



**RN TO BSN PROGRAM
ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY AND BELMONT COLLEGE**

It is agreed that Ashland University and Belmont College desire to continue a strong academic articulation agreement to enhance the transfer opportunities for students from Belmont College Ashland University for the completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Moreover, it is agreed that an academic program articulation agreement is to be followed by the development of specific program advising sheets as appropriate. This RN to BSN articulation agreement supersedes any and all previous agreements.

1. Only earned credits are transferable and recorded on an Ashland University transcript. Letter grades and cumulative grade point average do not transfer.
2. Students transferring with less than 30 semester hours of transferable credit will transfer as freshman. Students transferring with 30-59 semester hours of transferable credit will transfer as sophomores. Students transferring with 60-89 semester hours of transferable credit will transfer as juniors. Students transferring with 90 semester hours or more of transferable credit will transfer as seniors.
3. Belmont College students may transfer unlimited hours to Ashland University, however, students must meet the following residency requirements:
 - A. At least 30 semester hours of credit which must be earned at Ashland University.
 - B. The last 12 semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland University.
 - C. At least one-half of the student's major requirements must be completed through Ashland University.
4. Students admitted to Ashland University with junior standing (60-89 credit hours) will be able to complete the 120 credit hour baccalaureate degree within 3-5 semesters of full-time study.
5. In general, remedial and/or developmental orientation courses are not generally transferable to Ashland University and do not meet graduation requirements. Usually, courses numbered 100 and above are transferable as either course-specific or general-elective credit. Technical courses, which do not match up

with any Ashland University catalog course, will transfer as general-elective credit.

6. Students transferring to Ashland University must complete all of Ashland University's Institutional Baccalaureate Degree Requirements through transfer credit and Ashland University credit where applicable.
7. Belmont College students with credits earned at one or more other institutions may transfer those credits to Ashland University subject to Ashland University's transfer policy.
8. Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all nursing major coursework (nursing and non-nursing requirements).
9. Ashland University offers pre-transfer academic advising in order to ensure that the Belmont College student is able to transfer his/her credits in the best manner possible. This is unofficial; an official evaluation takes place upon enrollment at Ashland University.
10. Belmont College and Ashland University agree to participate in regular review of program requirements and appropriate advising procedures, and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing agreement.

This articulation agreement will be effective immediately after the representatives of both institutions sign the agreement. It may be modified upon mutual agreement; it may be terminated by either institution upon written notice to the other.



**Articulation/Affiliation Agreement
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In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties involved in the Agreement place their signatures below.

Signed by:

Agency Representative(s)

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Paul F. Gasparro date
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Rebecca J. Kurtz date
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Joshua A. Hughes date
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Ashland, Ohio 44805

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Faye J. Grund date
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Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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Eun-Woo Chang 1/3/18
Eun-Woo Chang date
Provost
Ashland University
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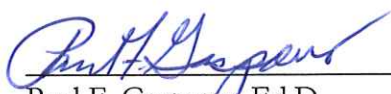
Articulation Agreement

Entered into this 11th day of June 2015.
(date) (month)

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each Party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her Party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Belmont College

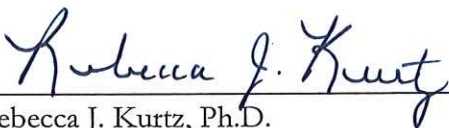
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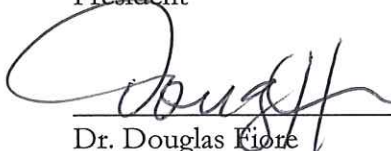
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Dr. Carlos Campo
President



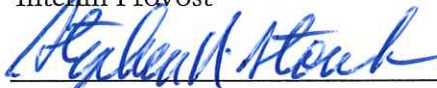
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Interim Provost



Carolyn Sue White
Assistant Director of Nursing



Dr. Stephen R. Storck
Vice President, Finance & Administration



Dr. Faye J. Grund
Dean, College of Nursing & Health Sciences

This Agreement is effective with new Ashland University admits beginning fall semester 2015.

This Agreement will be reviewed at least once each calendar year.

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") by and between Belmont College (the "College"), with a principal business address at 68094 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 and Ashland University ("Ashland"), a private university with a principle business address at 401 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805. The College and Ashland desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which students of the College would be eligible for articulated course credits at Ashland, according to the terms and conditions 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 College and Ashland (both or either of which may hereinafter be referred to respectively as the "Parties" or a "Party") agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Definitions. Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits are defined on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- b. Accreditation of the College. The College warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The College will notify Ashland if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- c. Accreditation of Ashland. Ashland warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Ashland will notify the College if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- d. Admissions Processing. For those students who meet the Articulation Criteria in Exhibit A, Ashland will consider their applications for admission in accordance with standard Ashland admission application evaluation criteria, while recognizing students' accomplishments at the College.
- e. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either Party may enter into similar agreements with any other Party.
- f. Financial Aid. The Parties understand and agree that federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given academic term. Eligibility for financial aid through the College ends when the student completes the Associate's Degree in Nursing and commences working towards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ashland. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ashland, and where permissible Ashland will serve as the home institution.

2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. The Initial Term of this Agreement is from the Effective Date until the end of the last day of the summer semester 2019 academic term of the College, at which time this Agreement will automatically expire unless otherwise terminated as set forth in this Agreement. The Parties may agree in writing to extend this Agreement for additional terms.

- b. Termination. Either Party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other Party, effective upon the later date to occur of (i) the end of the next admissions application and review period of Ashland, or (ii) the date that is ninety (90) days after the notice that includes a description of the breach; provided in either case that the breaching Party shall be allowed until said effective date to cure said breach, and if the breach is so cured the termination notice will be of no effect.
- c. Post-Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, College students previously accepted by or admitted to Ashland shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement and the Ashland catalog rights from the term in which they were admitted to Ashland for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

3. *Miscellaneous.*

- a. Severability. If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.
- b. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ohio applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within Ohio.
- c. Jurisdiction; Venue. The Parties to this Agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio in connection with any dispute between the Parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof. Venue for any dispute between the Parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof will be in the competent courts of Ohio.
- 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 in accordance with this Section 3(d) 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 in the manner specified in this Section) with, in the case of the College, an additional copy addressed to "General Counsel":

For Ashland:
President
401 College Ave.
Ashland, Ohio 44805

For College:
President
68094 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

- e. Waivers and Amendments. 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. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both Parties.

- f. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not a third party beneficiary contract and confers no rights on any third party, including but not limited to student(s) and/or employee(s) of either Party.
- g. Publicity. The Parties may refer to their affiliation as established in this Agreement in their respective catalogs, brochures and other information distributed to the public. However, the Parties acknowledge that any trade name, service mark, trademark, or symbol or image registered by the Party shall remain the sole and exclusive property of that Party throughout the term of this Agreement and thereafter. The Parties hereby grant and agree to permit the other Party a limited right and license to use the name(s), logo(s), mark(s), image(s), or symbol(s) during the term of this Agreement in connection with the promotion of the Agreement and its terms.
- h. Assignment. Neither Party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section would be null and void.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. Compliance with Laws. The Parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this Agreement, each Party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disability, veteran status or on any other basis protected under applicable law.

**Exhibit A
To The
Articulation Agreement**

Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits

1. *The articulation criteria (“Articulation Criteria”) are:*

- a. Completion of the Associate’s Degree in Nursing which requires completion of the coursework outlined in Appendix A. A College student that intends to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ashland that wishes to take courses different than those listed on Appendix A must still meet Ashland’s admissions and graduation requirements.
- b. Complete all of Ashland’s Bachelor of Science degree requirements through transfer credit and Ashland approved credit where applicable, of which, at least thirty (30) hours must be completed at or through Ashland.
- c. College students must hold a current, valid license (a license that is not inactive, suspended, revoked, or subject to restrictions, and for which the student continues to meet all requirements for issuance) to practice as a registered nurse in one U.S. state or territory.
- d. College students with credits earned at one or more other institutions may transfer those credits to Ashland subject to Ashland’s transfer policy.
- e. College students must earn a grade of ‘C’ or better in all nursing major coursework (nursing and non-nursing requirements).
- f. In general, remedial, developmental, and/or orientation courses are not transferable to Ashland and do not meet graduation requirements. Usually, courses numbered 101 and above are transferable as either course-specific or general-elective credit. Courses which do not match up with any Ashland catalog course will transfer as general-elective credit.

2. *The articulation benefits (“Articulation Benefits”) are:*

- a. Courses listed in Appendix A will apply and fill college and degree requirements for graduation at Ashland.
- b. College students will be granted twenty-seven (27) credit hours for previous nursing knowledge.
- c. College students may transfer unlimited hours to Ashland; however, students must meet the following residency requirements to complete the one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for the Bachelor of Science degree:

- At least fifty (50) semester hours of credit must be earned at a four-year accredited, degree-granting college or university.
 - At least half (1/2) the major must be completed through Ashland University.
 - At least thirty (30) semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland.
 - College students entering with thirty to fifty-nine (30 – 59) transferrable hours must take at least two Core liberal arts courses (Aesthetics, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Historical Reasoning categories) at Ashland.
 - College students entering with sixty (60) transferrable hours are required to take at least one Core liberal arts course, even if all Core requirements have been met through courses taken at another institution.
 - The last twelve (12) semester hours earned before graduation must be earned at Ashland.
- d. Ashland offers pre-transfer academic advising in order to ensure that students are enrolled in the proper coursework for progression in the Ashland nursing program. The official evaluation of transfer credits takes place during the student's first semester at Ashland.

Appendix A.
Ashland University Equivalencies for Belmont College

<i>Institutional Core Requirements (24 hours)</i>			<i>Required Non-Nursing Courses (21-25 hours)</i>				
<i>AU Core Course</i>	<i>Cr Hrs</i>	<i>Belmont College</i>	<i>Cr Hrs</i>	<i>AU Course</i>	<i>Cr Hrs</i>	<i>Belmont College</i>	<i>Cr Hrs</i>
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENG 1110 Composition I	3	BIO 222 Anat. & Phys. I	4	BIO 2110	4
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENG 1120 Composition II	3	BIO 223 Anat. & Phys. II	4	BIO 2112	4
COM 101 Human Communication	3	<i>*May take at AU</i>	-	BIO 240 Microbiology	4	BIO 2120	4
REL 107 Exploring World Religions	3	RLG 2110 World Religions	3	CHEM 251 Molecular Architecture	3	Both CHM 1110 Chemistry Principles I (4) AND CHM 1112 Chemistry Principles II (4)	4
2 Aesthetics	6	<i>*May take at AU</i>	-	Math 208 Elem. Stats	3	MAT 1120 Statistics	4
Humanities ENG 203 American Literature	3	ENG 2120 Study of American Literature I	3	PSYC 209 Dev. Psych	3	PSY 1130 Human Development	3
Historical Reasoning	3	<i>*May take at AU</i>	-	PHIL 215 Ethics	3	PHL 2130 Ethics	3
						Previous Nursing Coursework	27

69 Total Credit Hrs at Belmont College

AU Nursing Courses (27), specialty track hours (12), May take at AU* (12) = *51 credit hours. Combined with 69 credit hrs at Belmont College to meet 120 cr hrs for BSN degree. *At least 50 semester hours of credit must be earned at AU or another four-year accredited, degree-granting college or university, and at least 30 semester hours of credit must be earned at AU.		
<i>AU Required Nursing Course Number and Title</i>	<i>27 Hrs</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
HSCGH 202 Global Challenges in Public Health	3	None
NUR 303 Individual Health 1	3	RN Licensure
NURCH 309 Nursing Process: International Transcultural Perspectives	3	None
HS 322 Physical Aging	3	None
NUR 335 Genetics in Nursing Practice	2	None
NUR 362 Theory, Research, Evidence Based Practice	4	None
NUR 405 Health Care Systems 2	3	RN Licensure MATH 208, NUR 303, 309, 362
NUR 408 Legal, Ethical and Political Perspectives	3	MATH 208, NUR 303, 309, 362
NURCH 414 Community and Public Health 3	3	RN Licensure MATH 208, NUR 303, 309, 362

15¹ hrs of direct care practice &/or laboratory experience

60² hrs of direct or indirect care practice experience

30³ hrs of simulated clinical experience, 12 hrs of observation, & 18 hrs of direct or indirect care practice experience