

*A Transfer
Articulation Agreement*

between

Nicholls State University



AND

South Louisiana Community College

SLCCTM

SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Introduction

This document establishes a transfer articulation partnership between Nicholls State University (Nicholls) and South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) that should prove beneficial to both institutions. Students attending SLCC will have the opportunity to transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program at Nicholls with minimal loss of credits after earning the Associate of Science degree in Nursing (ASN) at SLCC.

Transfer Program

The conditions of this agreement allow students who have completed the ASN program at SLCC to transfer all credit hours, as designated in the attached RN-BSN Articulation Guidelines (Appendix A), to Nicholls into the BSN program. The BSN program at Nicholls requires the completion of 120 hours of semester credits. All general education support courses taken at SLCC that are listed on the attached crosswalk (Appendix B) in pursuit of the ASN will transfer into the bachelor's degree program at Nicholls provided all grade and GPA requirements established by the College of Nursing and Allied Health and the University have been met and the student earns the ASN degree. For students who do not complete the program, transferability of credits will be determined on a course-by-course basis. The RN-BSN Articulation Guidelines specify how credits may be earned and applied to the bachelor's degree.

In accordance with this agreement, South Louisiana Community College will:

- provide academic advising for students who plan to transfer into the Nicholls BSN program;
- encourage SLCC students who intend to transfer to Nicholls to complete the *Intent to Transfer* form (Appendix C) and submit the completed form to the Nicholls Office of Admissions;
- provide students the opportunity to obtain the SLCC credit hours as listed in Appendix A;
- provide transferring students assistance in completing a Nicholls Application for Admission to the University;
- provide information about this Transfer Articulation Agreement on the SLCC website;
- market the articulation agreement jointly with Nicholls.

In accordance with this agreement, Nicholls State University will:

- receive and maintain *Intent to Transfer* forms from SLCC and honor the catalog in which the student intends to graduate as indicated on the form;
- accept SLCC credit hours as indicated in Appendix A;
- provide SLCC with appropriate advising materials;
- provide information about this Transfer Articulation Agreement on the Nicholls website;
- market the articulation agreement jointly with SLCC.

SLCC students will follow the baccalaureate program curriculum requirements as specified in the *Nicholls State University Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog* in force at the time indicated on the *Intent to Transfer* form. University policy allows a student seven years to graduate under the catalog in effect at the time of initial enrollment at Nicholls. For the purposes of this agreement, Nicholls will use the catalog year indicated on the *Intent to Transfer* form. To participate in this program, SLCC students must meet all transfer admission requirements established by Nicholls.

Program Evaluation

Nicholls State University will monitor the progress and overall performance of SLCC students participating in this program. Significant deficiencies in the performance of SLCC students relatable to this program will be examined and addressed by the faculty of both institutions.

Program Renewal

This agreement will be reviewed every three years and modified or terminated, or will remain in effect until one of the institutions petitions to end the agreement. The RN-BSN Articulation Guidelines (Appendix A) may be modified based on future BSN curriculum changes without reaffirmation of this agreement. Petition to end the agreement must be submitted in writing and signed by the Dean, Chancellor, or President of the institution making the petition. Delivery of the intent to terminate will constitute formal notification and will serve as grounds for termination one year following the date of delivery.

Effective Date

The effective date of this agreement is December 17, _____, 2018.

Approval for this agreement is hereby granted by:

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Sue Westbrook, DNS, MA, RN Date
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean, College of Nursing and Allied Health (Interim)
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Rebecca Harris-Smith Ed.D., MSN, RN Date 12/17/18
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Appendix A

RN –BSN Articulation Guidelines

The RN-BSN Articulation provides an opportunity for Registered Nurses (RNs) to pursue a BSN degree and is designed to validate and award credit for existing knowledge, while remaining consistent with the BSN Program student learning outcomes. The RN-BSN Articulation is offered through Nicholls Online.

General Expectations

1. A student must meet admission requirements of the University, the College of Nursing and Allied Health, and the Department of Nursing.
2. A student must meet all pre-requisite and/or general education core requirements for the degree.
3. A student must be a graduate of a state licensing board approved program and nationally accredited program.

Admission/Retention/Progression Criteria

1. Yearly documentation of unencumbered, unrestricted Louisiana license as a Registered Nurse.
2. Maintenance of a minimum grade of C and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (4.0 scale) in all required courses in the curriculum.
3. A student is permitted one failure or withdrawal in NURS 226, NURS 228, NURS 417, NURS420, NURS 422, NURS 427, and NURS 428.
4. Requirements for graduation must be completed within seven years from the date of entry into NURS 417.
5. Evidence of health requirements must be provided and validated through CastleBranch™ *prior* to participating in any clinical experience.
6. A student must earn at least 30 credit hours in residence and earn a majority of the credits in the BSN major through this University.

Course Substitutions

Course substitutions may be submitted for equivalent course work taken at Nicholls and other Colleges and/or universities if a grade of C or better has been earned. Credit is awarded following approval by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Credit by Examination/Competency Testing

A maximum of fifty percent of Nicholls degree requirements may be earned through correspondence, extension, military service, military service schools, College Level Examinations Program (CLEP), or any accumulation from all categories of testing, placements, and similar programs. Since the university policy on granting credit for CLEP scores excludes certain academic areas, the student should request further information on the policy regarding CLEP from the Office of Records and Registration or the Testing Center. Courses for which credit by examination may be earned include the following:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Allied Health Science 220 – Pathophysiology	3	Allied Health	(985) 493-2624
Allied Health Science 221 – Pharmacology	3	Allied Health	(985) 493-2624
Dietetics 200 – Applied Nutrition	3	Allied Health	(985) 493-2624
OIS 200 – Computers in the Office	2	Computer Information Systems	(985) 449-7014
Nursing Electives	3	BSN Program	(985) 448-4695
Nursing 226 – Health Assessment of the Adult	3	BSN Program	(985) 448-4695
Nursing 420 – Community Health Nursing	5	BSN Program	(985) 448-4695
Nursing 427 – Leadership & Management	3	BSN Program	(985) 448-4695

Transfer Courses

A student may transfer coursework from a regionally accredited college or university as long as the following two criteria are followed: (1) 25% of the degree requirements must be earned at Nicholls, and (2) 24 of the last 30 credit hours must be earned at Nicholls. Copies of the Louisiana Master Course Articulation Matrix can be obtained in the Department of Nursing equivalences of courses among Louisiana's public colleges and universities. The State Articulation Matrix is also available at <https://regents.la.gov/master-course-articulation/>.

Major Nursing Courses

The curriculum in the RN-BSN Articulation is consistent with the curriculum for the generic BSN degree, with the following exceptions:

1. Major nursing courses in the RN-BSN Articulation consist of:
 - NURS 226 Health Assessment for the Adult Client (3-2-3)
 - NURS 228 Gerontic Nursing Care Concepts (2-2-0)
 - NURS 417 Professional Nursing Practices (5-3-6) – Transition/Bridge Course
 - NURS 420 Community Health Nursing (5-3-6)
 - NURS 422 Nursing Research and Evidence for Best Practice (3-3-0)
 - NURS 427 Nursing Leadership/Management (3-3-0)
 - NURS 428 Preceptorship Experience in Professional Nursing (4-0-12)

Upon successful completion of the transition/bridge course, NURS 417, the RN is awarded credit in the following courses for a total of 33 nursing credit hours. In other words, 56% of the credit hours in the nursing courses required for the degree are awarded as credit after successful completion of the transition/bridge course, NURS 417.

2. Courses for which nursing credit may be awarded for successful completion of NURS 417 transition/bridge course are:
 - NURS 222 Basic Nursing Process I (3-2-3)
 - NURS 223 Basic Nursing Process II (2-1-3)
 - NURS 255 Nursing and the Adult I (7-4-9)
 - NURS 340 Inter-professional Concepts for Contemporary Nursing (3-3-0)
 - NURS 355 Nursing and the Adult II (8-4-12)
 - NURS 371 Nursing and the Childbearing Family (5-3-6)
 - NURS 381 Nursing and the Childbearing Family (5-3-6)
 - NURS 400 Mental Health Nursing (5-3-6)
3. RN-BSN students must complete four hours of electives (3 credit hours of a nursing elective and 1 credit hour of general elective).
4. The designated oral communication competency courses for the BSN students is NURS 417, 420, and 422.

Estimated Time to Completion

Once admitted to the professional component of the BSN Program, the student can typically complete the program in one year of full-time continuous study.

RN-BSN Articulation Guideline

General Education and Support Courses:

	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
Allied Health Science 220**, 221**	6
Fine Arts Elective	3
Biology 114, 115, 116, 117, 205	11
Chemistry 109	3
OIS 200**	2
English 101*, 102*	6
English Literature (200 or above)	3
English 468	3
History*	3
Humanities*	3
Dietetics 200**	3
Math 101* or 117, 214	6
Psychology 101*	3
Sociology 204	3
General Elective	<u>1</u>
Total	59

*May earn credit via examination (CLEP, etc.)

**May earn credit via examination through Nicholls.

Major Nursing Courses:

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hrs.</u>
Nursing 226.....	3*
Nursing 228.....	2*
Nursing Elective.....	3*
Nursing 417 (Fall only).....	5
Nursing 422.....	<u>3</u>
Total	16

(Upon successful completion of Nursing 417, an additional 38 credit hours titled nursing will be awarded)

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hrs.</u>
Nursing 420.....	5**
Nursing 427.....	3**
Nursing 428.....	4*
Total	12

Total General Education and Support Hours = 59

Total Nursing Hours = 61 (28 by enrollment, 33 by credit awarded; of the 28, up to 11 by examination/competency testing)

Total Hours for Degree = 120

*Nursing courses; may earn credit via examination/competency testing

**Nursing 420 and Nursing 427 – may earn credit via examination/competency testing in either, but not both

Appendix B
SLCC and Nicholls Course Crosswalk
Courses Taken at SLCC and the Transfer Equivalent at Nicholls
for General Education and Support Courses Toward the BSN Degree

SLCC Course Title	SLCC Course	Nicholls Equivalent
ENGLISH COMPOSITION		
Rhetoric & Composition	ENGL 1010	ENGL 101
Composition & Critical Thought	ENGL 1020	ENGL 102
ENGLISH LITERATURE ELECTIVES		
BRITISH LITERATURE I	ENGL 2010	ENGL 215
BRITISH LITERATURE II	ENGL 2020	ENGL 215
MAJOR BRITISH WRITERS	ENGL 2025	ENGL 215
AMERICAN LITERATURE I	ENGL 2030	ENGL 215
MAJOR AMERICAN WRITERS	ENGL 2035	ENGL 215
AMERICAN LITERATURE II	ENGL 2040	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO FICTION	ENGL 2055	ENGL 216
INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	ENGL 2065	ENGL 215, 216, or 217
WORLD LITERATURE I	ENGL 2170	ENGL 215
MAJOR WORLD WRITERS	ENGL 2175	ENGL 215
WORLD LITERATURE II	ENGL 2180	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S LITERATURE	ENGL 2210	ENGL 215
SOUTHERN LITERATURE	ENGL 2220	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIT	ENGL 2230	ENGL 215
MATHEMATICS		
COLLEGE ALGEBRA	MATH 1105	MATH 101
INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS	MATH 2020	MATH 214
LIFE SCIENCES		
HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	BIOL 2022	BIOL 114
HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I LAB	BIOL 2023	BIOL 115
HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	BIOL 2032	BIOL 116
HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II LAB	BIOL 2033	BIOL 117
HUMAN NUTRITION	BIOL 2042	DIET 200
GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	BIOL 2100	BIOL 203 or 205
HISTORY ELECTIVES		
WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I	HIST 1040	HIST 150
WORLD CIVILIZATIONS II	HIST 1041	HIST 151
UNITED STATES HISTORY I	HIST 2010	HIST 255
UNITED STATES HISTORY II	HIST 2020	HIST 256
FINE ARTS ELECTIVES		
SURVEY OF THE ARTS I	ARTS 1100	ART 280
SURVEY OF ARTS II	ARTS 1200	ART 282
BASIC DRAWING	ARTS 1210	ART 201
INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING	ARTS 2250	ART 2XX
MUSIC APPRECIATION	MUSC 1010	MUS 105
HISTORY OF ROCK	MUSC 1020	MUS 1XX
HISTORY OF JAZZ	MUSC 2300	MUS 2XX
INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE AND PERFORMING ARTS	THEA 1010	FNAR 1XX
HUMANITIES ELECTIVES		
FUNDAMENTALS OF HUMAN COMMUNICATION	CMCN 1013	SPCH 1XX
INTRODUCTION TO MASS COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA	CMCN 2050	MACO 101
INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	CMCN 2213	SPCH 201
BRITISH LITERATURE I	ENGL 2010	ENGL 215
BRITISH LITERATURE II	ENGL 2020	ENGL 215
MAJOR BRITISH WRITERS	ENGL 2025	ENGL 215
AMERICAN LITERATURE I	ENGL 2030	ENGL 215
MAJOR AMERICAN WRITERS	ENGL 2035	ENGL 215

AMERICAN LITERATURE II	ENGL 2040	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO FICTION	ENGL 2055	ENGL 216
INTRO TO LITERATURE (with approved topic)	ENGL 2060	ENGL 216
INTRODUCTION TO POETRY/DRAMA	ENGL 2065	ENGL 216
FILM AS LITERATURE	ENGL 2090	ENGL 240
WORLD LITERATURE I	ENGL 2170	ENGL 215
MAJOR WORLD WRITERS	ENGL 2175	ENGL 215
WORLD LITERATURE II	ENGL 2180	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S LITERATURE	ENGL 2210	ENGL 215
SOUTHERN LITERATURE	ENGL 2220	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIT	ENGL 2230	ENGL 215
INTRODUCTION TO MYTHOLOGY/FOLKLORE	ENGL 2240	HUMA 2XX
WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I	HIST 1040	HIST 150
WORLD CIVILIZATIONS II	HIST 1041	HIST 151
UNITED STATES HISTORY I	HIST 2010	HIST 255
UNITED STATES HISTORY II	HIST 2020	HIST 256
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY	HIST 2070	HIST 2XX
LOUISIANA HISTORY	HIST 2100	HIST 2XX
BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCES		
INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I	PSYC 2010	PSYC 101
COMPUTER LITERACY	MCIS 1005	OIS 200
UNIVERSITY PREP	SFSE 1003	UNIV 1XX

If the student is interested in a course that does not appear on the matrix above, it still may be accepted for credit after consulting with the Nicholls State University's Office of Records and Registration and the Department of Nursing.

APPENDIX C

Intent to Transfer Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Social Security Number (Required) _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Beginning semester at SLCC Fall Spring Summer Year _____

Intended Major at Nicholls _____

Nicholls catalog under which you intend to graduate _____

I understand that by signing this statement of intent, the Nicholls degree program requirements I must satisfy to complete my degree will be those in the catalog under which I intend to graduate from Nicholls as indicated above. I also understand that I must complete the curriculum within seven (7) years. If I fail to meet any of these requirements, I will be subject to the curriculum requirements in the Nicholls catalog during the eighth year of enrollment or the catalog in effect the year of graduation.

The information submitted on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding or giving incorrect information may make me ineligible for admission to Nicholls State University. I allow the release of my transcripts, grades, and application materials from and to both institutions involved throughout the term of this agreement.

My signature below acknowledges that I understand all of the conditions as indicated above.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

For Official Use Only

Date Sent to Nicholls _____

Date Received _____

Nicholls ID# _____

LOLA ID# _____