



## MEMORANDUM OF ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA AND GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

This Articulation Agreement has been established between the University of West Georgia (UWG) and Georgia Highlands College (GHC). This memorandum formally recognizes that UWG and GHC agree to work together to provide complementary educational opportunities for students. Two paths are included: 1) Matriculation, in which the GHC nursing student will graduate with the BSN, and upon meeting certain criteria, will matriculate the next semester into the UWG MSN program, and 2) Accelerated BSN-MSN, in which the GHC BSN nursing student, during their final semester at GHC, will take UWG MSN courses in lieu of GHC courses. See below for further detail. The UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing would have the right to provide information about the MSN program and to actively recruit GHC students for automatic admission to the UWG MSN Program. The faculty at GHC would also identify interested students who meet the criteria of admission to participate in the Accelerated BSN-MSN program in partnership with UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing. Information and presentations will be offered to the GHC students by the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing.

### **Matriculation:**

It is the intent of the two organizations to encourage students completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree at GHC to matriculate into the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing Masters in Nursing (MSN) Program, specifically the nurse educator track.

Specific performance criteria are required as a part of the matriculation process. Georgia Highlands College students who successfully complete all qualifying criteria outlined below will be awarded automatic admittance into the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing's MSN Program, educator track in the fall, spring, or summer semester. UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing's MSN articulation protocols will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

Criteria for awarding automatic admittance to the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing MSN program to the GHC student include:

1. Earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from GHC.
2. Official transcripts from each college or university attended.

3. Current licensure as a registered nurse (RN) in the United States upon the start date of MSN coursework.
4. Completion of a basic undergraduate statistics course (with a grade of C or higher) before enrollment or during the first semester of the MSN program.
5. An overall GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) for all nursing courses.
6. UWG Graduate School application and acceptance.
7. If beginning the MSN program in the fall semester the student would take N6900 Scholarly Writing course, N6101 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice, and N6102 Role of the Caring Healthcare Professional.
8. If the student begins the Spring Semester, they would take N6104 Scholarly Inquiry and Data Analysis in Nursing, N6105 Leadership for Quality, Safety, and Health Policy, and N6106 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology.
9. If the student begins the MSN program in the summer semester they will take N6103 Health Promotion and Advanced Health Assessment and N6108 Epidemiology for Nursing Education and Practice.
10. Any curriculum changes from UWG MSN Program or GHC BSN Program will require updates for this Articulation Agreement.

### **Accelerated RN-BSN to MSN**

It is the intent of the two organizations to encourage students completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree at GHC to accelerate into the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing Masters in Nursing (MSN) Program, educator track. To achieve this, in the final semester of the BSN study at GHC, two MSN courses will be taken instead of the BSN courses and will count toward the BSN degree completion. Upon graduation and admission into UWG graduate program, these courses will also count toward the UWG MSN degree.

Full time RN-BSN to MSN students can select to replace two BSN courses with MSN courses. The full-time plans of study limit course selection due to the blending of 8- and 16-week courses; however, these two plans work well:

- Fall start with spring semester BSN completion:
  - UWG MSN NURS 6101 can replace the USG NURS 3197 (Introductions)
  - UWG MSN NURS 6105 can replace the USG NURS 4597 (Leadership and Management)
- Spring start with summer and fall semesters; fall BSN completion:
  - UWG MSN NURS 6104 can replace the USG NURS 3297 (Research)
  - UWG MSN NURS 6108 can replace the USG NURS 4497 (Community)

Part time students may elect to replace two other courses since they have more flexibility with scheduling plans of study. These courses are:

- UWG MSN NURS 6104 can replace USG BSN NURS 3297 (Research)
- UWG MSN NURS 6108 can replace USG BSN NURS 4497 (Community)

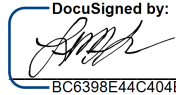
Part-time students will only be able to *select up to two* matriculation courses (6 credit hours). However, they will be able to choose from four courses.

Specific performance criteria are required as a part of the articulation process. Georgia Highlands College students who successfully complete all qualifying criteria outlined below will be awarded automatic admittance into the UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing Masters in Nursing Education Program. UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing Masters in Nursing Education Program articulation protocols will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

Criteria for awarding UWG Tanner Health System School of Nursing automatic admittance for the accelerated GHC student:

1. UWG Graduate Education application and acceptance
2. Current Registered Nurse (RN) License in the United States
3. completion of a basic undergraduate statistics course (with a grade of C or higher) before enrollment or during the first semester of the MSN program.
4. An overall GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) for all nursing courses.
5. Any curriculum changes from UWG MSN Program or GHC BSN Program will require updates for this Articulation Agreement.

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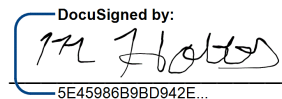
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