

**ARTICULATION / TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

AND

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by and between Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU") and Columbia State Community College ("CoSCC"). The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of Columbia State Community College's A.D. Nursing program will be eligible for articulated course credits at MTSU, 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. Definitions. Articulation criteria is defined in Attachment A.
- b. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of students graduating from Columbia State's A.D. Nursing program to MTSU; to provide specific advisement for Columbia State's A.D. Nursing students who intend to transfer to MTSU; and, to encourage academic and administrative coordination between the institutions in the following program:
  - Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

Attachment A, "Program of Study" outlines courses that must be taken at Columbia State Community College to earn an A.D and the equivalent MTSU transfer courses. A listing of the MTSU upper division courses that students shall be required to complete in order to earn a B.S.N. degree through MTSU is provided, as well.

In compliance with TBR Guideline A-031, Attachment A also outlines:

- Competencies that indicate that the learning outcomes specified in courses offered by the lower-level institution satisfy learning outcomes in similar courses offered by the upper-level institution. Syllabi and competency lists of the courses from the institutions involved must be maintained in the appropriate offices of both institutions;
  - Descriptions of required proficiency levels and criteria for measurement; and
  - The evaluation plan and process.
- c. Semester meetings. MTSU commits to holding one or more mandatory 'in-person' meetings at agreed upon location each semester to address questions and facilitate the transfer process.
  - d. Annual review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of each institution. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution'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 Tennessee Board of Regents.

- e. Admission requirements. Columbia State Community College Nursing students wishing to transfer credits to MTSU within the B.S.N. degree program must meet the admissions requirements for MTSU. These students must also provide an official transcript of courses completed at CoSCC to MTSU. If admitted, the students shall become subject to all MTSU policies, procedures and rules.
- f. Focus on articulation. This Agreement is in keeping with the Tennessee Board of Regents focus on partnership and collaboration between TBR institutions.
- g. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

## 2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, the Effective Date, until 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 of MTSU.
- b. Post-Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, CoSCC students previously accepted by or admitted to MTSU shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement.

## 3. Miscellaneous.

- a. Non-discrimination. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status or national origin.

The parties also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection available to employees and applicants for employment.

- b. Binding agreement. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee and the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- c. Point of contact information.

For CSCC: Kae Fleming, MBA, RT(R)  
Dean, Health Sciences

For MTSU: Jenny Sauls, PhD, RN, CNE  
Director, Nursing Program

- d. 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.
- e. 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 CoSCC:  
Margaret Smith  
Executive Vice President/Provost  
1665 Hampshire Pike  
Columbia, TN 38401

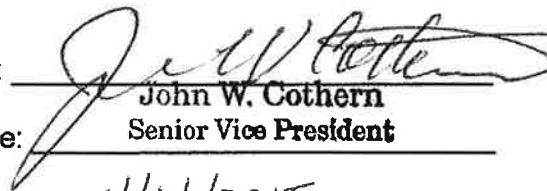
For MTSU:  
Dr. Brad Bartel  
Provost  
1301 East Main Street  
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

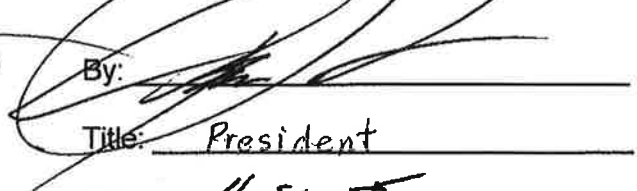
- f. Waivers. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.
- h. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement 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.
- i. 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 signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.

In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.


**Middle Tennessee State University**

**Columbia State Community College**

By:   
Title: John W. Cothorn  
Senior Vice President  
Date: 4/14/2015

By:   
Title: President  
Date: 4-8-15

**Approved: Tennessee Board of Regents**

By:   
Title: Chancellor  
Date: 4/21/15

## Attachment A

**THE PROGRAM OF STUDY**  
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**AD in Nursing to BSN - Articulation Requirements**

Students graduating from CoSCC with an AD in Nursing will receive credit for the following general education courses at MTSU:

<b>General Education Requirements</b>			
<b>CoSCC Course</b>	<b>MTSU Course</b>		<b># hours</b>
ENGL 1010 Composition I	ENGL 1010 English I*		3
PSYC 1030 General Psychology	PSY 1410 General Psychology*		3
SPCH 1010 Fund. Of Speech Comm.	COMM 2200 Oral Communication		3
PSYC 1030 Lifespan Psychology	PSY 2300 Lifespan Development		3
Humanities Elective	Humanities Elective		3
BIOL 2010 A & P I	BIOL 2010 A & P I*		4
BIOL 2020 A & P II	BIOL 2020 A & P II*		4
BIOL 2230 Microbiology	BIOL 2230 Microbiology		4
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>27 Hours</b>
Additional General Education courses student need for the BSN degree and (Name of institution) equivalent courses which will be accepted for transfer toward the BSN:			
MATH 1530	MATH 1530 Statistics*		3
HIST 2010	HIST 2010 American History I		3
HIST 2020	HIST 2020 American History II		3
ENGL 1020	ENGL 1020 English II*		3
ENGL 2010, 2015, 2030, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2210, 2220, 2230, 2330, 2410, 2420, 2920	ENGL Literature*		3
ART 1030; ENGL 2015, 2130, 2230, 2330, 2920; HUM 1130, 1131; MUS 1030; PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033, 121, 201; THEA 1030;	Humanities Elective		3
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>18 Hours</b>
<b>General Education Total</b>			<b>45 Hours</b>

\*Considered prerequisite for admission to the nursing program.

Required Upper Division Nursing Courses of MTSU which can be taken online include the following (other than selective Nursing Electives courses are offered every semester):

<b>Required Upper Division Courses:</b>	
NURS 3010, Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3030, Health Assessment	2
NURS 3040, Health Assessment Lab	1
NURS 3111, Professional Role Development	3
NURS 3170, Clinical Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 3370, Health and Gerontology	3
NURS 3570, Healthcare Research	3
NURS 4530, Caring for the Community as Client	3
NURS 4570, Professional Practice and Leadership	4
Nursing Elective	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28</b>
Required Upper Division Nursing Clinical Courses include the following: (These clinical experiences are likely available through Maury Regional Health System facilities.)	
NURS 4560, Community and Mental Health Clinical	3
NURS 4590, Capstone Clinical	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Upper Division Total</b>	
	<b>34 hours</b>

#### Special Provisions for Licensed Two-Year Graduates:

Students holding the RN license must meet MTSU's freshman and sophomore requirements. All RN-BSN students receive 43 hours of Advanced Standing Credit during their last semester to satisfy nursing requirements. RN's entering the MTSU curriculum will receive advanced standing credit for their knowledge and experience in the field of nursing. Credit will be posted to the official transcript the semester prior to graduation.

Suggested **Full Time** scheduling based on prerequisites/corequisites:

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
NURS 3010 (3)	NURS 4530 (3)	NURS 4570 (4)
NURS 3030 (2)	NURS 4560 (3)	NURS 4590 (3)
NURS 3040 (1)	NURS 3170 (3)	NURS 3570 (3)
NURS 3111 (3)	NURS ELEC (3)	
NURS 3370 (3)		
Total: 12 credits	Total: 12 credits	Total: 10 credits

Suggested **Part Time** scheduling based on prerequisites/corequisites:

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5
NURS 3010 (3)	NURS 3370 (3)	NURS 3170 (3)	NURS 4530 (3)	NURS 4570 (4)
NURS 3030 (2)	NURS 3111 (3)	NURS 3570 (3)	NURS 4560 (3)	NURS 4590 (3)
NURS 3040 (1)			NURS ELEC (3)	
Total: 6 credits	Total: 6 credits	Total: 6 credits	Total: 9 credits	Total: 7 credits