



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**TRANSFER ARTICULATION**  
**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**AND**  
**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO**

**Associate of Applied Science**  
**and**  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”), entered into on \_\_\_ of August, 2024, (“Effective Date”) by and between Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (hereinafter, “ASUJ”), located at 2105 Aggie Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, and Black River Technical College (hereinafter “BRTC”), located at 1410 Highway 304 East, Pocahontas, AR 72455.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Science in Nursing: LPN-RN Transition Pathway at BRTC to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Through collaborative efforts, ASUJ and BRTC will provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, and afford students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

**AGREEMENT**

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Science in Nursing: LPN-RN Transition Pathway at BRTC will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at ASUJ with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to ASUJ as well as specific admission to the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- B. The student will have earned the Associate of Science in Nursing: LPN-RN Transition Pathway at BRTC.
- C. Degree program admission requirements for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at ASUJ.

## **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

- A. Course equivalencies for this Agreement are displayed in Appendix A attached hereto.
- B. Course requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are stated in Appendix B attached hereto.
- C. A transfer student who has not completed all the courses specified within the Associate of Science in Nursing: Traditional Pathway degree plan at BRTC, before entering ASUJ, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- D. Current and updated copies of catalogs/curricular requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will be available to BRTC online.
- E. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ASUJ.
- F. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of ASUJ.
- G. ASUJ will accept grades of "D" for transfer purposes unless a grade of "C or better" is specified for specific courses in this agreement.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW**

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis. Both ASUJ and BRTC agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. ASUJ and BRTC will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at BRTC. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.

- E. ASUJ and BRTC will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution’s website, published catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to ASUJ, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D. This agreement shall become effective at the time that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.



Dr. C. White, Jr.  
Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor  
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

Date: 8/26/2024

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Dr. Martin Eggenesperger  
President  
Black River Technical College

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix A**

Course equivalencies between Black River Technical College and Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

### **BRTC Courses**

#### **English Composition**

ENG 1003 Freshman English I (grade of C or better)  
ENG 1013 Freshman English II

#### **Mathematics**

MATH 1023 College Algebra **OR**  
MATH 1043 Quantitative Literacy (or higher)

#### **Physical Sciences**

CHEM 1014 General Chemistry I  
BIOL 2004 Human Anatomy & Physiology I with lab  
BIOL 2104 Microbiology with Lab  
BIOL 2414 Human Anatomy & Physiology II with lab

#### **Psychology/Sociology**

PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology  
SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology

#### **Government/History**

POSC 2103 Intro to U.S. Government  
HIST 2113 The United States to 1876  
HIST 2123 The United States from 1876

#### **Fine Arts/Humanities**

THEA 2503 Fine Arts-Theatre **OR**  
MUS 2503 Fine Arts-Music **OR**  
ART 2503 Fine Arts-Visual **OR**  
PHIL 1103 Intro to Philosophy

#### **Literature**

ENG 2003 World Literature I **OR**  
ENG 2013 World Literature II

### **ASUJ Courses**

ENG 1003 Composition I  
ENG 1013 Composition II

MATH 1023 College Algebra  
MATH 1043 Quantitative Reasoning

CHEM 1013/1011 General Chemistry I/Lab  
BIO2203/2201 Human A&P I/lab  
BIOL 2103/2101 Microbiology for nurses/lab  
BIO 2223/2221 Human A&P/II/lab

PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology  
SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology

POSC 2103 Intro to U.S. Government  
HIST 2763 The United States to 1876  
HIST 2773 The United States Since 1876

THEA 2503 Fine Arts Theatre  
MUS 2503 Fine Arts Music  
ART 2503 Fine Arts Visual  
PHIL 1103 Intro to Philosophy

ENG 2003 World Literature to 1660  
ENG 2013 World Literature Since 1660

### **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Traditional Pathway Nursing Courses**

RNSG 2112 Nursing Process I  
RNSG 2123 Nursing Practicum I  
RNSG 2216 Nursing Process II  
RNSG 2223 Nursing Practicum II  
RNSG 2312 Nursing Process III  
RNSG 2323 Nursing Practicum III

**Appendix B**  
**ASU-Jonesboro Courses**

The following courses that BRTC students must take to complete ASU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing. These courses are in addition to the general education requirements and electives outside of the major area of study.

**Pre/Co-Requisites**

**Communications –6 HRS**

ENG 1003 Comp 1

ENG 1013 Comp 2

**Arts & Humanities – 9 HOURS**

At least 1 of the following in Fine Arts:

MUS 2503 Fine Arts Music

THEA 2503 Fine Arts Theater

ART 2503 Fine Arts Visual

At least 1 of the following in Humanities:

ENG2003 World Lit 1

ENG 2013 World Lit 2

PHIL 1103 Intro to Philosophy

Gen Ed Option – Additional Fines Arts or Humanities

COMS 1013 Oral Communications (often used)

**Mathematics – 3 HOURS**

MATH 1023 College Algebra or MATH 1043 Quantitative Reasoning

**Social Science – 9 HOURS**

PSY 2013 Intro to Psychology

SOC 2213 Intro to Sociology

POSC 2103 Intro to US Gov. or HIST 2773 US History to 1876 or HIST 2763 US History Since 1876

**Sciences –8 HOURS**

BIOL 2103 Microbiology for Nurses

BIOL 2101 Microbiology for Nurses Lab

CHEM 1043 Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry or CHEM 1013 General Chemistry

CHEM 1041 Fundamental Concepts of Chem Lab or CHEM 1011 General Chem Lab

**Required Support Courses – 11 HOURS**

BIO 2203 Human A&P 1

BIO 2201 Human A&P 1 Lab

BIO 2223 Human A&P 2

BIO 2221 Human A&P 2 Lab

2000+ level Stats

**Required RN-BSN Courses**

NRS 3723 Clinical Pathophysiology

NRS 4003 Issues in Healthcare Policy \*1

NRS 4043 Intro to Nursing Informatics  
NRS 3713 Principles of Nursing Research \*2

NRS 4763 Professional Nursing Role  
NRS 0000 Nursing Elective

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**Nursing elective options:**

NRS 3333 – Women’s Health: Past, Present, and Future

NRS 3353 – Aging and the Older Adult

NRS 4223 – Forensic Nursing

**Hours accepted by articulation: 45 hours**

NRS 2002 Medical Surgical Nursing 1

NRS 2313 Concepts of Nursing Practice

NRS 2322 Foundations of Nursing

NRS 2392 Health Assessment

NRS 3103 Medical Surgical Nursing 2

NRS 3205 Medical Surgical Nursing 3

NRS 3422 Essentials of Mental Health Nursing

NRS 3463 Pathophysiology Based Pharmacology I

NRS 3473 Pathophysiology Based Pharmacology II

NRS 4005 Medical Surgical Nursing 4

NRS 4012 Essentials of Obstetric Nursing

NRS 4022 Essentials of Pediatric Nursing

NRSP 2003 Nursing Practicum 1

NRSP 2321 Foundations of Nursing Practicum

NRSP 2391 Health Assessment Practicum

NRSP 4006 Nursing Practicum 4