RN-BSN Completion Articulation Agreement

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to Viterbo University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

This articulation agreement establishes a collaborative relationship with Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Viterbo University, allowing students with an Associate Degree in Nursing a seamless transfer of credits toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This agreement establishes guidelines by which WTCS students may transfer courses to Viterbo University after the completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion program encourages nurses to build on their prior learning experiences while fulfilling the requirements of the nursing and core curriculum (general education) at Viterbo. Viterbo's BSN Completion program calendar year is divided into two semesters with a third semester's work being completed in the summer. Each semester is then divided into two sessions. There are various program delivery options providing sufficient credits for nurses to graduate in as little as one year, much of this depends on the credits transferred. However, students may choose to complete courses at their own pace; it is not a cohort model.

The BSN Completion program allows students who have completed the ADN program with any WTCS school to transfer their Associate Degree in Nursing and any other associate level credits to Viterbo University.

Conditions:

1. This articulation agreement is based on the WTCS curricula beginning 1996 to present including all revisions up to the current statewide curriculum. Individuals graduating prior to 1996 will have their transcripts evaluated on an individual basis in a similar manner.
2. ***Upon successful completion of a WTCS accredited program, students can be considered for admission as long as they***:
    - Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 on a 4.0 scale,
    - Successfully complete the NCLEX before starting the BSN completion program, and
    - Show documentation of an active U.S. registered nurse license prior to beginning the second session of nursing courses in the program. *Those with a non-U.S. registered nurse license will be individually evaluated.*
3. All courses transferred from WTCS will be processed as lower division credit.
4. Students will be awarded the amount of credit they earned from the WTCS for transferred coursework, not the number of credits for the equivalent Viterbo course.
5. WTCS and Viterbo University will notify each other of any courses

modification(s) which may affect this agreement.

6. Transfer credits will be granted for WTCS courses in which the transfer student has received a grade of C or better.
7. General education and nursing courses will be transferred according to Appendix A.
8. Appendix B shows the additional courses that a WTCS student can complete at a WTCS institution that will transfer to Viterbo and towards the BSN completion degree.
9. All Viterbo University requirements must be met according to Appendix A and B.
10. When credits are transferred to Viterbo University, the transfer does not include grades. WTCS coursework will not be a part of the Viterbo grade point average calculation.

Alternative avenues for earning credits, including Credit for Prior Learning, CLEP or other, need to be approved by Viterbo University.

Purpose of Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate cooperative educational programming between the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Viterbo University (VU). Articulation eliminates unnecessary duplication of instruction, provides opportunities for advanced education, increases flexibility in scheduling, and promotes more informed career decision-making.

Type of Agreement

Program-to-Program

General Terms

Duration: This agreement shall be in effect for an indefinite time period commencing on September 1, 2026.

Review: This Agreement will be reviewed by the originating college (Western Technical College) and Viterbo University on an annual basis.

Modification: This Agreement may be amended or updated at any time upon the mutual agreement in the writing of the parties.

Termination: Either agency may terminate this agreement upon a six-month notice. Such action, however, shall not affect students already enrolled in the program.

Severability: If any provision of this agreement shall be determined to be void, invalid, unenforceable, or illegal for any reason, it shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition and the validity and enforceability of all remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Appendix A: The courses below show how completed Nursing coursework from Western Technical College transfers to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Viterbo University. Some courses may require a minimum grade to transfer into specific major requirements.

Course-to-Course Equivalency					
Western Course			**Viterbo University Equivalent**		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
801-136	English Composition I	3	ENG 103	Reading, Writing & Elements of Argument	3
806-177 and 806-179	General Anatomy and Physiology AND Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	8	BIOL 104/104L and BIOL 114/114L	Anatomy and Physiology I AND Anatomy and Physiology II	8
806-197	Microbiology	4	BIOL 296L	Microbiology for Health Professionals	4
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC 171	General Psychology	3
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 220	Lifespan Psychology	3

Block Equivalency					
Western Block			**Viterbo University Block**		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
890-106	Strengths Seminar	1		Elective Credit	47
543-300	Nursing Assistant *(required to complete prior to starting Nursing program courses @ Western)*	2			
543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	2			
543-104	Nursing Intro Clinical Practice	2			
543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	2			

543-102	Nursing Skills	3	
543-108	Intro to Clinical Care Mgmt	2	
543-107	Nursing: Clinical Care Across Lifespan	2	
543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	3	
543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	3	
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3	
543-110	Mental Health and Community Concepts	2	
543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1	
543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 1	3	
543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3	
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3	
543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	3	
543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3	
543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2	
543-114	Nursing Mgmt & Professional Concepts	2	

*** See Appendix B (Page 5) for additional elective course options. A WTCS Nursing student intending to transfer to Viterbo BSN completion program should work with their college advisor and transfer personnel at Viterbo to determine additional elective courses offered at their WTCS institution.*

Appendix B: Additional Course Options to Complete at Wisconsin Technical College System to Reach 90 Total Credits *(Sample plan based on Western course options)*

If additional elective courses are not completed at WTCS, student will need to complete those credits at Viterbo University.

Western Technical College			**Viterbo University**		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
804-189 or 804-240 or other Stats class	Introductory Statistics ***OR*** Basic Statistics	3-4	MATH 130	Introductory Statistics **fulfills NURS 315 Applied Statistics for Health Care requirement*	3
ELEC-XXX	Other general electives *(varies by WTCS institution)* ****All courses outside of required Nursing program can be transferred to help achieve 120 total undergraduate required credits*** ****Other courses to consider completing to support Nursing degree, courses in:*** *Health Information Technology, Psychology, Business Management, Leadership*	17-18		**Courses with a C or better will transfer as closest associated VU course title and/or as electives*	17-18
Total additional credits recommended at WTCS					**21-22**

Students planning to transfer should contact transfer personnel at Viterbo University for most current transfer information and an unofficial course evaluation.

What You'll Take at Viterbo University (RN-BSN Bachelor Completion Program)

After transferring coursework from WTCS, these are the remaining courses needed to complete the RN to BSN program at Viterbo University. Students can transfer up to 90 credits from WTCS, with the last 30 credits required to be taken at Viterbo University. Upon admission to Viterbo University, students will work with RN to BSN academic advisor(s) to ensure maximum efficiency of your course selection and incoming transfer credits.

Core Courses		
Course Number	**Course Name**	**Credits**
RLST 305	Theology for the Adult Learner	3
GLCZ XXX	Global Citizenship course *(upper division)*	3
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NURS 315*	Applied Statistics for Health Care Professional	3
NURS 340	Expanding Roles and Exploring Values	3
NURS 353	Contemporary Issues and Emerging Trends	3
NURS 450	Public Health Nursing and Population Health	3
NURS 451	Clinical Application in Public Health (On-Site, Near You)	1
NURS 462	Nursing Research Supporting Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 472	Transforming Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 476	Organizational Systems in Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 481	Professional Nursing Capstone	3
	Total remaining credits at VU	**31-34**

**Course waived if student has previously taken a Statistics course (as shown in Appendix B).*

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