



OFFICE of the PROVOST
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

May 5, 2022

Dr. Connie Marshall
Interim President
Northeast State Community College
2425 Highway 75
Blountville, Tennessee 37617

Dear Dr. Marshall,

Enclosed is a course sequence addressing:

- ETSU, Bachelor of Science// *RN to BSN Dual Degree* from Northeast State Associate of Applied Science//*Nursing*

This should be considered an updated/new agreement to ETSU – NSCC articulation. If you concur with the updates of this articulated program to our overall agreements, please sign and return a copy of this letter to my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly McCorkle
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONCURRENCE:

Dr. Connie Marshall,
Interim President

Date

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS
ARTICULATION / TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Between

East Tennessee State

University

and

Northeast State Community College

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RN to BSN Dual Degree

Articulation/Transfer Agreement

between
East Tennessee State
University
and
Northeast State
Community College

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into on 8/25/2022 by and between East Tennessee State University and Northeast State Community College. The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of Northeast State Community College will be eligible for articulated course credits at East Tennessee State University, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Definitions. Articulation criteria is defined in Attachment A.
- b. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of Northeast State Community College students to East Tennessee State University; to provide specific advisement for Northeast State Community College students who intend to transfer to East Tennessee State University; and, to encourage academic and administrative coordination between the institutions in the following program:

Attachment A, "Program of Study".

(For transfer to a university baccalaureate program only A listing of all the upper division courses that students shall be required to complete to earn a baccalaureate degree through East Tennessee State University is also provided.

- c. Annual review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of each institution. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The articulation requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- d. Program of Study changes by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed by both parties.

- e. **Admission requirements.** Students wishing to transfer credits to East Tennessee State University must meet the admissions requirements for East Tennessee State University, and the parties acknowledge and agree that East Tennessee State University reserves the right to reject any such student's admission to East Tennessee State University, in accordance with its standard policies and procedures. These students must also provide an official transcript of courses completed. If admitted, the students shall become subject to all East Tennessee State University policies, procedures and rules.
- f. **Non-Exclusivity.** This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.
- g. **Promotion.** Both parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to promote, publicize and advertise to its faculty, staff, alumni, students and potential students the opportunities contemplated by this Agreement.
- h. **Liaisons.** Each party shall designate a representative to serve as its liaison in all matters arising under this Agreement, and shall furnish in writing the name of each representative to the other party.

2. Term and Termination.

- a. **Term.** This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, (the "Effective Date"), until terminated in writing sixty (60) days prior to the end of the next admissions application and review period by either party. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until the end of the next admissions application and review period of _____ one year _____.
- b. **Post-Termination.** Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Northeast State Community College students previously accepted by or admitted to East Tennessee State University shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement until such time such students have completed their coursework or have otherwise withdrawn

3. Miscellaneous.

- a. **Non-Discrimination.** Both parties shall abide by all applicable Federal and State law pertaining to discrimination and hereby agree, warrant, and assure that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement or in the employment practices of both parties on the grounds of classifications protected by Federal or State law.
- b. **Binding agreement.** This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

- c. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.
- d. **Notices.** All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)

East Tennessee State University

PO Box 70303
Johnson City, TN 37614
Attention: Dr. Kimberly McCorkle

Northeast State Community College

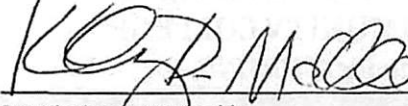
2425 Highway 75, PO Box 246
Blountville, TN 37617
Attention: Dr. Connie Marshall

- e. **Waivers.** The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.
- f. **Complete Agreement; Integration.** This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- g. **Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile and PDF signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- h. **Independent Contractors.** The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- i. **Confidentiality of Records.** All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.

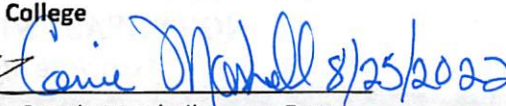
In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

East Tennessee State University

**Northeast State Community
College**



Dr. Kimberly McCorkle Date
Provost and Senior VP for Academics



Dr. Connie Marshall Date
Interim President

Approved: Tennessee Board of Regents

Flora W. Tydings, Chancellor Date

Attachment A

ARTICULATION/TRANSFER AGREEMENT



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
 Bachelor of Science Degree//RN to BSN²Dual Degree
NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate of Applied Science/NURSING



Northeast State Community College

FIRST TERM	HOURS	SECOND TERM	HOURS	SUMMER AT ETSU	HOURS	THIRD TERM	HOURS	FOURTH TERM	HOURS
BIOL 2010	4	BIOL 2020	4	NRSE 2016 ^{2,3}	4	BIOL 2230	4	HUM/FA ELE	3
ENGL 1010	3	MATH 1530	3	NRSE 2030 ^{2,3}	4	NRSG 1330	3	NRSG 1320	3
NRSG 1360	3	NRSG 1340	3			PSYC 1030	3	NRSG 2240	2
NRSG 1710	7	NRSG 1620	6			NRSG 2630	6	NRSG 2640	6
								COMM 2025	3
TOTAL	17		16		8		16		17

TOTAL HOURS: 74 COMPLETION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM.

Bridge Program: (To be completed at NSCC OR ETSU)

	HOURS
Select one from: ART 2000, 2020; HUM 1010, 1020; MUS 1030; THEA 1030	3
Select one from: GEOG 1012, POLS 1030; PSYC 2130; SOCI 1010, 1040, 2010.	3
ENGL 1020 (Must be taken at ETSU to complete graduation requirements)	3

TOTAL HOURS: 9

East Tennessee State University

FALL	Hours	SPRING	Hours
NRSE 3200	3	NRSE 4620 ²	3
CSCI 1100	3	NRSE 4355 ²	4
NRSE 3525 ²	3	HIST 2020	3
HIST 2010	3		
Select one from:	3	Select one from:	3
ENGL 2030, 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220, 2330, 2430,		ENGL 3150, 3280	
		ENTC 3020; HIST 1110, 1120;	
		PHIL 1030, 2020, 2040, 2640; RELI 2210	
NRSE 3510	3	NRSE 4062 ²	5
	18 + (12)³		18

TOTAL HOURS: 18+18+ (12)³ = 48

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 74+9+48 = 131

¹See attached 'Admission Criteria and Application Procedure' for additional program requirements and information.

²Cum GPA is 3.0 and the Math/Science GPA is 2.6 in all required courses. College of Nursing policy limits the number of attempts for these courses. Consult the ETSU Undergraduate Catalog, or an ETSU College of Nursing Advisor. The TEAS minimum is 58%.

³Upon completion of NRSE 2030 and NRSE 2016, credit through assessment will be given for: NRSE 2020, NRSE 2310, NRSE 3500, and NRSE 3501 [credit 12 hr]. For additional information, visit www.etsu.edu/nursing. To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please contact, Office of Student Services, (423)439-4578 or (888)-376-8773.

For more information, consult with the ETSU College of Nursing at (423) 439-4578 or toll free at 1-888-37-NURSE.

USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY proficiency required, either by passing a proficiency exam or CSCI 1100 completion. See the website <http://www.etsu.edu/uit> for proficiency exam or call (423) 439-6964 for additional information to register.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND HERE:

https://catalog.northeaststate.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=33&moid=7551

*** Apply to ETSU AND ETSU College of Nursing by April 15th.

CHECK WITH NURSING ADVISOR TO MAKE SURE ALL INTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

Dr. Leann Horsley, Dean
Dr. Katherine Hall, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs

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Twitter: www.twitter.com/etsucon

Accreditation: The baccalaureate degree in nursing program at East Tennessee State is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is the foundation for professional nursing practice. The professional nurse practices in collaboration with other health care providers and is responsible for coordinating and practicing comprehensive nursing care for individuals, families, groups, and communities, and assuming management and leadership positions in nursing practice.

The College of Nursing offers seven (7) tracks leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The Traditional BSN, Accelerated, ETSU-HVMC Accelerated BSN, ETSU-Sevierville Accelerated BSN, and LPN-BSN offers coursework leading to initial licensure as a professional nurse. The RN-BSN option is designed for students who are already registered nurses but who are seeking a bachelor's degree. The Dual Degree RN-BSN is offered with select community college partners for students enrolled in associates degree programs who are interested in simultaneously earning a bachelor's degree.

A course of study that meets the degree requirements and the university's General Education Program Requirements will be planned with the student through regular sessions with a College of Nursing professional advisor.

Program Track	Director/Coordinator
Traditional and Accelerated Programs	Dr. Beth Thompson
Bridge Programs (LPN-BSN/RN-BSN)	Ms. Tabitha Quillen

Admission Policy

Admission to the university as a Health Professions/Nursing Interest (HPNU) major does not assure admission to the major.

1. Applicants must be in progress or have completed all ETSU General Education courses* (or equivalent from a Transfer Institution) including the four (4) Nursing Pre-requisite classes: Anatomy and Physiology I and II (with labs), Intro to Microbiology (with lab), and Probability and Statistics. At least three (3) of the four (4) pre-requisite math/science classes must be completed prior to the application deadline.

Applicants with greater than two (2) unsuccessful attempts to complete all required pre-requisite math/science courses will be ineligible for admission to the College of Nursing. Grades below a "C" (C-, D+, D, and F) are considered unsuccessful attempts.

* Applicants with completed Bachelor's degrees are exempt from taking General Education Requirements (by virtue of the completed degree) but must complete the four pre-requisite math/science courses or equivalents with at least three (3) of the four (4) completed prior to the application deadline.

- * Transfer students are responsible for making sure courses taken at other institutions are equivalent to ETSU General Education courses. For further information about transfer equivalency, go to <https://www.etsu.edu/articulation/equivalencies.php>. For a list of ETSU General Education requirements go to: <https://www.etsu.edu/uged/gened.php>.
2. A minimum cumulative College Level Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 as computed by East Tennessee State University (excluding developmental coursework) is required.
 3. A minimum Math/Science Nursing Pre-requisite GPA of 2.6 as computed by East Tennessee State University is required.
 4. A minimum adjusted individual total score of the standard entrance exam of 58 is required.
 5. Applicants, with the exception of RN to BSN and Dual Degree, must apply to the College of Nursing using the Centralized Application System (Nursing CAS). RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants must apply to the College of Nursing using electronic or paper application found on the College of Nursing website.
 6. Official Transcripts from all higher education institutions must be sent to CAS with the exception of RN to BSN and Dual Degree. RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants must submit official transcripts with the electronic or paper application. Students must also apply for General Admission to ETSU. This should be done well in advance of the application deadline. Detailed instructions and information are available at: <https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/default.php>.
 7. Applicants, with the exception of LPN to BSN, RN to BSN and Dual Degree, must submit (electronically) all scores from the standardized entrance exam. The standardized entrance exam may be taken twice within a two year period, but not twice in the same semester. Scores are valid for two (2) years. Information about scheduling and preparing for the standardized entrance exam can be obtained by contacting the College of Nursing Office of Student Services.
 8. ETSU College of Nursing does NOT require references, a personal statement or professional experience for admission.
 9. Applicants, with the exception of LPN to BSN, RN to BSN and Dual Degree, are ranked by a point system which includes four (4) areas: Overall GPA (100 points) , Math/Science Nursing Pre-requisite GPA (200 points), Adjusted Individual Total Score of the standard entrance exam (100 points) for a total of 400 possible points. Applicants are admitted in point order. RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants are ranked by overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and admitted in ascending order. LPN to BSN applicants are ranked by overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and Pre-requisite GPA and admitted in ascending order based on each individual cohort site and total program capacity.
 10. Applicants, who are admitted to ETSU as a freshman with a high school GPA of 3.5 or above, ACT cumulative score of 29 or above, and maintain an ETSU overall GPA of 3.2 or higher, will be guaranteed admission to the nursing major. Students must complete the College of Nursing application process and meet all other established admissions criteria.

Progression Policy

All students admitted to the nursing major must earn a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in each required theory and/or clinical nursing course. Grades of C- and below indicates a nursing course failure. Students in the BSN accelerated 2nd degree program who fail a course will be moved to the traditional program pending space availability (see number 3).

1. Students must achieve an overall average of 75% on all exams (content and final) within a didactic course to pass the course. Points for course assignments other than exams (i.e., quizzes, class assignments, group work) are not calculated into the course grade until the 75% benchmark on exams is attained. Once the 75% benchmark is reached, any additional points earned by the student will be applied to calculate the final course grade. If a student fails to achieve an overall exam average of 75%, the student will receive the letter grade equivalent to the average of the exam scores and be required to repeat the course.
2. If the student withdraws failing from a nursing didactic course or is unsuccessful in a nursing didactic course by earning a grade less than a "C" (2.0), the student will be placed on probationary status in the College of Nursing.* Progression in the nursing program will be suspended pending space availability as determined by the Associate Dean

of Undergraduate Programs (or designee). Course availability is not guaranteed, and students may be required to submit documentation of circumstance for consideration.

3. If a student earns less than a "C" (2.0) in two required didactic courses - whether in the same semester or over a period of semesters - he or she is automatically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the Undergraduate Academic Standards Committee one time for readmission to the program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. This policy applies even if one of the failed courses has been repeated previously with the grade of "C" (2.0) or higher.
4. Students who withdraw failing or earn a grade of less than "C" (2.0) in any one clinical course at any time within the nursing major will be automatically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis.
5. If a student's appeal is granted and the student is permitted to return to the program, the following conditions apply:
6. The student is on probationary status until the failed course is successfully completed.*
 1. The student is required to sign an Undergraduate Academic Performance Agreement (UAPA).
 2. Space within the class/clinical course is not guaranteed. The Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) will direct the placement process based on space availability.
 3. Subsequent grades below the grade of "C" (2.0) will result in a second academic dismissal from the program with no option to appeal to the UAS Committee for readmission.
 4. Students will be removed from probationary status when the course is completed successfully and the terms of the UAPA are fulfilled.
7. If a student drops a didactic course that has a co-requisite clinical course, the student must also withdraw from the corresponding clinical course.
8. Students who withdraw from the same nursing course more than once will be academically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for repeated withdrawals may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. If the student is re-instated based upon the outcome of the appeal, the student shall be on probationary status until the course is completed successfully. * Permission to retake the course is not guaranteed and will be determined by the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) pending space availability.

*Students not enrolled in a clinical for one or more semesters will be required to take skills validation course (NRSE 4301, NRSE 4302, NRSE 4303, NRSE 4304)

Criminal Background Checks

To progress clinically, students will be required to complete a Criminal Background Check at his or her own expense from a specified vendor. Unfavorable results may result in a student's inability to continue in clinical courses; review of the contents of the background check and the determination for eligibility for participation at a clinical site will be conducted by affiliated clinical agencies. Although the College of Nursing does not receive the contents of the background check, documentation of completion is kept with the students Clinical Course Health Requirement file.

Admissions Requirements and Curricula by Program Track

- **Traditional BSN Program:** <https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/default.php>
- **Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/bsn_second_degree.php
- **LPN-BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/lpn_bsn.php
- **RN-BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/rn_bsn.php
- **Dual Degree RN-BSN:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/dual_degree_rn_bsn.php

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Required Prerequisite Classes for Nursing Program

- MATH 1530 - Probability and Statistics - Noncalculus (3 credits)
- HSCI 2010 - Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- HSCI 2011 - Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I (0 credit)
- HSCI 2020 - Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- HSCI 2021 - Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II (0 credit)
- HSCI 2230 - Introduction to Microbiology (4 credits)
- HSCI 2231 - Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory (0 credit)

Equivalent courses can be considered for prerequisite credit, such as a statistics course for Social Science, Human Anatomy and Human Physiology and General Microbiology.

Minimum acceptable grade in above courses is a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Minimum Grade Policy

All students admitted to the nursing major must earn a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in each required theory and/or clinical nursing course.

General Education Requirements

These requirements include earning 41-42 credits in Communication, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavior Sciences, History, Natural Sciences and Mathematics categories.

Major Specific courses listed in General Education Requirements:

- HSCI 2010/HSCI 2011
- HSCI 2020/HSCI 2021
- MATH 1530

Additional Major Requirements for Admission

- HSCI 2230/HSCI 2231