

## **AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE AND WEST GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

### **ACADEMIC YEARS 2020 – 2025**

This is a Joint Institutional Agreement on the part of Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and West Georgia Technical College (WGT) to formally establish an educational partnership between the two institutions. This agreement is made between West Georgia Technical College and the Associate of Science Degree Nursing Program and Georgia Highlands College and the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing Completion Program. In this agreement, GHC and WGTC are collectively referred to as the Parties.

The objectives of this Agreement are to facilitate access to the BS degree completion program in nursing and increase the number of nurses who are eligible for advanced careers in education, research, management, and public health. The purpose(s) of the Agreement are to:

- The Parties will work to identify, recruit, and select students who clearly demonstrate academic and personal competencies required to function as successful students and future health professionals.
- Create a seamless pipeline for AS degree prepared nursing students to enter a RN-BSN degree completion program.
- Facilitate the transfer of all viable college courses as required in the University System of Georgia core curriculum.
- Facilitate the transfer of 60 hours of coursework obtained in the AS degree nursing program into the RN-BSN degree completion program.

At least 60 semester hours of general education core curriculum and occupational courses in Nursing are provided at WGTC, and students receive an Associate of Science degree upon completion. Students can complete an additional 30 hours of core curriculum at either WGTC or GHC to complete the general education core curriculum required by GHC. Students then complete the final 30 hours of the online RN-BSN curriculum at GHC for a total of 120 hours that is required to receive a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree.

### **Acceptance of Transfer Credits at Georgia Highlands College**

The following guidelines are used to award transfer credit:

- The transfer of credits is consistent with and subject to the conditions prescribed in each institution's published catalog at the time of the student's transfer request.
- Transferred courses must have been taken while WGTC was SACSCOC accredited and be comparable college-level courses to be equivalent in content and rigor to Georgia Highlands College.
- Completion of the AS Nursing program at West Georgia Technical College does not guarantee admission to the RN-BSN degree completion program at Georgia Highlands College. Candidates must successfully meet all requirements to gain admission to Georgia Highlands College and the nursing degree completion program.
- This agreement will be reviewed annually by both parties to ensure continued transfer compatibility of courses.

- The agreement is in effect for a period of five years, at which time it may be reviewed and renewed. The agreement can be dissolved at any time by the written request of either of the parties listed above.

The following Crosswalks include the specific courses to be transferred from WGTC to GHC. The agreement provides a total of at least 60 hours to be transferred/awarded. Table 1 includes 30 semester hours of general education core curriculum taken at WGTC and transferred to GHC. The 2<sup>nd</sup> table includes 30 hours of prior learning credits, which are awarded for completion of the Associate of Science in Nursing at WGTC and NURS 3301-Concepts of Professional Nursing with a grade of C or better at GHC.

**Table 1**

CORE CURRICULUM TAKEN AT WGTC FOR NURSING PROGRAM					
West Georgia Technical College Courses		SEM HRS	Georgia Highlands College Courses		SEM HRS
Course #	Course Title		Course #	Course Title	
<b>Area A-Essential Skills</b>					
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3	ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
MATH 1101 or MATH 1111 or	Mathematical Modeling or College Algebra	3 (3)	MATH 1001 or MATH 1111 or	Quantitative Skills & Reasoning or College Algebra	3 (3)
<b>Area B-Institutional Options</b>					
SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
<b>Area C-Humanities/Fine Arts</b>					
HUMN 1101 or MUSC 1101 or ARTS 1101 THEA 1101	Introduction to Humanities Music Appreciation Art Appreciation Theater Appreciation	3 (3) (3) (3)	HUMN 2011 or MUSC 1100 or ARTS 1113 THEA 1100	Studies in Humanities or Music Appreciation Art Appreciation Theater Appreciation	3 (3) (3) (3)
<b>Area E-Social Sciences</b>					
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3	PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	3
<b>Area F-RN-BSN Nursing</b>					
BIOL 2113 and BIOL 2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	3 1	BIOL 2121K	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2114 and BIOL 2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	3 1	BIOL 2122K	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2117 and BIOL 2117L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	3 1	BIOL 2161K	Medical Microbiology	4
PSYC 2103	Human Development	3	PSYC 2103	Intro to Human Growth and Development	3

**Table 2**

RN-BSN Nursing Prior Learning Credit
Upon completion of the Associate of Science in Nursing at WGTC and NURS 3301-Concepts of Professional Nursing with a grade of C or better at GHC, 30 hours of prior learning credits will be awarded in the following courses at GHC: NURS 1001 Health Assessment (2-0-2) NURS 1100 Conceptual Foundations of Nursing (4-6-6) NURS 1200 Nursing Practice for Common Health Issues (5-9-8) NURS 2500 Nursing Practice for Complicated Health Concerns (5-12-9) NURS 2600 Nursing Practice for Complex Health Problems (4-3-5)

Transfer students must complete all coursework necessary in their respective degree plan of study before receiving their bachelor's degree from Georgia Highlands College. This agreement is subject to change, in order to comply with college requirements.

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