

**Memorandum of Understanding
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
and
ALVERNO COLLEGE**

**RN TO BSN
PROGRAM TO PROGRAM TRANSFER AGREEMENT
Last Updated 2/2014**

This articulation agreement verifies the relationship between Alverno College and the Wisconsin Technical College System, and all sixteen participating Wisconsin Technical Colleges in the joint effort to provide an additional degree opportunity to students completing an Associates of Applied Science in Nursing and wishing to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Alverno College.

Alverno College reserves the right to make policy revisions, which may affect the contents of this agreement due to changes in the curriculum or quality standards at either institution. Each institution will inform the other of any major changes that would affect this agreement. WTCS and Alverno College will review this articulation agreement on a biennial basis to keep information current.

Alverno College

Wisconsin Technical Colleges

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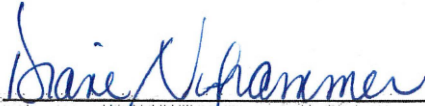
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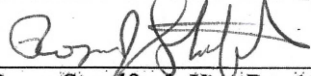
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**WTCS Nursing Associate in Applied Science Degree to
Alverno College Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN track)**

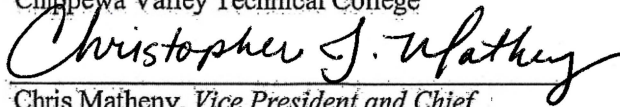
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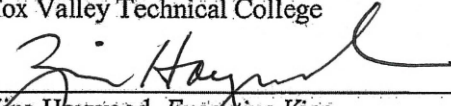
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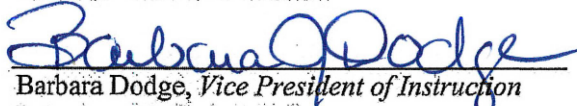
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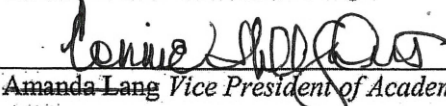
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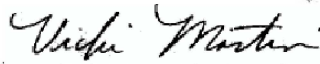


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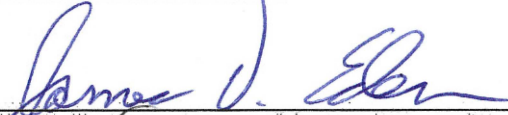


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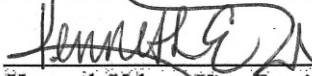
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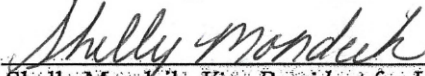
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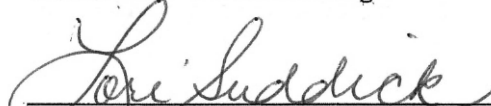
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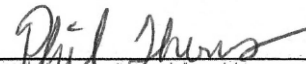
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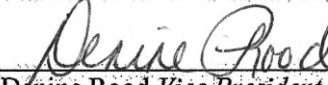
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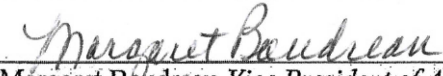
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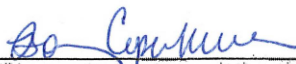
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Waukesha County Technical College



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Indianhead Technical College

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION

Articulation from:

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) – 16 colleges represented
Associate of Applied Science – Nursing
70 credits granted at transfer

Articulation to:

Alverno College, JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science – Nursing
36 credits completed at Alverno College

PHILOSOPHY: The RN to BSN program at Alverno College is uniquely designed for the registered nurse who wishes to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The program is intended to prepare independent, professional practitioners who are committed to meeting the health needs of people of all ages and who are prepared for career advancement and the pursuit of graduate education in nursing.

Baccalaureate education in nursing focuses on nursing science and therapeutics, the natural and behavioral sciences, and liberal arts which enable students to develop skills in effective interpersonal communications, critical thinking, systematic problem solving, creative teaching, innovative leadership and direct involvement in social concerns.

Alverno College recognizes the time, energy, and quality of work that Wisconsin Technical College System's nursing graduates have expended in completing their associate degree in Nursing. We are pleased, therefore, to enter into this program-to-program articulation agreement between WTCS and Alverno College.

ELIGIBILITY: Women who have successfully completed the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at a WTCS college and who are in the process of taking the state board exams or have already successfully completed the state board exams, are eligible to apply to Alverno's 18 month RN to BSN program. Passing results on the NCLEX and a state registered nursing license are required prior to beginning the Alverno degree program.

THE ALVERNO ADVANTAGE:

- **Alverno's Ability-Based Curriculum is Nationally and Internationally Recognized by Educational Leaders**
 - Every course systematically builds on eight abilities needed to put knowledge to work.
- **RN to BSN is Designed Based on Feedback from Practicing Nurses**
 - Course sequence is fixed, so there is no need to decide which arts and science courses you need to make progress
 - Each course includes a combination of in person class time on the Alverno campus and on-line class sessions
 - Classes meet no more than one evening per week

- Hybrid design allows for the flexibility to complete some course work on your own time, while still maintaining face to face relationships with faculty and peers
- Part-time enrollment status allows for eligibility for student loans
- **Program Respects Previous Academic and Professional Experience**
 - All 70 Associates of Science in Nursing credits are accepted and applied towards BSN
 - Do not repeat Associate Degree clinicals

PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER COURSES:

Alverno's RN to BSN program recognizes and incorporates coursework from the student's associate degree. Successful completion of the seventy (70) required credits from the Associates Degree in Applied Science in Nursing will transfer into the BSN program and will be applied towards your graduation requirements.

Additional electives or pre-program course work will not count as additional transfer credits.

No course by course evaluation is needed. The AAS is accepted in full at 70 credits.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY:

Students will complete 36 credits at Alverno College. The courses required for graduation are:*

- Finding Meaning in Professional Practice (4 credits)
- Professional Leadership Policy, Practice & Systems (4 credits)
- Arts, Culture and Ethics (4 credits)
- Probability & Statistics ** (4 credits)
- Nursing Research: Evidence-based practice and quality improvement (4 credits)
- Sustainability and Technology in the Changing World (4 credits)
- Nursing Process with Individuals, Families & Communities (4 credits)
- Informed Decision-Making in Complex Societies (4 credits)
- Nursing Theory and Practice with Vulnerable Populations (4 credits)

*Course titles are subject to change, but will not impact the validity of this agreement.

**Students are able to transfer in 4 credits of a 200 level or higher differential statistics course taken within the last 5 years. This is the only course within the track eligible for transfer credit.

Successful completion of each course is required prior to advancement to the next course in the sequence.

With this agreement we understand that the students will:

Have completed her AAS degree with a minimum 2.0 GPA

The student will apply to Alverno College and make arrangements to have official transcripts sent to Alverno College

Alverno College services include:

- Admissions Transfer Counselors who are willing to answer transfer questions while students are enrolled at WTCS
- Professional Advisors and/or Faculty Advisors once a student is enrolled
- Instructional Services for walk-in academic assistance, study groups, tutoring if needed
- Student Services for student organizations, activities on campus, counseling
- Extended hours for Library and Computer Labs

About Alverno College

- 46- Acre Campus/Community just south of Brewer Stadium, on the south side of Milwaukee
- Classes are held on campus at 3400 S 43rd Street
http://www.alverno.edu/about_alverno/map_direction.html
- Because of the interactive nature of learning at Alverno, students receive individual feedback rather than grades
- Undergrad degree programs are for women (Graduate programs include women and men)
- Alverno College teaches with an ability-based approach, meaning that students demonstrate the following abilities throughout the program:

Communication
Analysis
Problem Solving
Valuing

Social Interaction
Developing a Global Perspective
Effective Citizenship
Aesthetic Engagement