

Memorandum of Understanding
Articulation Agreement
Between
Western Kentucky University (WKU), Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
And
Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS),
Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree in a Health Related Discipline

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 Degree Health related graduates may apply earned credit toward the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree offered by the Department of Public Health in the College of Health and Human Services at WKU.

This articulation agreement stipulates a course of study whereby a KCTCS Associate degree graduates in a health-related discipline may transfer a block of courses into WKU to meet the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

An AAS in one of the following majors from KCTCS can transfer into WKU for the Health Sciences B.S. degree:

- Clinical Laboratory Technician,
- Dental Hygiene,
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography,
- Emergency Medical Services Paramedic,
- Medical Assisting,
- Medical Information Technology,
- Nuclear Medicine,
- Nursing,
- Occupational Therapy Assistant,
- Physical Therapist Assistant,
- Polysomnographic Technologist,
- Radiography,
- Respiratory Care,
- Surgical Technology, or
- Health Science program as approved by WKU Health Sciences faculty

In addition, the Health Sciences program at WKU is willing to discuss additional AAS or AS degree Health programs from KCTCS at any time for inclusion in this agreement.

II. ACCREDITATION STATUS

Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) 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 Health Sciences 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 Transfer Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11052, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1052, or preferable electronically, or call (270) 745-5065, if you have questions.
2. Admission to WKU.

B. Application of Credits

1. Students must comply with Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the WKU Undergraduate Catalog). A Baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours.
2. Students may arrive from KCTCS fully-certified in General Education or complete WKU Colonnade General Education requirements. KCTCS students with an AA or AS are designed as fully-certified in General Education will be credited as meeting WKU Colonnade General Education requirements. Students with one of the AAS degrees listed above may stay at KCTCS in order to become General Education certified. While taking course at KCTCS, student are encouraged to complete the following required courses for the BS in Health Sciences:

KCTCS Courses	WKU Courses (required if not completed at KCTCS)
NFS 101 Nutrition (3)	HMD 211 Human Nutrition (3)
PSY 110 or 223 Intro or Dev. Psychology (3)	PSY/PSYS 100 or 220 Intro or Dev. Psychology (3)
MAT 146, 150 or higher (3)	MATH 109, 116 or higher Mathematics or Algebra (3)
CHE 130, 140, or PHY xxx (3)	CHEM 105/106 or 109, or PHYS xxx (4)
AHS 115 or CLA 131 Medical Terminology (3)	AH 290 Medical Terminology (2)

In addition to the above courses, one of the following is a required course:

KCTCS Courses	WKU Courses (required if not completed at KCTCS)
BIO 112/1121/1122/1123/1124 (3-4)	BIOL 113 (3)
BIO 114/115 or 150/151 Biology (4)	BIOL 120/121 Biological Concepts (4)
BIO 135 or 137 or 139 Anatomy & Physiology with Lab (4)	BIOL 131 Human Anatomy and Physiology (4)

3. This agreement allows Associate degree graduates to apply credits to the WKU Health Sciences program. Specifically, the KCTCS Associate degree credits will be accepted by WKU as a comprehensive block transfer. It is acceptable for students to begin at WKU before completing the KCTCS Associate Degree.
4. Students transferring into WKU from KCTCS for the Health Sciences program are required to complete the Health Science core and concentration; students need to fulfill all other appropriate WKU and major academic requirements.
5. Students must earn a “C” or better in each course in the major. Additionally, in accordance with university policy, an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better must be attained upon completion of required curriculum. Students transferring to WKU with an applied associate degree (e.g. Associate in Applied Science or its equivalent) into the health sciences major must complete a minimum of 30 undergraduate semester hours in upper division courses for a baccalaureate degree 23 of which are embedded in the major. The table below includes the WKU courses required for the Health Science B.S. program and above courses listed in III. B. 2, if not completed at KCTCS:

WKU Health Sciences Courses	Credits
PE 310 or 311 or 313 Kinesiology/Exercise Physiology/Motor Development	3
PH 381 Community Health	3
PH 383 or SOCL 300 or BIOL 382 or STAT 301 or PSY/S 313 or MATH 183 Statistics	3
PH 384 Introduction to Epidemiology	3
PH 447 or PHIL 322 or PHIL 323 or MGT 305 or SWRK 433 Ethics	3
HCA 340 Health Care Organization and Management	3
HCA 446/447 or CIS 243 or CIS 321 Informatics	3-4
HCA 441 or HIM 225 or MGT 200 or MGT 301 Legal	2-3
Total HS Courses from WKU	23-25
Upper Division Credit Hours (in addition to HS upper division hours)	5-7
Foundation Courses (KCTCS or WKU)	18

NOTE: WKU requires 30 upper division credit hours for a Baccalaureate degree for students transferring to WKU with an applied associate degree (or its equivalent) into the health sciences major.

If questions contact: public.health@wku.edu

For additional information: <https://www.wku.edu/publichealth/>

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