

**Academic Articulation Agreement**  
*between*  
**Garden City Community College**  
**Garden City, 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 Garden City Community College, hereinafter referred to as GCCC, and Wichita State University, hereinafter referred to as WSU. By this agreement GCCC 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 GCCC the opportunity to complete a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** degree at WSU.

The RN<sup>1</sup> to BSN<sup>2</sup> 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 COURSES<sup>3</sup>:**

<u>WSU</u>	<u>GCCC Equivalent</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ENGL 101 College English I	ENGL 101 English I	3
ENGL 102 College English II	ENGL 102 English II	3
COMM 111 Public Speaking	COMM 101 Public Speaking	3

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<sup>1</sup> RN = Registered Nurse

<sup>2</sup> BSN = Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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

PSY 111 General Psychology	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology	SOCI 102 Intro to Sociology	3
PSY 325 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 210 Developmental Psychology	3
BIOL 220 Microbiology/Lab	BIOL 213 Microbiology/Lab	5
BIOL 223 Human A & P/Lab	BIOL 211 Anatomy & Physiology I AND BIOL 212 Anatomy & Physiology II	8
STAT 370 Elementary Statistics	MATH 110 Fundamentals of Statistics	3

#### PROFESSIONAL NURSING COURSES<sup>4</sup>

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	4
HS 301	Clinical Pharmacology	3
Career Enhancement Electives <sup>5</sup> (Upper Division) – WSU only		6
<b>Total Credit Hours for Professional Nursing Courses</b>		<b>31</b>

#### CREDIT AWARDED FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE:

WSU awards 30 upper division credit hours of Credit for Life Experience<sup>6</sup> for admitted students who demonstrate successful completion of the NCLEX-RN national exam.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. Additional courses are available – consult with advisor.

<sup>6</sup> The 30 hours of Credit for Life Experience counts towards the graduation requirement of 45 upper division credit hours.

### **ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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 to BSN students will have no problem meeting this requirement.
- 3) 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:**

GCCC 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.


GCCC 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 GCCC transfer students as are applicable to any other student in the same catalog year.

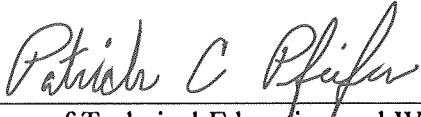
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In signing this document, all parties agree to honor both the spirit and intent of this program-level articulation of an Associate degree in nursing from Garden City Community College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Wichita State 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.

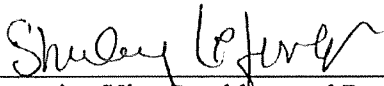
This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2023-2024 and remains in force unless a new articulation agreement is signed by all parties. The agreement is subject to annual review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements, and may be amended at any time, affecting students 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.

  
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Director of Nursing, GCCC  
Date: 5/15/2024

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Chair, School of Nursing, WSU  
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Dean of Technical Education and Workforce  
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