

# Memorandum of Understanding

Articulation Agreement

Between

Western Kentucky University (WKU), Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

And

Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS), Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

## I. PURPOSE

This Agreement between Western Kentucky University (WKU) and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS) seeks to create a high-quality, mutually beneficial partnership that promotes the transfer of credits between two institutions and thereby increases education opportunities for students of KCTCS. The goal of this Agreement is to outline an articulation process whereby KCTCS Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Dental Hygiene graduates may apply earned credit toward the Bachelor of Sciences in Dental Hygiene degree offered by the Department of Allied Health in the College of Health and Human Services at WKU.

This articulation agreement stipulates a course of study whereby a KCTCS graduate from a program of Dental Hygiene accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation may transfer a block of courses into WKU to meet the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

## II. ACCREDITATION STATUS

Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), and American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation guidelines and procedures and will adhere to the requirements of reporting information to these and other accrediting agencies.

## III. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

### A. Admissions Practices

Applicants for the Western Kentucky University's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. All transfer students must request that an official transcript from each college attended be sent to the WKU Admissions Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020, or preferable electronically, or call (270) 745-2551 if you have questions.
2. Admission to WKU.
3. A 2.8 overall GPA required for admission to the WKU BS in Dental Hygiene Program.

**B. Application of Credits**

1. Students must comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the Undergraduate Catalog). The baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours.
2. Students may arrive from KCTCS fully-certified in General Education, or must complete WKU Colonnade General Education requirements. KCTCS students with an AA or AS are designated as fully-certified in General Education and have completed WKU Colonnade General Education requirements. Student with an AAS are encouraged to stay at KCTCS and become fully-certified in General Education.
3. The AAS in Dental Hygiene from KCTCS requires the following General Education Core and the table suggest courses that would apply to General Education at WKU:

KCTCS Gen Ed Core	KCTCS Course that corresponds with WKU Gen Ed
Heritage/Humanities/Foreign Language	Arts & Humanities (AH), or HIST 101, 102, 104 or 105, or Foreign Language (2 <sup>nd</sup> level)
Mathematics	MAT 146 or any QR
Writing/Accessing Information	ENG 101 or 105 (WC)
Oral Communication	COM 181 or 252 or 281 or 287 (OC)

The AAS in Dental Hygiene from KCTCS also recommends ENG 102 and NFS 101, which both apply to Colonnade General Education at WKU, and thus WKU also recommends the completion of these classes. The below assumes the completion of these courses.

4. To complete the state General Education Requirements and become fully-certified, two options are available: 1) complete General Education at KCTCS while working on the AAS; or 2) complete Colonnade General Education at WKU. Below are suggestions for each option:

**Option 1: Complete General Education at KCTCS.** For an AA or AS degree from KCTCS in addition to the AAS in Dental Hygiene the below is required:

AA degree	AS Degree	Credits
Written Communication (ENG 102)	Written Communication (ENG 102)	3
Heritage/Humanities (depending on course in AAS)	Heritage/Humanities (depending on course in AAS)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
AH or SB and/or Foreign Language	QR and/or Natural Science (NS)	3
General Ed Core or Foreign Language	General Ed Core or Foreign Language	3

**Option 2:** Complete Colonnade General Education at WKU. AAS in Dental Hygiene student not fully-certified in General Education require the below unless completed at KCTCS (this assumes the recommended ENG 102 and NFS 101 are completed at KCTCS; which are equivalent to ENG 100 College Writing (WC) in the Foundations area, and HMD 211 Human Nutrition in the Systems area of the WKU Colonnade General Education Program):

WKU Courses	KCTCS Equivalency
Literary Studies	ENG 161 Intro to Literature (3)
Humanities or History 101 or 102 (depends on courses in AAS) (3)	Arts and Humanities (AH) (3)
Natural Sciences (NS) (3) not Biology	Natural Science (NS) – not Biology (3)
Social & Cultural	COM 254 (3)
Local to Global	SOC 152 (3)

**NOTE:** Language Proficiency of novice-high or 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Foreign Language is required. KCTCS COM 254 and SOC 152 are not required for the major, but fulfill the listed WKU Colonnade General Education requirement.

- This agreement allows KCTCS graduates to transfer a completed Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from an Accredited Program of Dental Hygiene to be accepted and applied in its entirety toward completion of the B.S. in Dental Hygiene degree. Specifically, KCTCS AAS Dental Hygiene degree will be accepted as a comprehensive "block transfer" of 39 credit hours of dental hygiene courses and 29 credit hours of General Education courses, for a total of 68 credit hours for transfer.
- Students transferring into WKU from KCTCS for the Dental Hygiene program are required to complete a minimum of 30 upper division hours to earn a WKU degree. The upper division hours needed are outlined in the below table.
- The table below provides the WKU courses required for the BS in Dental Hygiene:

WKU Dental Hygiene (DH) Courses	Credits
AH 290 Medical Terminology	2
DH 304 Advanced Periodontology	4 (UD)
DH 323 Research Methods	3 (UD)
*DH 309 Pain Control in Dentistry	4 (UD)
CHEM 304 Biochemistry for Health Sciences	4 (UD)
PH 383 Biostatistics in Health Sciences	3 (UD)
HCA 340 Health Care Organization & Mgmt	3 (UD)
PSY 350 Social Psychology	3 (UD)
Open Electives (upper division level) *If student has completed DHG 221 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Sedation, 10 Upper Division elective hours will be required.	6/10 (UD)
<b>Total WKU Hours (120 credits required for Bachelor degree)</b>	<b>32</b>

NOTE: UD = Upper Division

Questions: [dentalhygiene@wku.edu](mailto:dentalhygiene@wku.edu); Information: <http://www.wku.edu/dentalhygiene/index.php>

### **C. Program Guidance and Information**

1. WKU Dental Hygiene degree has been designed as a distance program. KCTCS students who transfer into the Dental Hygiene major do not need to relocate to the WKU campus in Bowling Green (although they may do so if desired). The Dental Hygiene program was designed to provide Health and Human Services professionals a continuing education opportunity that accommodates their professional and personal lifestyles. Courses are offered on-line, via distance, and through correspondence education.
2. Transfer equivalencies for WKU admitted students are available on iCAP: <http://www.wku.edu/icap/>. If not formally admitted to WKU, course transfer equivalencies are available: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>
3. Additional information on the WKU Dental Hygiene program: <http://www.wku.edu/dentalhygiene/index.php> and, if questions email: [dentalhygiene@wku.edu](mailto:dentalhygiene@wku.edu).

### **D. Responsibilities**

1. WKU and KCTCS agree to coordinate changes in curriculum, course content, or other program requirements for each of the respective programs to ensure continued compatibility. Each institution will designate a contact representative for this Agreement.
2. WKU and KCTCS agree to renegotiate this Agreement as necessary to accommodate changes in program requirements, course content, employment trends, accreditation guidelines, institutional/graduation requirements, and/or other relevant factors.
3. WKU and KCTCS agree that each will observe regional accreditation standards, rules and guidelines and will work cooperatively to comply with reporting requirements from various agencies (e.g., SACSCOC, CPE, ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation, Dept. of Education, etc.).
4. WKU and KCTCS agree that the Dental Hygiene program administrators may periodically communicate with prospective Dental Hygiene majors at KCTCS for the purpose of announcing program notifications, upcoming deadlines, preliminary advising, etc. KCTCS agrees to facilitate this communication and reserves the right to evaluate the same for appropriateness for its students.

### **E. Implementation of the Agreement**

This Agreement will be considered in effect when signed by both parties. The Agreement is effective for 5 years, unless the annual review by WKU or KCTCS determines curriculum revisions necessitate a new Agreement be created.





**F. Annual Evaluation**

WKU and KCTCS agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement to ensure consistency, program quality (at all levels), and transferability for the mutual benefit of all involved parties at both institutions. This Agreement will be reviewed by both institutions annually.

**G. Term and Notification**

WKU or KCTCS may elect to unilaterally terminate this Agreement by providing to the other institution written notice of termination. Any such notice will be provided at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Students enrolled in the program, either at KCTCS or WKU will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete degree requirements.

**I. SIGNATURE APPROVALS:**

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Dr. Gordon Emslie Provost & VP for Academic Affairs, WKU	Dr. Jay Box Chancellor, KCTCS
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Date Signed	Date Signed