

Articulation Agreement

Between

The University of Southern Nevada – College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing program

And

American River College

I. INTRODUCTION

This Articulation Agreement is designed to acknowledge the strong academic foundation that the American River College provides its students and the benefits that can be obtained for those students in having the opportunity to transfer and articulate at the University of Southern Nevada. American River College and the University of Southern Nevada are entering into this Agreement to cooperatively promote the successful undergraduate education of their students. American River College and the University of Southern Nevada seek to enhance the educational opportunities and experiences of their students through:

- Seamless articulation of American River College coursework at the University of Southern Nevada
- Transfer Planning information
- Recognition of the opportunity for admission to the University of Southern Nevada upon successful completion of the required degrees and/or coursework at American River College as outlined below.

American River College and the University of Southern Nevada enter into this Articulation Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each as a quality institution of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, national origin or other non-merit factors.

II. GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT

A. The Academic Officers or designees will implement the terms of this Agreement, including identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements,

- assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines, and conducting an annual review of this agreement.
- B. Program prerequisite requirements listed in the Program Articulation Table may be modified, but any changes in the prerequisites must be mutually agreed upon, in writing, by both parties.
 - C. This Articulation Agreement is effective on **February 1, 2010** and shall remain in effect until **July 1, 2010** or amended by either party within 90 days prior written notice.
 - D. This Articulation Agreement will be reviewed by both parties beginning on or after **July 1, 2010**.
 - E. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar Agreements with any other party.
 - F. Interpretation of this Articulation Agreement will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies and procedures established by the accrediting and governing bodies of the institutions, the U.S. Department of Education, and other agencies having jurisdiction over the operation of either institution.
 - G. Participation of qualified students will be permitted in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws and regulations.
 - H. Both institutions shall maintain their respective accreditation, currently in existence pertaining to this Agreement.
 - I. The institutional points of contact for this Articulation Agreement are the President of the University of Southern Nevada and the Articulation Officer at the American River College. Notices required hereunder shall be deemed sufficient if given these contacts by first class mail.
 - J. Each institution shall encourage and attempt to maintain a high degree of cooperation between their support staffs in the operation of this Articulation Agreement.
 - K. The University of Southern Nevada and American River College will produce and share the necessary information for use by staff, administration, and students consistent with federal and state law.
 - L. American River College faculty and staff may, with written authorization from students, identify in writing to the University of Southern Nevada, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of American River College students who express interest in the University of Southern Nevada. The University of Southern Nevada has the option of contacting these students directly to encourage them to enroll at the University of Southern Nevada. American River College and the University of Southern Nevada will jointly support appropriate advertising space in media such as bulletin boards, information centers, American River College bulletins, electronic communications, etc. to publicize this Articulation Agreement. The University of Southern Nevada will provide reasonable formal academic information resources on a scheduled basis to American River College locations to communicate with faculty, administration, and prospective students.
 - M. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither institution may make any representations or commitments on behalf of the other. Both parties, through their employees and agents, may represent such matters and understanding as are contained in this Articulation Agreement.

- N. This Articulation Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada and the State of California.
- O. This Articulation Agreement may be terminated without cause upon three months written notice.
- P. Both parties recognize they are bound to comply with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) in the handling of educational records of students enrolled in their program.
- Q. Any changes, modifications, supplementation of amendments to the Articulation Agreement must be reduced to writing and signed by the parties which are signatory hereto.
- R. Any waiver by either party of any term of provision to this Articulation Agreement shall not constitute waiver of any other or all provisions. Any waiver of any part of provision of this Articulation Agreement at any one time shall not constitute a waiver for all times.

III. ACCREDITATION REPRESENTATIONS

- A. The University of Southern Nevada is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
- B. The University of Southern Nevada's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program located in Henderson, Nevada is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
- C. The College of Nursing South Jordan Campus will apply to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) for Candidate Status. Candidate status is granted to a program after the NLNAC reviews the nursing program's potential to achieve NLNAC accreditation. Candidate status does not guarantee that a program will achieve initial accreditation, which is granted by the Commission after an accreditation review and a site visit.
- D. The American River College is regionally accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

IV. MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students transferring from the American River College must meet the following minimum admission requirements to be **considered** for admission into the University of Southern Nevada – Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program:

1. Submit a signed University of Southern Nevada-College of Nursing application, with the required application fee,
2. Complete all prerequisite coursework prior to the start of the program with a C (2.0) or higher verified with an official transcript,
3. Earn a 2.75 or higher grade point average based only on the prerequisite coursework,
4. Complete an interview with the Admissions Committee,
5. Submit official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, and
6. Submit official TEAS results dated within the past 12 months.

Additional policies on university and admission requirements are located in the University of Southern Nevada 2009 College Catalog.

V. TRANSFER OF CREDITS FROM AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

- A. The University of Southern Nevada – College of Nursing will accept a maximum of 60 credits from American River College to apply towards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- B. Courses must be directed toward an academic program of study.
- C. Courses earned through an occupational, technical, certificate, or professional training capacities are not accepted for transfer.
- D. Courses which are developmental or remedial are not accepted for transfer.
- E. American River College courses listed on Appendix A will be transferred and counted towards the Bachelors of Science in Nursing Degree.

Additional policies on the transfer of credit and admission requirements are located in the University of Southern Nevada Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2010 Admissions and Transfer Policy Guide.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused this Articulation Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives and by so doing, represent and warrant that they have full authority to enter the same, as the day and date first above written.

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Appendix A: Program Articulation Table

PROGRAM ARTICULATION TABLE	
<i>The following coursework from the American River College will transfer to meet the listed prerequisite course requirement of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Each course from the American River College may be used to satisfy only ONE requirement. Courses listed below are based on the American River College's 2009-2010 College Catalog.</i>	
Prerequisite Course Requirement (University of Southern Nevada – College of Nursing’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program)	American River College courses
Chemistry/Biochemistry (Must include a lab) - 4 semester credits	One of the following courses/sequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEM 305 – Introduction to Chemistry • CHEM 306 - Introduction to Chemistry • CHEM 309 – Survey of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry • CHEM 400 – General Chemistry • CHEM 401 - General Chemistry • CHEM 420 – Organic Chemistry • CHEM 421 – Organic Chemistry
Human Anatomy and Physiology Part I and II- 8 semester credits	All of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOL 430 – Human Anatomy & Physiology • BIOL 431 - Human Anatomy & Physiology
General Microbiology (Must include lab) – 4 semester credits	The following course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOL 440 – General Microbiology
Fundamentals of College Mathematics or higher- 3 semester credits	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 300 – Introduction to Mathematical Ideas • MATH 300 - Introduction to Mathematical Ideas • MATH 310 - Mathematical Discovery • MATH 330 - Trigonometry • MATH 340 - Calculus for Business and Economics • MATH 344 - Finite Mathematics • MATH 350 - Calculus for the Life and Social Sciences I • MATH 351- Calculus for the Life and Social Sciences II • MATH 370 - Pre-Calculus Mathematics • MATH 400 - Calculus I • MATH 401 - Calculus II • MATH 402 - Calculus III • MATH 410 - Introduction to Linear Algebra • MATH 420 - Differential Equations
Statistics – 3 semester credits	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAT 301 – Introduction to Probability & Statistics • PSYC 330 – Introductory Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

<i>General/Introduction to Psychology –3 semester credits</i>	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSYC 300 – General Psychology • PSYC 370 – Human Development: A Life Span
<i>General/Introduction to Sociology –3 semester credits</i>	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOC 300 – Introductory Sociology • SOC 301 – Social Problems
<i>English Composition I - 3 semester credits</i>	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGWR 300 – College Composition • ENGWR 480 – Honors College Composition
<i>English Composition II – 3 semester credits</i>	One of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGWR 301 – College Composition & Literature • ENGWR 302 – Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking • ENGWR 481 – Honors College Composition & Literature • ENGWR 482 – Honors Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking
<i>Humanities – 9 semester credits</i>	Three (3) courses within the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • English • Foreign Language • History • Humanities • Music • Philosophy • Sign Language • Speech • Theatre Arts
<i>Elective – May transfer up to 12 semester credits</i>	Courses will be transferred as an elective (maximum 12 semester credits) under the following guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course must be college-level coursework; Courses that are considered remedial and/or developmental will not transfer • Courses earned through an occupational, technical, certificate, or professional training capacity will not transfer • Courses must be directed toward an academic program of study; Courses which are considered personal development (exercise, dance instruction, etc.) will not transfer.

***Nevada Campus Students Only:
U.S. and Nevada Constitution –
3 semester credits***

***Utah Campus Students Only:
U.S. Constitution –
3 semester credits***

Students attending American River College may take the following course to satisfy the U.S. Constitution requirement; however, the student must complete a Nevada Constitution course during the first year of the program IF the student attends the Henderson, Nevada Campus:

- HIST 310 – History of the United States
- HIST 311 – History of the United States
- HIST 321 – History of United States: African-American Emphasis
- HIST 323 – History of United States: The American Indian Experience
- HIST 325 – History of Asian/Pacific Americans
- HIST 327 – History of the Chicano/Mexican American
- HIST 330 – Women in American History
- HIST 483 – History of the United States – Honors
- HIST 484 – History of the United States – Honors
- POLS 301 – Introduction to Government: United States