

BI-LATERAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

AND

WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Programs of Study:

Wilkes Community College - **Associate Degree in Nursing**

Appalachian State University - **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)**

I. INTRODUCTION

This Bi-lateral Articulation Agreement in Nursing, a major in the Department of Nursing, formally recognizes that Appalachian State University ("Appalachian") and Wilkes Community College ("WCC") are active collaborative educational partners, committed to providing greater access, options and educational opportunities and services for students between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless articulation of transfer credit and assures that students from WCC who complete the Associate Degree in Nursing with grades of "C" or better in all classes and earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 will receive up to 60 hours of transfer credit toward the Bachelor of Science degree requirement in Nursing at Appalachian. Upon successful completion of the second semester of the program at Appalachian, the student will also receive 30 hours of validated credit for prior nursing courses and clinical competencies.

This Agreement is effective beginning the 2021-22 academic year. A fall term of entry is required for this program. Students may complete the program in one calendar year, according to a three semester program of study, outlined by Appalachian's Department of Nursing.

II. JOINT OBLIGATIONS

- A. For the purpose of this Agreement, WCC students must complete the Associate Degree in Nursing from WCC, apply to graduate, and have the Associate Degree in Nursing posted on their official transcript. Only grades of "C" or better will transfer to Appalachian. A minimum GPA of 2.5 in Associate Degree coursework is required.
- B. WCC students must apply for admission and be admitted to Appalachian to articulate appropriate course credit as outlined in this Agreement. Qualified students will be admitted until the class is filled.
- C. After application, WCC students who wish to participate in the articulation program should contact the RN to BSN Coordinator at Appalachian and Online & Transfer Services at (828)262-7877 or ots@appstate.edu to inform them of their intent to enroll. WCC students must complete a major declaration form prior to or at the time of orientation.
- D. The Nursing Program Coordinator at WCC will serve as the point of contact and coordinate all transactions regarding the Articulation Agreement with the RN to BSN Coordinator and the Director of Online & Transfer Services at Appalachian.

III. EVALUATION

- A. It is understood by both Appalachian and WCC that there will be an evaluation and assessment of this Articulation Agreement every three years, the first of which will occur in June 2024. The information obtained from the evaluation will be used to improve and enhance the transfer process for the benefit of students.
- B. Appalachian and WCC agree to exchange relevant and appropriate data and documents that will help to identify and track students that take advantage of this educational partnership opportunity; contribute to the maintenance of this Agreement; and promote effective cooperation between both parties. The institutions will exchange admissions data obtaining appropriate permissions from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

IV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Agreement must be in writing signed by authorized representatives of each party. The courses of study subject to this Agreement may be changed or expanded periodically by addendum mutually agreeable to both parties.

V. TERM/LONGEVITY

This Agreement shall be effective from the date last signed below and shall begin for the Fall 2021 semester, until it is terminated by either Appalachian or WCC by submitting written notification to the other partner at least one year prior to the effective date of termination to allow students that have been admitted to Appalachian to complete their respective programs.

Appalachian and WCC enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, political affiliation, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information or sexual orientation.

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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
FOR STUDENTS IN THE
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BETWEEN
WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
(RN TO BSN)**

To demonstrate the commitment to this agreement, Appalachian State University's Beaver College of Health Sciences agrees to give a one-time scholarship of \$500 to the first three students participating in the program who accept their offer of final admission. Students will be awarded the scholarship based on the timing of their acceptance of the offer of final admission to the program. There is not a separate application for this scholarship. This scholarship continues for the first three years of the program with the program beginning in Fall 2021.