



**Systemwide Articulation Agreement
Between
Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)
Associate Degree in Nursing Program
and
University of Wisconsin System Collaborative Nursing Program/BSN@Home**

WTCS ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

Wisconsin Technical Colleges Systemwide Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
All WTCS (16) Institutions participating

UW BACCALAUREATE DEGREE:

University of Wisconsin BSN@Home Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN)
Participating UW Institutions: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Stevens Point

Effective Date: 6/01/2021

Next Review Date: 6/01/2026

New Agreement

Revised Agreement

Agreement Description and Rationale:

This document constitutes an articulation agreement between the sixteen (16) institutions of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and the University of Wisconsin System BSN@Home Program.

Nurse educators in Wisconsin have been striving to advance the level of education for nurses from entry level to more advanced degrees through a variety of mechanisms. One mechanism is through a seamless, efficient pathway from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) associate degree nursing (ADN) program to the University of Wisconsin Collaborative nursing program; commonly known as BSN at Home. This pathway is supported by the National Academy of Medicine’s most recent recommendations to advance nursing knowledge to promote health equity and knowledge development on the social determinants of health as outlined in *the Future of Nursing Report 2020-2030* (National Academy of Medicine, 2021). This report’s recommendations focus on advancing nursing knowledge beyond entry level to fulfill the greater community need in reducing disparities in healthcare, creating more social programs to address healthcare access issues and to provide advocacy and resources to meet emerging healthcare needs in the communities we serve.

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 which have a focus on the needs outlined in the National Academies of Medicine report.

Admission Requirements/Conditions:

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.

- RN License
- 2.5 or higher Cumulative GPA
- Graduate of an Associate Degree or Diploma in Nursing Program

Associate Degree students in their 3rd and 4th semesters can enroll in select UW BSN@Home nursing courses as special students. These courses will count toward the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing degree.

Articulation Transfer Agreement Terms:

The terms of this agreement apply to WTCS students who successfully complete the AAS (Associate in Applied Science) in Nursing who meet the conditions set forth herein for the UW BS in Nursing degree.

The AAS in Nursing will transfer to UW System's BSN@Home:

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 as stipulated in Appendix A.

- 30 nursing credit block from the WTCS systemwide nursing curriculum will be applied to the baccalaureate (See Appendix A).
- Minimum of 30 credits in general education courses.

Program-to-program transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the UW System degree specified in this agreement. A change of major/degree/program may invalidate these courses/credits for transfer unless they are approved within some other transfer agreement for a different major/degree/program at the participating UW System institutions.

Coursework taken in addition to what is required for the associate degree will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis and transferred in accordance with UW System transfer policy. Information on the transferability of specific, non-articulating courses may be found in Transferology (www.transferology.com)

Graduation Requirements/Policies:

In addition to meeting all General Education and major requirements, students must satisfy the following to receive the BS in Nursing:

- Satisfactory completion of 120-124 credits as determined by participating UW System Campuses
- Completion of 30 credits in residence at the participating UW System Campus

A transfer course/credit articulation table showing how the AAS in Nursing from the WTCS transfers to UW System BSN@Home Program appears in Appendix A. Some coursework may be combined to meet requirements within the BS in Nursing. Also, some courses that ordinarily do not transfer may do so under the terms of this agreement.

Institutional Commitment:

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 is an on-going agreement that will be reviewed in five years or sooner, based on the request of participating partners(s) or curriculum changes. The 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 for Academic Programs and Faculty Advancement.

WTCS and UW System BSN@Home will make the terms of this agreement public and may develop marketing materials for its promotion. Each institution will provide advising as appropriate to interested students regarding this agreement. The two systems agree to provide information necessary to aid in the successful transfer of these students and their academic credits.

Both systems reserve the right to review and approve marketing materials created for the promotion of this agreement and will adhere to stated standards for the use of their respective names and logos. Furthermore, each institution assumes responsibility for communicating and marketing this agreement to its student population. Links to this agreement may be provided and should be maintained regularly, with notification to the other institution.

Approved by:

The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin
System on behalf of
University of Wisconsin-BSN@Home Program

All signatures on file.

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Provost, UW-Eau Claire	UW-Eau Claire	
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Provost, UW-Madison	Dean, School of Nursing	Date
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Provost, UW-Milwaukee	Dean, College of Nursing	Date
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Provost, UW-Oshkosh	Dean, College of Nursing	Date
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Provost, UW-Stevens Point	Dean, School of Health Sciences and Wellness	Date
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A copy of this agreement will be available at every participating Institution (UW System and WTCS):

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) SIGNATURE PAGE
Instructional Service Administrators

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Moraine Park Technical College	

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Nicolet Area Technical College	

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Fox Valley Technical College	

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Northcentral Technical College	

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Gateway Technical College	

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Northeast WI Technical College	

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Lakeshore Technical College	

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Southwest WI Technical College	

Name	Date
Madison College	

Name	Date
Waukesha County Technical College	

Name	Date
Mid-State Technical College	

Name	Date
Western Technical College	

Name	Date
Milwaukee Area Technical College	

Name	Date
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College	

Appendix A Transfer Table

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The following table outlines a typical transfer scenario, showing how the associate degree curriculum applies to the bachelor's degree and which requirements remain to complete the UW degree. To maximize credit transfer, some substitutions may be identified. While every effort is made to maximize credit transfer, lack of alignment between degree programs and levels of instruction may require students to exceed 120-124 credits to meet all graduation requirements. Transfer results will differ based on individual students' transcripts.

Degree Requirements	Courses/Credits required to earn UW major	Cr	Courses/Credits still to be completed at UW	Cr
General/Liberal Education Requirements	Completed in the AAS degree	30-34		30
Non-nursing general education (Requirements vary by campus) Link to UW Eau Claire UW Green Bay UW Madison UW Milwaukee UW Oshkosh UW Stevens Point			Credits may be completed by AAS degree completion	
Major Requirements		30		30
Associate Degree Nursing Courses/Credits	AAS degree completion (Block of 30 nursing credits)			
	AAS degree completion			
Bridge/Transitional Nursing Course (varies by campus)			Courses/Credits vary per UW Campus	0-3
Advanced Nursing Courses			N407 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	3
			N441 Chronic Care Management	3
			N446 Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
			N447 Leadership and Management	3
			N453 Information Management and Healthcare Technology	3
			N454 Community Health Nursing	3
Capstone Synthesis and/or Practicum (varies by campus) <i>*All UW Campuses require a Practicum course</i>			Courses/Credits vary per UW Campus	
Nursing Electives (varies by campus)			Courses/Credits vary per UW Campus	4-9
Other Requirements				
TOTALCREDITS(120-124 min)		60-64		60