

**Academic Articulation Agreement**  
*between*  
**North Central Kansas Community College**  
*and*  
**Wichita State University**  
**Wichita, KS**  
*for the*  
**Bachelors of Science program in**  
**RN to BSN Degree Completion**

**OVERVIEW:**

This academic articulation agreement between North Central Kansas Community College - Hays, hereinafter referred to as North Central Kansas Community College, and Wichita State University, hereinafter referred to as Wichita State University, provides a student access to and access to higher education.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement provides students who have completed the Bachelor of Science of Science in Nursing degree at North Central Kansas Community College with the ability to transfer to Wichita State University.

The RN<sup>1</sup> to BSN<sup>2</sup> program is designed for students who have completed the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at North Central Kansas Community College and wish to transfer to Wichita State University.

- 1) An earned associate's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- 2) A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- 3) A passing score on the NCLEX-RN (Nursing).
- 4) Completion of all required prerequisite courses.

**Required Prerequisite Courses:**

ENGL 101 English Comp I	3
ENGL 102 English Comp II	3
COMM 111 Public Speaking	3
MATH 111 College Algebra	3
PSY 111 General Psychology	3
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology	3
PSY 325 Developmental Psychology (116)	3
CHEM 103 Intro Chemistry	5

<sup>1</sup> RN = Registered Nurse  
<sup>2</sup> BSN = Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
<sup>3</sup> Prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better.

BIOL 220 Microbiology/Lab	4
BIOL 225 or HS 290 Human Anatomy	4
STAT 370 Elementary Statistics	3

The RN to BSN degree combination requires a total of 25 credit hours as indicated below.

**Professional Nursing Courses<sup>4</sup>:**

NURS 346	Health Assessment for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 329	Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice for the Practicing RN RN must take STAT 370 or transfer equivalent prior to enrollment	3
NURS 337	Foundations of Nursing Leadership for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 451	Care of Patients for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 490	Nursing Leadership for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 496	Nursing Leadership Practicum for the Practicing RN <i>must be taken in last semester of program and all other nursing courses must have been satisfactorily completed</i>	2
HS 400	Introduction to Pathophysiology	4
HS 301	Clinical Pharmacology	3
HP 325F	Introduction to Health Care Ethics (if PHL 527 has not been completed)	1
Issues and Perspectives <sup>5</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Course <sup>6</sup> :		2
Issues and Perspectives – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Course:		2
Upper Division Electives		3
<b>Total Credit Hours for Professional Nursing Courses</b>		<b>25</b>

<sup>4</sup> All nursing courses are offered on campus and must be completed on campus. All nursing courses must be completed prior to enrolling in NURS 329. NURS 496 requires a practicum that may be completed on any and all WSU campuses and WSU must have an affiliation agreement with the facility.

<sup>5</sup> Issues and Perspectives (I&P) courses in the Disciplines, part of the WSU general education program, NURS 329.

<sup>6</sup> Students must complete two I&P courses at WSU with a grade of "C" or better to complete WSU general education requirements. The following courses from the Core and Elective list are considered when selecting from course options: HMCD 308; HMCD 310; HMCD 326; HP 430; ARTH 330; ARTH 335; ID 335; THEA 365.

### Credit Award for Previous Nursing Education

The Associate Degree (ADN) RN student is eligible to receive nursing credit for up to 30 hours of ADN course work. At the end of the semester of coursework, the student will pay an administrative fee of \$50.00 for receiving the credit. To avoid the award of duplicate credit to nursing coursework, the associate degree nursing course work will be parenthesized on the transcript at the time 30 credits of upper division non-nursing coursework are posted.

### Additional Graduation Requirements:

- The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU requires 2 credit hours of coursework. In addition to the WSU course work, an upper division credit hour of retroactive credit<sup>7</sup> for students who have graduated with an associate's degree from a regionally accredited school with an accredited nursing program.
- One of the WSU graduation requirements is that students must have earned 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution. With no more than retroactive credits + 35 hours of new course work at WSU, the total is up to 65. ~~With no more than retroactive credits + 35 hours of new course work at WSU, the total is up to 65.~~ This requirement is met.
- For all bachelor's degrees granted by WSU, at least 20 credit hours must be earned at WSU. In addition, at least 24 of the last 30 credit hours applied towards the degree must have been completed at WSU.
- WSU requires a minimum of 45 upper division credit hours. However, with up to 20 hours of these awarded via retroactive credit in the 35 hours of new coursework, RN to BSN students will have no problem meeting this requirement.
- WSU requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This includes any transfer hours from a regionally accredited school. For a regional student with an associate's degree must transfer at least 60 credit hours in order to complete the program without taking any additional elective coursework to meet the 120-hour graduation requirement.
- Any student transferring to WSU with an earned associate's degree from a regionally accredited university will have met the graduation requirements upon completion of two 100-level nursing courses. ~~Completion of two 100-level nursing courses will meet the graduation requirements.~~ the 25 required WSU credits.

### CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

North Central Kansas Technical College: Has students who earn an associate's degree in nursing with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and who have a current nursing license, will be eligible to matriculate to the WSU academic program in their first or second year. The RN to BSN degree completion program at WSU is a 2-year program.

<sup>7</sup> The 30 hours of retroactive credit are in addition to the graduation requirements of 60 hours from a 4-year institution AND 45 upper division credit hours.

24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year, 24/7/365. This is a full-time study.

Students applying in Fall or Spring must provide proof of the following to WSU: 1) Graduation from North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays, 2) a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and 3) a minimum number of completed courses to WSU through its Direct Transfer Program.


North Central Kansas Technical College - Hays awards, upon graduation, a graduation aid, scholarship.

WSU will apply the same academic progress standards and rules that apply to students in Technical College - Hays transfer students as are applicable to any other student in the college catalog year.


**SIGNATURE PAGE**

In signing this agreement, all parties have agreed to the articulation of a two-year level articulation of an Associate's degree program (with a Bachelor's degree) with a community college/with a Bachelor's degree program. Students who are currently enrolled in the program will be able to graduate with a Bachelor's degree.

This agreement was made and entered into by the parties to this agreement to address a new articulation agreement. The agreement was reviewed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the agreement and was approved by the parties. The agreement will be discontinued and all students currently enrolled under the agreement will be able to graduate with a Bachelor's degree as articulated.

  
Department Head,  
North Central Kansas Technical College  
Date: 5/12/2014

  
Dean,  
North Central Kansas Technical College  
Date: 5/12/2014

  
President,  
North Central Kansas Technical College  
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