

SYSTEMWIDE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

The Wisconsin Technical College System Associate Degree in Nursing Program and the
University of Wisconsin Collaborative Nursing Program/ BSN@HOME

WTCS ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

Wisconsin Technical Colleges System wide Associate Degree in Nursing - ADN
All WTCS institutions participating

UW BACCALAUREATE DEGREE:

University of Wisconsin BSN@HOME, Bachelor of Science In Nursing - BSN
Participating UW Institutions: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW- Milwaukee,
UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Stevens Point

RATIONALE:

Consistent with *The Future of Nursing report (IOM, 2010)*, nurse educators in the state of Wisconsin support career pathways in nursing to move from entry level to advanced nursing degrees. The WTCS associate degree programs in nursing (ADN) and UW-System Collaborative nursing programs/BSN@Home, as listed above, have a shared responsibility for preparing a professional and diverse nursing workforce in Wisconsin. This collaborative agreement promotes seamless progression from an associate degree in nursing to the baccalaureate level.

WTCS offers a statewide associate degree nursing curriculum with shared competencies in all sixteen technical college districts. Licensed registered nurses with an ADN and students nearing completion of an ADN program are encouraged to apply to a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) program. The UW-System Collaborative nursing programs/BSN@Home, currently composed of six UW institutions, was specifically designed for ADN-prepared registered nurses to progress to a BSN degree. All BSN candidates must meet admission and nursing program requirements specific to the UW "home institution" at which they are enrolled as a degree seeking student. Program requirements include general education courses, support courses, and upper-level nursing courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The term of this agreement applies to Technical College associate degree nursing students who meet the admission requirements set forth by the BSN@Home program.

TOTAL TRANSFER CREDITS:

A minimum of 60 credits in general education and nursing coursework taken within the required nursing curriculum of a WTCS ADN program will be directly awarded in transfer following admission to the baccalaureate program,

DESCRIPTION:

This articulation agreement applies to graduates of the WTCS system-wide Associate Degree Nursing program from May 1996 and thereafter. These graduates are eligible to receive a minimum of 60 college transfer credits to be applied to the Bachelor in Nursing degree at a UW System BSN@HOME under the terms of this agreement. These credits may include no more than thirty credits from the WTCS System-wide Nursing curriculum and thirty credits of general education courses. In addition to these sixty credits, some additional credits from WTCS may also be transferable.

System-to-System and Program-to-Program articulated transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the program/degree specified in this agreement. A change of major/degree/program invalidates these courses/credits for transfer unless they are approved within some other Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement for a different major/degree/program. Graduates prior to 1996 will be evaluated on an individual basis. A student may be admitted under a prior articulation agreement in place at the admitting institution, if the agreement would academically benefit the student.

This agreement is on-going and will be reviewed at least every five years. The five-year review will be initiated by the BSN@HOME Statewide Program Coordinator in collaboration with WTCS partners. The reviewed articulation agreement will be submitted to the WTCS Vice President of Instruction, and the UW System Associate Vice President, Academic and Faculty Programs.

References

Institute of Medicine (IOM) (2010). *The future of nursing: Leading change, advancing health*. Retrieved from <http://thefutureofnursing.org/IOM-Report>

Original agreement 1996

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