

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT – NURSING PROGRAM

Belmont University

and

TBR Community Colleges

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THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between Belmont University (“Transfer School”) and the 13 TBR community colleges (“Institution”) as of the date of the last signature on this Agreement. The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of Institution will be eligible for articulated course credits at Transfer School, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of Institution’s students to Transfer School; to provide specific advisement for Institution’s students who intend to transfer to Transfer School; and, to encourage academic and administrative coordination between the two parties in the following program of study: Nursing.

Attachment A “Program of Study” outlines the equivalent transfer courses at Transfer School for courses taken at Institution.

Attachment B “Academic Plan” outlines the courses and credits that must be taken and earned at Transfer School in order to meet Transfer School’s graduation requirements for this program of study.

- b. Annual review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of each party. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each party’s respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The articulation requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- c. Program of Study. Changes by either party to a Program of Study can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed by both parties.

- d. Admission requirements. Students wishing to transfer credits to Transfer School must also meet the admissions requirements of Transfer School, and the parties acknowledge and agree that Transfer School reserves the right to reject any such student's admission to Transfer School, in accordance with its standard policies and procedures. These students must also provide an official transcript of courses completed. If admitted, the students shall become subject to all of Transfer School's policies, procedures and rules.
- e. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.
- f. Promotion. Both parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to promote, publicize and advertise the opportunities contemplated by this Agreement to their faculty, staff, alumni, students and potential students.
- g. Liaisons. Each party shall designate a representative to serve as its liaison in all matters arising under this Agreement, and shall furnish in writing the name of each representative to the other party.

2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. This agreement will be for the term of 3 years, from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2029, with a review of the agreement at the end of this time period prior to renewal. This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, (the "Effective Date"), but may be terminated in writing by either party. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until the end of the next admissions application and review period.
- b. Post-Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Institution's students previously accepted by or admitted to Transfer School shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement until such time such students have completed their coursework or have otherwise withdrawn

3. Miscellaneous.

- a. Non-Discrimination. Both parties shall abide by all applicable Federal and State laws pertaining to discrimination and hereby agree and assure that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement or in the employment practices of both parties on the grounds of classifications protected by Federal or State law.
- b. Binding agreement. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee of Transfer School and the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- c. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.
- d. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)

For Transfer School:

Address: Belmont University
Gordon E. Inman College of Nursing
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1900 Belmont Blvd.
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Attention: Dr. Sandy Murabito
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For Institution

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1 Bridgestone Park
Nashville, TN 37214

Attention: Dr. Thomas Sewell,
Associate Vice Chancellor
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- e. Waivers. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.
- f. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- g. Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile and PDF signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- h. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- i. Confidentiality of Records. All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.
- j. Per SACSCOC Standard 10.8 in the Principles of Accreditation, all transfer credit contemplated in this Agreement has been evaluated by academically qualified faculty of Transfer School to ensure that students receiving credit for courses taken at Institution have achieved the same level of knowledge, skills and experiences as those who have completed coursework at Transfer School.

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In Witness Whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

Belmont University

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President L. Gregory Jones
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**ATTACHMENT A
PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Pre-Nursing AS/Belmont University BSN Program Articulation

General Education

Community College Degree Requirements		Belmont University Transfer Equivalencies	
<i>Humanities and/or Fine Arts (9 hrs) (Choose three courses; Must include one literature course)</i>	Hrs		Hrs
ART 1035 Introduction to Art	3	Satisfies Fine Arts	3
ART 2000 Art History Survey I	3		
ART 2020 Art History Survey II	3		
ENGL 2860 Introduction to Film	3		
MUS 1030 Introduction to Music	3		
THEA 1030 Introduction to Theater	3		
ENGL 2045 Introduction to Literature	3	Satisfies Humanities	3
ENGL 2055 African American Literature	3		
ENGL 2110 Early American Literature	3		
ENGL 2120 Modern American Literature	3		
ENGL 2310 Early World Literature	3		
ENGL 2320 Modern World Literature	3		
PHIL 2430 Philosophy of Religion	3	REL 3000-Level Elective	3
<i>Lab Natural Science (8 hrs - both courses required)</i>			
BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 2230 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2020 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 2240 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<i>English (6 hrs - both courses required)</i>			
ENGL 1010 English Composition I	3	ENG 1010 First-Year Writing	3
ENGL 1020 English Composition II	3	Transfers as Free Elective	3
<i>Social Behavioral Science (6 hrs - both courses required)</i>			
PSYC 1030 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 1100 General Psychology	3
SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
<i>History (6 hrs) (Select a sequential pair.)</i>			
HIST 2310 Early World History	3	HIS 1010 World History to 1500	3
HIST 2320 Modern World History	3	HIS 1020 World History Since 1500	3
HIST 2010 Early United States History	3	HIS 2010 The American Experience to Reconstruction	3
HIST 2020 Modern United States History	3	HIS 2020 The American Experience since Reconstruction	3
<i>Mathematics (3 hrs – choose one of the courses listed)</i>			
MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics	3	MTH 1151 Elementary Statistics for Sciences	3

Communication (3 hrs - Choose one of the courses listed)			
COMM 2025 Fundamentals of Communication	3	Com 1100 Fund. of Speech Comm.	3
COMM 2045 Public Speaking	3	Com 1100 Fund. of Speech Comm.	3
Total General Education Requirements = 41			

Pre-Nursing Area of Emphasis

The following are requirements for the B.S.N. at Belmont University and the equivalent courses which will be accepted for transfer toward the degree requirements.

Community College Area of Emphasis Requirements	Hrs	Belmont University Transfer Equivalencies	Hrs
Microbiology (4 hrs)			
BIOL 2230 Microbiology	4	BIO 1030 Microbiology	4
Chemistry (4 hrs - Choose one of the courses listed)			
CHEM 1030 Fundamentals of Chemistry	4	CEM 1020 General, Organic and Biochemistry	3
Electives (12 hrs)			
PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development Psychology (recommended elective)	3	PSY 2800 Life Span Psychology	3
PHIL 260 Introduction to Bible Studies (course required for BU area of emphasis)	3	REL 1010 Understanding the Bible	3
HED 220 Principles of Nutrition (course required for BU area of emphasis)	3	NUR 2250 Lifespan Nutrition	2
Elective (choose from VSCC program elective list)	3	Elective transfer credit	3
Total Area of Emphasis Credit Hours = 20			

Total Credit Hours at CC: 61

Students must earn a "C" or higher in ALL courses.

ENG 3010 Third-Year Writing is a requirement for the B.S.N program and must be completed at BU. Students who transfer with the VSCC A.S. degree in Pre-Nursing completed will satisfy all BU general education requirements except for ENG 3010.

Students who transfer without the A.S. degree completed will be subject to a course-by-course evaluation and must take additional courses.

BU will make available up to 16 places each fall semester for graduates from the community college who submit their application by December 1 and meet the then current qualification for admission to the program.

**ATTACHMENT B
ACADEMIC PLAN**

Appendix B Belmont University Academic Plan

Required Upper Division Nursing Courses - 73 credit hours

The following are additional courses that must be completed at Belmont University in order to earn a B.S.N.

Course Number	Name of Course	Credits
ENG 3010	Third-Year Writing	3
REL 3000-Level*	Religion	3
NUR 1020	Diversity in Healthcare OR SWK 2300 Expl. Human Diversity	3
NUR 1600	Wellness, Assessment & Health	3
NUR 1601	Lab: Assessment & Found.	2
NUR 2240	Pathophysiology	3
NUR 2270	Foundations of Care Mgmt.	3
NUR 2271	Foundations of Experiential Learning	2
NUR 3010	Care Management 1	3
NUR 3011	Experiential Learning 1	2
NUR 3020	Care Management II	3
NUR 3021	Experiential Learning II	2
NUR 3060	Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 3150	Obstetrical Nursing	3
NUR 3250	Pediatric Nursing	3
NUR 3350	Therapeutic Nutrition	2
NUR 3500	Pharmacology I	3
NUR 3600	Pharmacology II	3
NUR 3850	Evidenced-Based Practice	3
NUR 4010	Care Management III	3
NUR 4011	Experiential Learning III	2
NUR 4015	Senior Capstone	3
NUR 4020	Populations and their Contexts	3
NUR 4030	Care Management IV: Complex	3
NUR 4031	Experiential Learning IV: Complex	2
NUR 4200	Nurse as a Leader	3
NUR 4220	Preceptorship	2
Total		73

Students must earn a "C" or higher in ALL courses.

*A 3000-level religion course will be required if student does not take PHIL 2430 at VSCC.

Total: 134 credit hours