT 370 Elementary Statistics	3

The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU requires 35 total credit hours, as indicated below.

Professional Nursing Courses⁴:

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	Nursing Leadership for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 496	Nursing Leadership Practicum for the Practicing RN <i>must be taken in last semester of program and all other nursing courses must have been satisfactorily completed.</i>	2
HS 400	Introduction to Pathophysiology	4
HS 301	Clinical Pharmacology	3
HP 325F	Introduction to Health Care Ethics (if PHIL 327 not completed)	1
Issues and Perspectives ⁵ – 1 st Course ⁶ :		3
Issues and Perspectives – 2 nd Course:		3
Upper Division Elective:		3
Total Credit Hours for Professional Nursing Courses		35

⁴ All nursing courses are offered online and must be completed in order. (Classes may be taken concurrently, all nursing courses must be completed prior to enrollment in NURS 496)
NURS 496 requires a practicum that may be completed locally and WSU must have an affiliation agreement with the facility.

⁵ Issues and Perspectives (I&P) courses in the Disciplines, part of the WSU general education program, Tier 3.

⁶ Students must complete two I&P courses at WSU with a grade of “C” or better to complete WSU general education requirements. The following courses from the Core and Elective list are I&P courses and should be considered when selecting form course options: HMCD 308; HMCD 310; HMCD 326; HP 430, ARTH 321, BIOL 370, IB 333, THEA 385.

Credit Awarded for Previous Nursing Education

The Associate Degree (ADN) RN student is eligible to receive nursing credit for up to 30 hours of ADN course work upon successful completion of the degree requirements. During the final semester of coursework, the student will pay an administrative fee of \$50.00 for receiving the credit. To avoid the award of duplicate credit toward graduation, the associate degree nursing course work will be parenthesized on the transcript at the time 30 credits of upper division nursing coursework are posted.

Additional Graduation Requirements:

- The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU requires 35 credit hours of coursework. In addition to this, WSU awards up to 30 upper division credit hours of retroactive credit⁷ for students who have graduated with an associate's degree from a regionally accredited school with an accredited nursing program.
- One of the WSU graduation requirements is that students must have earned 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution. With up to 30 retroactive credits + 35 hours of new course work at WSU, the total is up to 65 credit hours from a 4-year institution. (Thus, this requirement is met).
- 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.
- WSU requires a minimum of 45 upper division credit hours. However, with up to 30 of these awarded via retroactive credit + the 35 hours of new coursework, RN-BSN students will have no problem meeting this requirement.
- 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's degree must transfer at least 85 credit hours in order to complete the program without taking any additional elective coursework to meet the 120 hour graduation requirement.
- Any student transferring to WSU with an earned associates degree from a regionally accredited university will have fulfilled WSU general education requirements upon completion of two I&P courses (grade of "C" or better), which can be selected as part of the 35 required WSU credits.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

North Central Kansas Technical College – Hays students who earn an associate's 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

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

24 hours a day. It can be completed in as little as 12 months full time or up to 6 years of part-time study.

Students entering the RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU will be required to provide proof of the following to WSU: 1) Graduation from North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays, 2) a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and 3) current nursing license. North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to WSU through its Office of Registration and Records.

North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays 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 North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays transfer students as are applicable to any other student in the same catalog year.

SIGNATURE PAGE

In signing this document, all parties agree to honor both the spirit and intent of this program-level articulation of an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing from (name of community college) with a Bachelor's 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 2017 -2018 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.

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