

WNC RIBN Articulation Agreement
Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College
Associate Degree in Nursing
and
Western Carolina University
Bachelors of Science in Nursing (WNC RIBN)

This articulation agreement between Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) and Western Carolina University (WCU) allows graduates of WNC RIBN to earn both an Associate Degree in Nursing from A-B Tech and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from WCU in nine semesters through Dual Admission and Continued Enrollment. Non-nursing courses completed at SCC for the first three years will, as designated, satisfy course requirements towards the BSN. All courses designated by an (*) will be completed online through WCU for the first three years of RIBN.

Partner Institutions and Contact Information

Institution	Contact Person	Email/Phone
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Western Carolina University	Director of Undergraduate Advising	828-227-7753

Notes:

1. Students who complete the Associate of Arts degree or the Associate of Science degree will have their Liberal Studies requirements at Western Carolina University waived.
2. 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.
3. If Liberal Studies requirements are not waived at WCU then students must take a course that has been approved as an Upper Level Perspective course (300-400) in one of the Perspective categories.

Liberal Studies/General Education Requirements:

WCU Requirement	A-B Tech Equivalent
First Year Seminar	Waived (see note 2)
C1 ENGL 101 (3 hrs.)	ENG 111 (3 hrs.)
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C2 Mathematics (3 hrs.)	MAT 152 (3 hrs.)
C3 Oral Communications (3 hrs.)	COM 231 (3 hrs.)
C4 Wellness (3 hrs.)	PED 110 (2 hrs.)
C5 Physical & Biological Sciences (3 hrs.)*	BIO 168 (4 hrs.)
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P1 Social Sciences (3 hrs.)**	PSY 150 (3 hrs.), Taken at WCU-distance
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P3 History (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
P4 Humanities (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
P5 Fine and Performing Arts (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
P6 World Cultures (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
C=Core category of Liberal Studies Program P=Perspectives category of Liberal Studies Program	
*Sciences must be from two (2) different disciplines	
**Social Sciences must be from two (2) different disciplines	

Major Requirements (courses)

WCU Requirement	A-B Tech Equivalent
CHEM 132 (4 hrs.)	CHM 151 (4 hrs.)
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BIO 291 (4 hrs.)	BIO 168 (4 hrs.)
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COMM 201 (3 hrs.)	COM 231 (3 hrs.)
ENVH 260 (3 hrs.)	BIO 175 (3 hrs.)
NSG 346 (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
PSY 150 (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-distance
NSG 322 (2 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 327 (3 hrs.)+	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 302 (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 305 (1 hr.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 384 (2 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 328 (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 329 (3 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 471 (2 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 472 (2 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
NSG 473 (2 hrs.)	Taken at WCU-residential
+ WNC RIBN students will enroll in NSG 327-Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing I during the ninth (9 th) semester. Successful completion of this course results in the awarding of a 45-semester hour block of credit.	

A-B Tech requirements need to complete WNC RIBN

ACA 115 (1 hr.)
PED 110 (2 hrs.)
PSY 241 (3 hrs.)
NSG 111 (8 hrs.)
NSG 114 (5 hrs.)
NSG 117 (2 hrs.)
NSG 112 (5 hrs.)
NSG 211 (5 hrs.)
NSG 212 (5 hrs.)
NSG 113 (5 hrs.)
NSG 213 (10 hrs.)
NA I Requirement

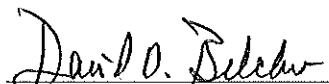
Liberal Studies (and electives as needed for WCU)	52
Upper level courses (as needed for WCU)	33
Total credits transferred from A-B Tech	83
Total credits from WCU	45
Total hours required for graduation	128

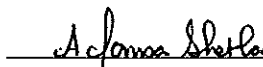
1st Semester (Fall) BIO 168 (A-B Tech – 4 hrs) MAT 152 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) ACA 115 (A-B Tech – 1 hr) PED 110 (A-B Tech – 2 hrs) *Perspective (WCU-distance)	2nd Semester (Spring) BIO 169 (A-B Tech – 4 hrs) CHM 151 (A-B Tech – 4 hrs) ENG 111 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) *PSY 150 (WCU-distance)
3rd Semester (Summer) CHM 132 (A-B Tech – 4 hrs)	
4th Semester (Fall) NUR 111 (A-B Tech – 8 hrs) NUR 117 (A-B Tech – 2 hrs) BIO 175 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) *Perspective (WCU-distance)	5th Semester (Spring) NUR 114 (A-B Tech – 5 hrs) NUR 112 (A-B Tech – 5 hrs) PSY 241 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) *Perspective (WCU-distance)
6th Semester (Summer) NUR 212 (A-B Tech – 5 hrs) *NSG 346 (WCU-distance - 3 hrs)	
7th Semester (Fall) NUR 211 (A-B Tech – 5 hrs) NUR 113 (A-B Tech – 5 hrs) ENG 114 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) **UL Perspective (WCU-distance)	8th semester (Spring) NUR 213 (A-B Tech – 10 hrs) COM 231 (A-B Tech – 3 hrs) **UL Perspective (WCU-distance)
9th Semester (Fall) NSG 322 (WCU – 2 hrs) +NSG 327 (WCU – 4 hrs) NSG 302 (WCU – 3 hrs) NSG 305 (WCU – 1 hr) NSG 384 (WCU – 2 hrs)	10th Semester (Spring) NSG 328 (WCU – 3 hrs) NSG 329 (WCU – 3 hrs) NSG 471 (WCU – 2 hrs) NSG 472 (WCU – 2 hrs) NSG 473 (WCU – 2 hrs)
+ WNC RIBN students will enroll in NSG 327-Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing I during the ninth (9 th) semester. Successful completion of this course results in the awarding of a 45-semester hour block of credit. *All courses completed as a distance student at WCU for the first 3 years. **Two (2) upper level perspective courses must be taken to meet the 25 % rule for upper level courses.	

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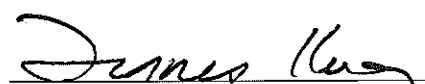
- A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required for admission to WNC RIBN. Students admitted to WNC RIBN must meet admission requirements of A-B Tech and WCU. A-B Tech RIBN admission standards will meet the standard admission requirements for degree seeking students at WCU. Retention in the nursing major is contingent on maintaining a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses in the major, with a cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- 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 Baccalaureate Nursing Practice during semester nine, 45 semester hour credits will be awarded.
- C. To graduate from Western Carolina University 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 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.
- 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 Carolina University. 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.
- F. A-B Tech will continue to financially support a student success advisor (SSA) position at a minimum of a half-time basis.
- G. An administrative team composed of representatives from both WCU and SCC will be maintained with regularly scheduled meetings.


Western Carolina University

 3/9/15
Date
David O. Belcher
Chancellor

 3/9/15
Date
Alison Morrison-Shetlar
Provost

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

 6 Apr 15
Date
Dr. Dennis King
President

 4/1/15
Date
Ms. Melissa Quinley
Vice President for Instructional Services