

# **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**between**

**Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)**

**and**

**Viterbo University**

This articulation agreement establishes a collaborative relationship with Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Viterbo University, allowing students with an Associate Degree in Nursing a seamless transfer of credits toward the completion of a bachelor of science in nursing. This agreement establishes guidelines by which WTCS students may transfer courses to Viterbo University after the completion of an associate degree in nursing.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion program encourages nurses to build on their prior learning experiences while fulfilling the requirements of the nursing and core curriculum (general education) at Viterbo. Viterbo's BSN Completion program calendar year is divided into two semesters with a third semester's work being completed in the summer. Each semester is then divided into two sessions. There are various program delivery options providing sufficient credits in order for nurses to graduate in two years. However, students may choose to take fewer credits each semester to complete the program.

The BSN Completion program allows students who have completed the ADN program with any WTCS school to transfer their associate degree in nursing and any other associate level credits to Viterbo University.

## **CONDITIONS:**

1. This articulation agreement is based on the WTCS curricula beginning 1996 to present including all revisions up to the current statewide curriculum. Individuals graduating prior to 1996 will have their transcripts evaluated on an individual basis in a similar manner.
2. All courses transferred from WTCS will be processed as lower division credit.
3. Students will be awarded the amount of credit they earned from the WTCS for transferred coursework, not the number of credits for the equivalent Viterbo course.
4. WTCS and Viterbo University will notify each other of any courses modification(s) which may affect this agreement.
5. Transfer credits will be granted for WTCS courses in which the transfer student has received a grade of C or better.
6. General education and nursing courses will be transferred according to Appendix A.
7. All Viterbo University requirements must be met according to Appendix B.
8. When credits are transferred to Viterbo University, the transfer does not include grades. WTCS coursework will not be a part of the Viterbo grade point average calculation.
9. Alternative avenues for earning credits include Credit for Prior Learning, CLEP or other avenues approved by Viterbo University.
10. In addition, students may take core curriculum courses at Viterbo prior to completion of the associate degree through a Professional Pathway option according to Appendix C.

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**Purpose of Agreement**

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate cooperative educational programming between Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Viterbo University. Articulation eliminates unnecessary duplication of instruction, provides opportunities for advanced education, increases flexibility in scheduling, and promotes more informed career decision-making.

**Type of Agreement**

Program – to – Program

**General Terms**

**Duration:** This agreement shall be in effect for an indefinite time period commencing on April \_\_\_\_, 2017.

**Review:** This Agreement may be reviewed as needed and as agreed to by the provider and recipient.

**Modification:** This Agreement may be amended or updated at any time upon the mutual agreement in writing of the parties.

**Termination:** Either agency may terminate this agreement upon six months' notice. Such action, however, shall not affect students already enrolled in the program.

**Severability:** If any provision of this agreement shall be determined to be void, invalid, unenforceable, or illegal for any reason, it shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition and the validity and enforceability of all remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**Signatures**

**Viterbo University**

**Wisconsin Technical College System**

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President,  
Glena Temple

\_\_\_\_\_  
WTCS Official

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Thomas Knothe

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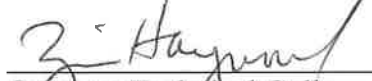
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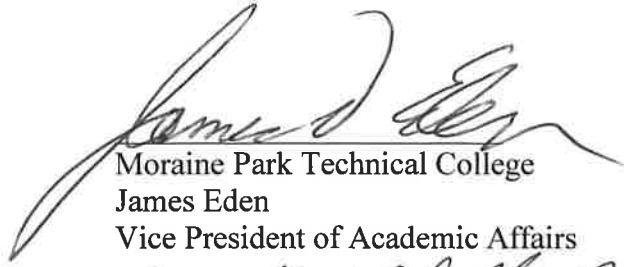
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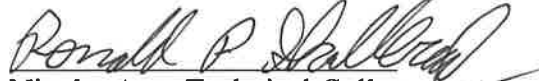
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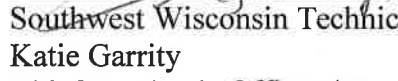
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## Appendix A

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) General Education – A.A.S.

to

Viterbo University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program

### COURSE EQUIVALENCIES:

(traditional courses, others may apply for equivalency or additional transfer credits)

Wisconsin Technical College System			Viterbo University		
Course #	Title	Credits	Course #	Title	Credits
801-196 or 801-198	Oral / Interpersonal Communication or Speech	3	Comm 150	Fundamentals of Speech	3
801-195 or 801-201	Written Communication	3	Engl 103	Written Communication	3
806-177 or 806-207	General Anatomy & Physiology	4	Biol 104	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
806-179 806-208	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4	Biol 114	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
806-197 806-274	Microbiology	4	Biol 296	Microbiology for Health Professionals	4
809-188 806-233	Developmental Psychology	3	Psych 220	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
809-196 809-203	Introduction to Sociology	3	Socl 125	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198 809-231	Introduction to Psychology	3	Psych 171	General Psychology	3
Elective credits earned		5	General elective credits accepted		5
General education credits earned		32	Total core curriculum (general education) accepted		32
Nursing credits earned		38	Nursing credits accepted		38
<b>Total WTCS credits earned</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>Total WTCS transfer credits accepted</b>		<b>70</b>
<b>**See below for additional transfer credit options. In addition, a student with a previous bachelor's degree may transfer up to 90 credits.)</b>			<b>Viterbo upper division credits required</b>		<b>41</b>
			(need 40 cr.): Nurs.-26, Rel. Studies-6, Literature-3, History-3, Philosophy-3,		
			<b>Viterbo lower division credits required: Artistic Engagement-3</b>		<b>3</b>
			<b>Elective credits (may choose emphasis in Ethics or Healthcare Mgmt.; other options available)</b>		<b>6</b>
			<b>TOTAL (120 minimum to graduate)</b>		<b>120</b>
<b>**Additional WTCS Course Transfer Options**</b>					
Wisconsin Technical College System			Viterbo		
804-189 or 804-240	Introductory (3 cr.) or Basic Statistics (4 cr.)	3 or 4	Math 130 or Nurs. 315	Intro. to Statistics or Applied Statistics for Healthcare	3
815-200	Intro. to Art History	3	Art 105	Intro. to Art	3
809-166	Intro. to Ethics: Theory and Application	3	Phil 100	Intro. to Ethics	3

## Appendix B

### Viterbo University BSN Completion Program Requirements

*(Courses below are typical for associate degree nurses; each catalog subject to change.)*

Core Curriculum & University Seminars (18 credits)	Credits	Nursing (26 credits)	Credits
Fine Arts (lower div.)*	3	Nurs 340 Expanding Roles and Integrating Values	3
Literary Analysis	3	Nurs 315 Applied Statistics for Healthcare	3
Historical Analysis	3	Nurs 353 Contemporary Issues and Emerging Trends	3
Philosophical & Moral Inquiry*	3	Nurs 450 Public Health Nursing and Population Health	3
Theological Inquiry*	3	Nurs 451 Clinical Applications in Public Health* (30 clinical hrs. arranged & 20 hrs. of evidence of service)	2
Integrating Faith in Practice*	3	Nurs 462 Nursing Research Supporting Evidence Based Practice	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS = 44 credits (41 upper division)</b>  <i>*Include required University Mission Seminar Components</i>		Nurs 472 Transforming Nursing Leadership	3
		Nurs 476 Organizational Systems in Nursing Practice	3
		Nurs 481 Professional Nursing Capstone	3

#### Admission:

- Minimum 2.25 GPA.
- Graduate from an accredited (NLNAC) associate or diploma degree program. Some exceptions may be granted from non-accredited Technical schools.
- Active U. S. registered nurse license or its international equivalent (prior to second nursing course)

#### Graduation Requirements:

- Earn a minimum of 120 credits.
- Earn 40 credits upper division credits (300/400 level courses).
- Complete the last 30 consecutive credits from Viterbo.

#### Accreditation:

- Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and School
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

## Appendix C

### Professional Pathways

Western Wisconsin Technical System

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Viterbo University

Professional Pathways allows opportunities for students from any technical school in Wisconsin, to build in bachelor degree requirements, which may allow a seamless pathway into the BSN Completion program at Viterbo University.

This is designed for students waiting to start nursing core courses at the Technical School. Students will be eligible to apply for financial aid at Viterbo, so long as the student is not taking courses at any other institution and has not applied for aid elsewhere. The last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree must be taken at Viterbo.

**To apply:** The following enrollment requirements must be completed and the form must be signed by the Associate Dean of the student's respective nursing program. In addition, an application to the university must be submitted. This form and all documents listed below must be submitted to Viterbo's Office of Admissions. For more information or to talk with an Admission's Counselor, please call 1-888-848-3726.

Viterbo University – Office of Admissions  
900 Viterbo Drive  
La Crosse, WI 54601

#### **Program Requirements:**

\_\_\_\_ Transcripts of all lower level courses reviewed by the Associate Dean; minimum 3.0 GPA.

\_\_\_\_ All official transcripts from the Technical School, and all other college/universities should be mailed to Viterbo's Center for Adult Learning.

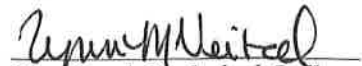
\_\_\_\_ Completed Anatomy and Physiology **and** either Advanced Anatomy and Physiology or Microbiology, with a minimum grade of "C" in both courses.

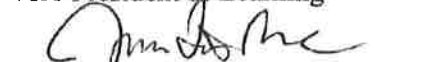
\_\_\_\_ 15 credits of general education requirements completed, to include: Written Communication, Speech, Sociology, Psychology, & Developmental Psych; minimum 3.0 GPA.

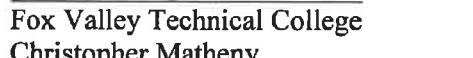
*\*To remain a student in the Pathway Programs, a minimum of 3.0 GPA must be maintained.*

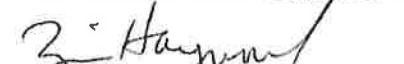
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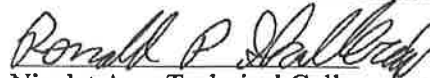
  
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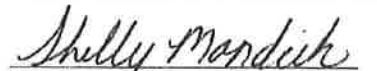
  
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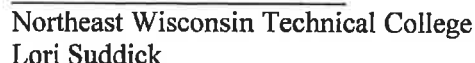
  
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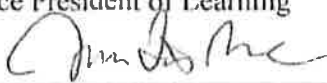




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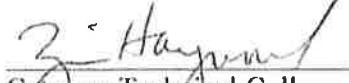
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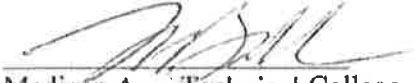
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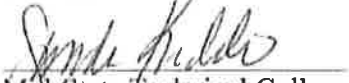
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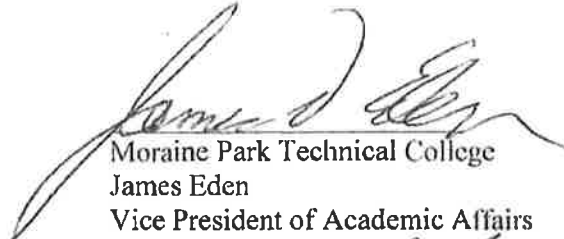
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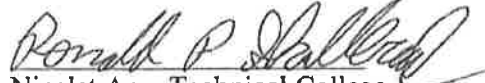
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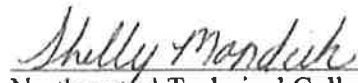
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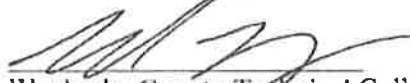
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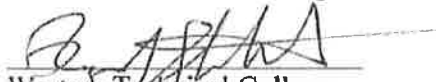
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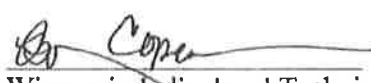
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