Articulation Agreement for Augsburg College and Minneapolis Community & Technical College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING (BSN)

The attached document outlines a formal articulation agreement made between Augsburg College (Augsburg) and Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC). The agreement applies to students who begin their studies at MCTC and transfer to Augsburg to complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.

This agreement remains in effect until such time that general education requirements at MCTC or Augsburg change and/or nursing program requirements change and/or either party chooses to exit the agreement. If either institution significantly changes requirements within general education or the nursing major, this document will be examined and amended appropriately along will all published documents based on the information contained here.

The persons whose signatures are affixed below are responsible for the implementation of this articulation agreement. The agreement will be reviewed periodically by those responsible for its implementation.

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The purpose of the agreement is to facilitate credit transfer and provide a smooth transition for students with an Associate in Science degree with a major in Nursing from Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC) to transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree completion program at Augsburg College.

Students transferring from MCTC should consult the Augsburg College catalog www.augsburg.edu/catalog for a complete listing of transfer credit policies. General information is found on the Augsburg transfer guides www.augsburg.edu/registrar/transfer.html

Information regarding major requirements also is available from the Nursing Department website www.augsburg.edu/nursing

Transferring from MCTC to Augsburg

Students who follow the prescribed outline for the Associate of Science degree with a major in nursing at MCTC will be able to fulfill many of Augsburg's core curriculum requirements in transfer.

Students will be able transfer up to 64 semester credits (16 Augsburg course credits) of general education coursework from Minneapolis Community & Technical College. Students who enter Augsburg with 13 or more course credits (52 or more semester credits) accepted in transfer are considered Advanced Transfer Students. The Augsburg Core Curriculum will be adjusted for advanced transfer students as outlined below:

- Complete REL 300 Bible, Christian Theology, and Vocation instead of REL 100 and REL 200
- Waiver of Augsburg Seminar requirement
- Waiver of Engaging Minneapolis
- Waiver of the Entry-level Critical Thinking Assessment
- Waiver of one Lifetime Fitness requirement (depending on transfer evaluation)

All Augsburg Core Curriculum requirements not mentioned above remain unchanged for Advanced Transfer Students.

Students entering Augsburg under this articulation agreement will be responsible for the following:

- Meet the requirements of the nursing major at Augsburg College
 - o Minimum grade in each nursing course of 2.0
- Satisfy the minimum credit requirement for graduation
 - o 32 course credits required for degree from Augsburg
- Satisfy minimum residency requirements for graduation
 - At least 8 courses must be completed through Augsburg
 - O No fewer than 6 of the last 8 courses/requirements must be completed through Augsburg
- Satisfy minimum GPA requirement for graduation
 - o Overall GPA must be 2.5 or higher
- Meet all general education requirements not completed or waived with previous transfer work
- A score of MPG3 or higher on the Augsburg Math Placement Exam or MATH 105 (MATH 1110, 1120, 1125, 1130, 1170, 1180, 1190, 2011, 2210, or 2220 at MCTC fulfill this requirement.)
- Modern Language requirement (Optional for BSN degree.)
- HPE 001 Foundations in Fitness or one HPE activity (Depends on transfer evaluation)
- REL 300 Bible, Christian Theology, and Vocation
- Augsburg Experience (Typically fulfilled through a course in the major with a practicum component NUR411)
- Senior Keystone Course (Typically fulfilled through a course in the major-NUR490)



• Remaining Liberal Arts Foundation requirements (Students must consult with an advisor since BSN majors have options for completing LAF requirements. Refer to page 4.)

<u>Please note</u>: Based on the prescribed courses of study in the MCTC catalog, it is likely that students who complete the Associate of Science degree in Nursing (ASN) program will reach Advanced Transfer status. This agreement implies no guarantee of Advanced Transfer status to MCTC students. Transfer standing will be determined by the Registrar's Office in the evaluation of final official transcripts. Waivers for Advanced Transfer Students are determined at the time of initial entry into Augsburg and will not be granted for courses completed after initial enrollment. No more than 16 Augsburg course credits (64 semester credits) may be counted in transfer from two-year community colleges. Any course with a grade below C will not be accepted in transfer.

Transfer of Nursing Courses to Augsburg

It has been Augsburg's long-standing policy to accept transfer courses that are "liberal arts" in nature. No individual nursing courses at Minneapolis Community and Technical College can substitute for courses in the nursing major at Augsburg. Therefore, individual nursing courses do not transfer to Augsburg and do not appear on a student's Augsburg transcript. Rather, Augsburg recognizes the academic value of the completed associate degree in nursing in the following manner. For students entering the undergraduate nursing program at Augsburg, it is standard practice to grant six course credits to encompass previous nursing coursework. This is equivalent to 24 semester hours. These credits are factored into the student's transfer credit total to determine his/her transfer standing. These credits apply directly toward baccalaureate degree requirements.

Admission to Augsburg's Nursing Major

In addition to meeting admission requirements for Augsburg College, admission to the nursing major requires the following:

- Completion of an Associate of Science degree in Nursing from MCTC with a 2.5 or higher GPA
- Unencumbered RN licensure must be a registered nurse who is licensed and currently registered to practice in Minnesota prior to beginning the nursing major
- Evidence of practice as a Registered Nurse
- Personal Malpractice insurance
- Required immunizations for health care providers
- Evidence of HIPAA training

Please note: students may apply to Augsburg College prior to completion of their program at MCTC provided all admission requirements are met prior to enrolling in Augsburg's BSN Program

Augsburg's Core Curriculum

Definitions of Augsburg Core Curriculum requirements:

Modern Language: the equivalent of two semesters of one Modern Language.

Liberal Arts Foundation: the eight required courses in the four areas noted below.

Natural Science and Mathematics: student must complete two approved courses from different departments, one of which must have a laboratory component.

Social and Behavioral Science: student must complete two approved courses from different departments.

Humanities: students must complete two approved courses from different departments.

Fine Arts: student must complete two approved courses from different departments



Core Curriculum Modification Options for BSN students:

Nursing majors have the option to modify their degree requirements in terms of the Liberal Arts Foundation and the Modern Language requirement. Students may do either of the following:

- 1. Complete at least six of eight Liberal Arts Foundation courses (provided at least one course is completed in each of the four areas) and complete the Modern Language requirement
- 2. Complete all eight Liberal Arts Foundation courses and be exempted from the Modern Language requirement.

Students will meet with an academic advisor to determine which courses of study are best suited to his/her interests, abilities, and career goals. Whichever course of study chosen the student must complete 32 credits to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Please refer to Appendix A for the course equivalency table and advising information.

Contact Information:

Augsburg College Undergraduate Admissions Location: Christensen Center, Minneapolis Campus Counselor: Janet Lestock 612-330-1001 or admissions@augsburg.edu



Approved Courses from Minneapolis Community & Technical College Associate of Science Degree in Nursing

The table below lists the courses from the MCTC nursing program and the corresponding Augsburg course or requirement. The courses noted below have been reviewed and approved for substitution.

Prescribed Courses in the MCTC Nursing Program	Sem Hr.		Augsburg College Equivalent Course
ENGL 1110: College English I	3	\rightarrow	ENL 111: Effective Writing
BIOL 2224: Anatomy and BIOL 2225: Physiology	8	→	BIO 103: Human Anatomy & Physiology
PSYC 2240: Lifespan Development	4	\rightarrow	No equivalency, approved for PSYLAF
BIOL 2226: Pathophysiology	2	→	No equivalency, approved for elective credit
BIOL 1120: Nutrition or BIOL 2230: Microbiology	3 or 2	→	No equivalency, approved for elective credit
General Education Courses*	10- 11	\rightarrow	Equivalency assigned per course, see below
Total credits from MCTC: 30			Transfer credit total at Augsburg: 7.5

MCTC Recommended General Education Courses*	Sem Hr.		Augsburg College Equivalent Course
MATH 1150: Statistical Analysis ⁺	4	→	MAT 163: Introduction to Statistics
ANTH 1105: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3	\rightarrow	ANT 141: Cultural Anthropology
Two of the following: ACES 1190: World Religions ENGL 1157: Cross-Cultural Literature PHIL 1171: Ethics	3 3 3	\rightarrow	REL 356: World Religions ENL 250: American Voices PHI 120: Ethics

^{*} From the list of MCTC-recommended courses, Augsburg suggests these courses that fulfill bachelor degree requirements. Recommended for students interested in pursuing an advanced nursing degree (Master or DNP)

Advising Information

It is recommended that most liberal arts courses be taken before starting the nursing major at Augsburg. Augsburg strongly encourages students to complete MCTC coursework that fulfills the Entry-level Mathematics Skill requirement, at least one Lifetime Fitness requirement, and at least one Fine Arts requirement. Students should consult Augsburg's *Transfer Guide*.

Keep in mind:

- Students may transfer up to 64 semester credits (16 course credits) of liberal arts coursework from two-year institutions.
- Students will receive a block grant of 24 semester credits (6 course credits) for their nursing courses upon completion of the associate degree in nursing.
- Any course with a grade below C will not be accepted in transfer.
- The general transfer guide can be found here http://www.augsburg.edu/registrar/transfer.html
- No individual nursing courses at MCTC can substitute for courses in the nursing major at Augsburg.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in the nursing program is required for admittance to Augsburg's nursing major.

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Augsburg College Undergraduate Admissions Counselor: Janet Lestock 612-330-1001 or admissions@augsburg.edu Augsburg's nursing program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. It is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

An associate degree in nursing must be completed before entering the nursing major at Augsburg.