**THE ARKANSAS NURSING ARTICULATION MODEL**

**PHILOSOPHY**

The discipline of nursing is pluralistic and multifaceted. It has various entries and exits provided by numerous types and levels of educational programs. A common core of knowledge is shared by all of nursing education. Educational programs that recognize this common core better serve the individual nurse, as well as the public and the nursing profession. This recognition facilitates the educational mobility of students. “Educational mobility allows movement of the nurse from one type of licensure to another and from one type of program (LPN, LPTN, Diploma, AND, BSN,MSN) to another with maximum ease and recognizes the value of prior nursing education” (Arkansas Nurse Educators’ White Paper, 1990, pg. 1).

Efficient and effective educational mobility of individuals is promoted by articulation arrangements among institutions. Articulation facilitates educational mobility by one program’s courses being comparable with courses in another program that offers a higher level of education (Arkansas Nurse Educators’ White Paper, 1990, pg. 1). Educational mobility should be limited only by the nurse’s ability and personal choice. The following assumptions support an articulation model to facilitate nurses’ continued education within the State of Arkansas.

1. Reality mandates the necessity for educational mobility within the discipline of nursing.
2. The public and the nursing profession are best served by a statewide articulation model characterized by admission of students with advanced standing.
3. Nurse educators are best qualified to design and implement nursing articulation models.
4. Each nursing educational program is unique within itself and its community.
5. Learning outcomes of educational programs verify achievement of the graduate regardless of entry characteristics of the student.
6. The discipline of nursing is ever changing; therefore, an articulation model must be periodically evaluated.

**ARTICULATION MODEL ELEMENTS**

Nursing education programs participating in the Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model agree to the following:

* Non-nursing credits from regionally accredited institutions of higher learning may be transferred, subject to individual college/university policies.
* Non-nursing credits from non-regionally accredited institutions of higher learning are not transferable.
* Nursing credits from previous nursing education program are held in escrow until graduation, at which time it is noted on the transcript as being accepted.
* Minimum number of nursing semester credit hours that will be awarded for previous nursing learning and the maximum number of nursing semester credit hours that will be required to be completed in the program will be adhered to as specified in Tables 1 & 2 below.
* Requirements for testing/non-testing and work experience will be adhered to as specified in Table 3 below.

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**Table 1: Nursing Credit Parameters for the Articulating LPN or LPTN**

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| The LPN or LPTN articulating to: | Associate Degree in Nursing\* | Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing | Diploma in Nursing |
| Will be awarded at least the following number of semester credit hours | 6 semester hours in nursing | 5 semester hours in nursing | 25 semester hours in nursing |
| Will be required to complete no more than the following number of semester credit hours | 40 semester hours in nursing | 59 semester hours in nursing | 60 semester hours in nursing |

\*LPN-to-RN Associate Degree Programs, which admit only LPNs and no unlicensed students, might not record the articulating credit on the student’s transcript and still meet this parameter.

**Table 2: Nursing Credit Parameters for the Articulating RN who graduated from an associate degree or diploma program that was NLNAC** 3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000 **accredited at the time of graduation**

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| The RN articulating to: | Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing\* |
| Will be awarded at least the following number of semester credit hours. | 33 semester hours in nursing |
| Will be required to complete no more than the following number of semester credit hours. | 38 semester hours in nursing |

\*RN-to-Baccalaureate Degree Programs, which admit only RNs and no LPNs or unlicensed students, might not record the articulating credit on the student’s transcript and still meet this parameters

**Table 3: Articulation Testing and Work Experience Requirements**

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| <12 Months after Graduation | >12 Months after Graduation |
| No testing for articulation required – some programs may require math competency exam for articulation  No work experience required – except it may be required for accelerated tracks within programs. | No testing for articulation required if during past 12 to 24 months have had at least 1000 hours of nursing employment. Individual schools may have special requirements for work experience settings. The individual school may required testing if work experience requirement not met |

Abbreviations: LPN – Licensed Practical Nurse; LPTN – Licensed Psychiatric Technical Nurse;

RN – Registered Nurse

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**VALIDATION OF CREDIT BY ARTICULATION**

**LPN-BSN**

I hereby certify that Student Name Student ID

has met the following four requirements to receive credit by articulation, and therefore the indicated credit hours should be listed on the student's ASU transcript.

REQUIREMENT A. Graduation from ASBN approved nursing program

Validation: **Received LPN Certificate from** **in**

**on**  **(date)**.

REQUIREMENT B. Passing the NCLEX-LPN licensure examination

Validation: **Copy of Arkansas LPN license attached.**

**REQUIREMENT C. Successful academic performance in the first semester of the junior level of BSN program**

Validation: **Date first semester of BSN courses completed:** .

REQUIREMENT D. One hour of independent study under direction of BSN faculty.

Validation: **Recorded on ASU transcript:** Date:

Having met these requirements of the statewide Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model, credit should be recorded on the student's transcript as shown below:

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**CREDIT APPLIED TO ARKANSAS NURSING ARTICULATION MODEL**

NRS 2314 Concepts of Nursing 4

NRSP1422 Foundations of Nursing Practice 2

NRS 2334 Health Promotions & Intro to Acute Care Nursing 4

NRSP2343 Nursing Care II 3

**ARTICULATION CREDIT TOTAL** 13

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Advisor Date

Chair, Nursing Department Date

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**VALIDATION OF CREDIT BY ARTICULATION**

**AASN-BSN**

I hereby certify that

Student Name Student ID

has met the following three requirements to receive credit by articulation, and therefore the indicated credit hours should be listed on the student's ASU transcript.

REQUIREMENT A. Graduation from NLNAC (3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000)

accredited nursing program

Validation: **Received degree from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in . That program received NLNAC**

(3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000). **accreditation in .**

REQUIREMENT B. Passing the NCLEX-RN licensure examination

Validation: **Copy of Arkansas RN license attached.**

REQUIREMENT C. Successful academic performance in the first semester of the senior level of BSN program

Validation: **First semester of senior courses successfully completed:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Date)

Having met these requirements of the statewide Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model, credit should be recorded on the student's transcript as shown below:

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**CREDIT APPLIED TO ARKANSAS NURSING ARTICULATION MODEL**

NRS 2314 Concepts of Nursing 4

NRSP 1422 Foundations of Nursing Practice 2

NRS 2334 Health Promotions & Intro to Acute Care Nursing 4

NRSP 2343 Nursing Care II 3

NRS 3315 Acute Nursing I 5

NRSP 3325 Nursing III 5

NRS 3343 Clinical Pharmacology 3

NRS 3345 Acute Nursing II 5

NRSP 3355 Nursing IV 5

ARTICULATION CREDIT TOTAL 36

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Advisor Date

Chair, Nursing Department Date

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**VALIDATION OF CREDIT BY ARTICULATION**

**RN-BSN-Diploma**

I hereby certify that

Student Name Student ID

has met the following three requirements to receive credit by articulation, and therefore the indicated credit hours should be listed on the student’s ASU transcript.

REQUIREMENT A.

Graduation from NLNAC (3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000) accredited nursing program

Validation: **Received diploma from**  **in**   **(date). That program received NLNAC accreditation in**

REQUIREMENT B. Passing the NCLEX-RN licensure examination

Validation: **Copy of Arkansas RN license attached.**

**REQUIREMENT C. Successful academic performance in the first semester of the senior level of BSN program**

Validation: **First semester of senior courses successfully completed** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Date)

Having met these requirements of the statewide Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model, credit should be recorded on the student’s transcript as shown below:

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**CREDIT APPLIED TO ARKANSAS NURSING ARTICULATION MODEL**

NRS 2314 Concepts of Nursing 4

NRSP 1422 Foundations of Nursing Practice 2

NRS 2334 Health Promotions & Intro to Acute Care Nursing 4

NRSP 2343 Nursing Care II 3

NRS 3315 Acute Nursing I 5

NRSP 3325 Nursing III 5

NRS 3343 Clinical Pharmacology 3

NRS 3345 Acute Nursing II 5

NRSP 3355 Nursing IV 5

ARTICULATION CREDIT TOTAL 36

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Advisor Date

Chair, Nursing Department Date

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**VALIDATION OF CREDIT BY ARTICULATION**

**RN-BSN-Diploma (5+ years)**

I hereby certify that

Student Name Student ID

has met the following three requirements to receive credit by articulation, and therefore the indicated credit hours should be listed on the student’s ASU transcript.

REQUIREMENT A. Graduation from NLNAC (3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000) accredited nursing program

Validation: **Received diploma from**

**in**   **(date). That program received NLNAC (**3433 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 303326, (404) 975-5000)  **accreditation in**

REQUIREMENT B. Passing the NCLEX-RN licensure examination

Validation: **Copy of Arkansas RN license attached.**

**REQUIREMENT C. Successful academic performance in the first semester of the senior level of BSN program**

Validation: **First semester of senior courses successfully completed** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Date)

Having met these requirements of the statewide Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model, credit should be recorded on the student’s transcript as shown below:

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**CREDIT APPLIED TO ARKANSAS NURSING ARTICULATION MODEL**

NRS 2314 Concepts of Nursing 4

NRSP 1422 Foundations of Nursing Practice 2

NRS 2334 Health Promotions & Intro to Acute Care Nursing 4

NRSP 2343 Nursing Care II 3

ARTICULATION CREDIT TOTAL 13

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