Appendix B: Curriculum Plan: Western Region RIBN Undergraduate Articulation Agreement (Fall 2021 Update)

Degree Programs (Community Colleges (CC) & University): Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (A-B Tech) and Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (WCU RIBN)

This articulation agreement between Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) and Western Carolina University (WCU) allows graduates of the Western Region Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at A-B Tech seamless progression (to transfer credit) towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Western Carolina University. Upon transfer to WCU, students must comply with all applicable Academic Regulations as listed in *The Record,* The WCU Undergraduate Catalog.

Partner Institutions Contact Information

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A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required for admission to Western Region Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN). Students admitted to Western Region RIBN must meet admission requirements of Isothermal Community College and Western Carolina University. RIBN admission criteria 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, with a cumulative GPA of 2.50.

B. Year 2 and Year 3 nursing courses completed at A-B Tech meet the requirements for an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and satisfy graduation requirements. These courses do not directly transfer to WCU, but after successful completion of NSG 327: Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing I during the fall semester of the final year, 30 hours of credit will be awarded for the Nursing Program Hours to complete the 120 required for the degree.

C. The RIBN program major requires students to take three 3-credit hour Upper Level Elective courses (300-400), two of which must be an Upper Level Perspective at WCU prior to graduation from the community college. The total program hours for the RIBN program is 120.

D. To graduate from WCU with a BSN degree, students must complete the degree requirements per academic regulations listed in *The Record*, the WCU Undergraduate Catalog. Fifty percent of the courses in the major must be upper level courses.

E. Students who complete the General Education Core, the Associate of Arts Degree or the Associate of Science Degree will have their Liberal Studies requirements at WCU waived.

F. If the above statement does not apply and 15.1 or more semester hours are transferred into WCU the first semester, the First Year Seminar is not required at WCU

G. Per WCU degree requirements, a minimum of 25 percent of semester hours applied toward a bachelor's degree must be earned through Western Carolina University junior-senior level courses, including a minimum of 21 hours in the major.

H. A-B Tech will financially support a student success advocate (SSA) position at a minimum of a half-time basis for the duration of the affiliation.

I. An administrative team composed of representatives from both WCU, and A-B Tech will be maintained with regularly scheduled meetings.

J. **Dual Enrollment** – Students will take at least one course at WCU per academic year (3 semesters) during years one through three at the community college to be considered actively enrolled through WCU. UE 101 counts as an active enrollment course through WCU.

This agreement will run continuously without need for renewal. Updates to the agreement, as needed, will be initiated and processed every two years, on even numbered years. The update process will be completed as follows: copies of this agreement will be distributed to deans and department heads by November 1st of each update year. Updates or "no change" approvals to this agreement should be returned by December 10th. 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. Either institution can request a review and update if needed earlier.

Either party, upon written notice, can terminate this agreement. If the agreement is terminated, A-B Tech students who have matriculated to WCU can continue until completion of the baccalaureate degree if they are continuously enrolled at Western Carolina University. 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 academic semesters, the student must re-enroll under the most recently adopted agreement.

Community College requirements needed to complete the degree program.

HEA 110 (3 hrs.)
PSY 241 (3 hrs)
Nursing Program Core
NAI Requirement

Semester Plan for RIBN BSN Effective Fall 2021

RIBN Program Plan: 120 hours
The Community College affiliate may modify the schedule for year 1 through 3 Community College courses)

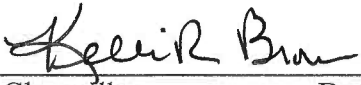|	Freshman Fall				Freshman Spring				Freshman Summer		
CC	BIO 168	4		CC	BIO 169	4		WCU	NSG 346 preferred, or ULE/ULP	3
CC	CHM 131	4		CC	MAT 152/171	4				
CC	ENG 111	3		CC	ENG 112	3				
CC	PSY 150	3		CC	LIBERAL STUDIES	3				
	Total Credits	14			Total Credits	14			Total Credits	3
	Sophomore Fall				**Sophomore Spring**				**Sophomore Summer**		
CC	NUR 111	8		CC	NUR 112	5		CC	NUR 114	5
CC	BIO 275	4		CC	NUR 211	5		WCU	LS - ULP	3
CC	HEA 110	3		CC	PSY 241	3				
CC	Liberal Studies	3		CC	Liberal Studies	3				
	Total Credits	18			Total Credits	16			Total Credits	8
	Junior Fall				**Junior Spring**				**Junior Summer**		
CC	NUR 212	5		CC	NUR 213	10		WCU	LS - ULP	3
CC	NUR 113	5								
CC	COM 231	3								
	Total Credits	13			Total Credits	10			Total Credits	3
	Senior Fall				**Senior Spring**					
WCU	NSG 327	3		WCU	NSG 328	3				
WCU	COMMUNITY	6		WCU	NSG 331	3				
				WCU	RESEARCH	6				
	Total Credits	9			Total Credits	12				

All courses taken at WCU are fully online, RIBN students are classified as distance students.

Liberal Studies/General Education Requirement Course Equivalents:

WCU Requirement	Partner Institution Equivalent
First Year Seminar (see note #2 above)	Not Required
C1 ENGL 101 (3 hrs.)	ENG 111 (3 hrs)
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C2 Mathematics (3 hrs.)	MAT 171 or MAT 152 (3 hrs)
C3 Oral Communication (3 hrs.)	COM 231 (3 hrs)
C4 Wellness (3 hrs.)	HEA 110 (3 hrs)
C5 Physical & Biological Sciences (3 hrs.)*	CHM 131 (3hrs) + CHM 131A (1 hr.)
C5 Physical & Biological Sciences (3 hrs.)*	BIO 168 or 169 (4 hrs)
P1 Social Sciences (3 hrs.)**	May take at WCU-distance
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P3 History (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P4 Humanities (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P5 Fine and Performing Arts (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
P6 World Cultures (3 hrs.)	May take at WCU-distance
C=Core category of Liberal Studies Program P= Perspectives category of Liberal Studies Program *sciences must be from two different disciplines ** social sciences must be from two different disciplines	

Western Carolina University

Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College

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Chancellor   Date

_____ 6/21/21
President   Date

_____ 14 Jun 21
Provost   Date

_____ 06/21/2021
Vice President   Date
For Instruction