

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 (WGTC) to formally establish an educational partnership between the two institutions. This agreement is made between West Georgia Technical College and the Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS) in Surgical Technology and Georgia Highlands College and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Sciences (BSHS) degree 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 program in health sciences and increase the number of students who are eligible for advanced careers and education in 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 AAS degree prepared students to enter a BS degree.
- Facilitate the transfer of all viable college courses as required in the University System of Georgia core curriculum.
- Facilitate the transfer of 59 hours of coursework obtained in the AAS degrees at WGTC into the BS degree in health sciences at GHC.

At least 59 semester hours of general education core curriculum and occupational courses in health related professions are provided at WGTC, and students receive an Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology degree upon completion. Students can complete an additional 31 hours of core curriculum at either WGTC or GHC to complete the general education core curriculum. Students complete an additional 34 hours of BSDHS curriculum at GHC for a total of 124 hours that is required to receive a Bachelor's of Science with a major in Health Sciences 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 an associate's degree at West Georgia Technical College does not guarantee admission to the BSHS degree program at Georgia Highlands College. Candidates must successfully meet all requirements to gain admission to Georgia Highlands College and the BSHS 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 Crosswalk includes the specific courses to be transferred from WGTC to GHC. The agreement provides a total of at least 59 hours to be transferred/awarded. Table 1 includes 29 semester hours of general education core curriculum taken at WGTC and transferred to GHC. The 2nd table includes 30 hours of prior learning credits, which are awarded for completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology at WGTC and successful completion of the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Table 1

CORE CURRICULUM TAKEN AT WGTC FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM					
West Georgia Technical College Courses		SEM HRS	Georgia Highlands College Courses		SEM HRS
Course #	Course Title		Course #	Course Title	
Area A-Essential Skills					
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)
Area B-Institutional Options					
SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
Area C-Humanities/Fine Arts					
HUMN 1101 or MUSC 1101 or ARTS 1101 or	Introduction to Humanities Music Appreciation Art Appreciation	3 (3) (3)	HUMN 2011 or MUSC 1100 or ARTS 1113 or	Studies in Humanities or Music Appreciation Art Appreciation	3 (3) (3)
Area E-Social Sciences					
PSYC 1101 SOC 1101	Introductory Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3 (3)	PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psych or Introductory Sociology	3 (3)
Area F-BSHS					
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
ALHS 1090	Medical Terminology	2	AHS C1090	Medical Terminology	2

Table 2

Health Professions Prior Learning Credit
<p>Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology at WGTC and successful completion of the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), the student will be awarded credit for 30 hours of credit for prior learning for HSCI 4097: Independent Study I, HSCI 4098: Independent Study II, and HSCI 4099: Independent Study III. This credit will be awarded upon the student providing proof of an associate degree or higher and a current license to practice.</p> <p>30 hours of prior learning credits will be awarded in the following courses:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSCI 4097 Independent Study I (10)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSCI 4098 Independent Study II (10)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSCI 4099 Independent Study III (10)</p>

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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