**Articulation Agreement between Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Associate Degree in Nursing and Western Carolina University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (WNC RIBN).**

A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required for admission to WNC RIBN. Students admitted to WNC RIBN must meet admission requirements of A-B Tech and WCU. A-B Tech RIBN admission standards will meet the standard admission requirements for degree seeking students at WCU. Retention in the nursing major is contingent on maintaining a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses in the major.

B. Year 2 and Year 3 nursing courses completed at A-B Tech meet the requirements for an Associate Degree in Nursing and satisfy graduation requirements. These courses do not directly transfer to WCU but after successful completion of NSG 327 Essentials of Baccaleaurate Nuring Practice during semester seven, 43 semester hour credits will be awarded.

C. To graduate from Western with a BSN degree all students must complete the degree requirements per academic regulations listed in *The Record*, the WCU Undergraduate Catalog; however, the 50% rule has been waived for WNC RIBN students.

## D. This agreement will run continually without need for renewal. Updates to the agreement will be initiated and processed every two years. The update process will be completed as follows: copies of this agreement will be distributed to deans and department heads by February 1 of each update year. Updates or “no change” approvals to this agreement should be returned by March 15. If curriculum changes are identified by either institution during the review process, parties from both institutions will review and approve the proposed changes and make necessary updates to the course equivalency outline.

E. Either party upon written notice can terminate this agreement. If the agreement is terminated, A-B Tech students who have matriculated at WCU can continue until completion of the baccalaureate degree if they are continuously enrolled at Western. Also, students who are enrolled at A-B Tech at the time may continue under the terms of the agreement as long as they are continuously enrolled. If the student ceases enrollment for two regular academic semesters, he/she must re-enroll under the most recently adopted agreement.

**Western Carolina University Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College**

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