Systemwide Articulation Agreement Between
Colleges in The College System of Tennessee
For the Period of Fall 2022 through Summer 2025

Articulation of <u>Practical Nursing</u> Delivered at the
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology to be Applied Toward
The <u>A.A.S. in Nursing</u> Delivered at Specified
Community Colleges in Tennessee

The Tennessee community colleges hereinafter referred to as the "CC(s)" and the Tennessee colleges of applied technology hereinafter referred to as the "TCAT(s)" have entered into a statewide partnership which promotes student transfer and program articulation. The partnership is for the purpose of providing eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TCAT and/or by earning recognized industry certification(s) as identified in "APPENDIX A."

<u>OVERVIEW</u>

In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), and the procedures established by the individual CCs, we hereby enter into this Agreement to provide the eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TCAT and by earning recognized industry certification(s) or meeting other criteria as identified in "APPENDIX A."

The CCs determine awarded credits based upon the course completion(s), certification(s) earned, or other specified requirements.

1. TCATs will indicate on student transcripts the specific coursework completed and certifications taken and passed (if known).
2. When evaluating student transcripts, the CC will award credit based on criteria identified in "APPENDIX A."
3. In addition, CCs may award credit based upon evaluation of transcripts on a course-by-course basis.
4. Pre-requisite courses must be considered prior to accepting credit via this agreement.
5. Students must meet the standards and follow the procedures of the individual CC catalog for the year they enrolled in the articulated course/program or follow the current year CC catalog.
6. The awarding of any nontraditional credit (e.g. CLEP, AP credit-by-exam, military services, etc.) may be granted for coursework not identified in "APPENDIX A."
7. Upon an institution's request this agreement will be reviewed.
8. This agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the duly authorized signatories, or until the term of the agreement has expired.
9. The CCs and the TCATs shall:
   a. Designate a responsible party to provide oversight of details and disseminate general program information to students.
   b. Determine course(s) to award credit based upon recommendation of content

faculty.

    c. Agree to review every three years the certifications/courses and/or Student Learning Outcomes for which college credit will be awarded.

    d. Establish a process to ensure effective coordination between the individual CC(s) and TCAT(s). The Statewide Articulation Committee shall serve as a resource for questions or concerns that may arise and will consist of representatives from both the CC(s) and the TCAT(s) that are faculty or curriculum coordinators for the discipline as appointed by the chief academic officer at the CC and the President at the TCAT.

10. The SACSCOC accredited institution agrees to accept specific course work from a non-SACSCOC accredited institution to be applied toward an award from a SACSCOC accredited institution. That course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a student transcript. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the receiving institution, and the acceptance of credits or course work is based on the receiving institution's regulations and guidelines."

11. This agreement will commence the semester following the signing thereof.

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APPENDIX A

Awarding of College Credit to <u>Practical Nursing</u> graduates of Tennessee Colleges of
Technology into the <u>A.A.S. in Nursing</u>

TCAT Requirements	Credit Hours	Community College Course Awarded
Graduation from a TCAT LPN program and the student must hold an unencumbered TN LPN license	7 PLA credit hours	Graduation from TCAT LPN license with unencumbered TN LPN license

**The College System of Tennessee nursing program directors worked to establish
common admission requirements to reduce confusion and to streamline the pathway to
becoming an RN after completing the LPN program at a TCAT.**

Non-Academic Admission Requirements

- Applicant must meet the admission requirements of the community college and be admitted to the community college
- Applicant must complete application to AAS nursing program as LPN to RN bridge student by AAS community college nursing program application deadline
- Admission of LPN to AAS community college program is based on space availability in AAS RN program
- TCAT graduates will not be required to take the community college AAS RN entrance exam if the applicant has graduated within the past 3 years and has successfully passed the TCAT specific exit exam (successful completion of the TCAT specific exit exam is required for a student to graduate from the LPN program)

Academic Admission Requirements

- The LPN applicant must complete all learning support courses prior to admission into the community college AAS program
- LPN applicant must have minimum 2.5 GPA on gen ed courses required for admission into the community college AAS program
- LPN applicant must have "C" or better in required Math & Science prerequisite courses required for admission into the community college AAS program
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APPENDIX A (continued)

Prerequisite Course Requirements for Admission into RN Program

- BIOL 2010   Anatomy and Physiology I
- Math 1530   Probability and Statistics
- Psychology 1030   Introduction to Psychology

Licensure Requirements

- LPN applicant must have TN or multi-state active unencumbered LPN license prior to beginning of classes in the community college AAS nursing program.

To be admitted into the community college AAS nursing program, the LPN applicant is not required to have experience as an LPN.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Credit

- After completion of the community college AAS nursing program LPN to RN Bridge requirements, a minimum of 7 college credits will be awarded for Fundamentals of Nursing.*

*Additional credits may be awarded depending on the curriculum map and prior experience of the student. The student should seek advice from the assigned A.A.S. degree in Nursing advisor.

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