

**WNC RIBN Articulation Agreement  
Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College  
Associate Degree in Nursing  
and  
Western Carolina University  
Bachelors of Science in Nursing (WNC RIBN)**

This articulation agreement between Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) and Western Carolina University (WCU) allows graduates of WNC RIBN to earn both an Associate Degree in Nursing from A-B Tech and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from WCU in nine semesters through Dual Admission and Continued Enrollment. Non-nursing courses completed at A-B Tech for the first three years will, as designated, satisfy course requirements towards the BSN. All courses designated by an (\*) will be completed online through WCU for the first three years of RIBN.

<u>A-B TECH</u>	<u>WCU</u>	<u>SEMESTER HOURS</u>
<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>		
BIO 168	BIOL 291 (C5)	4
MAT161	MATH130 (C2)	3
MAT161A	ELECTIVE	1
CHM151	CHEM132 (C5)	4
	PERSPECTIVE (P1)*	3
<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>		
ENG111	ENGL101 (C1)	3
BIO 169	BIOL 292	4
CHM132	CHEM133	4
CIS110	ELECTIVE	3
(PSY150)	PSY150 (P1)*	3
<u>THIRD SEMESTER</u>		
NUR 111	A-B Tech Requirement	8
BIO175	HSCC260	3
PED110	Meets C4 requirement	2
	PERSPECTIVE(P4)*	3
<u>FOURTH SEMESTER</u>		
NUR114	A-B Tech Requirement	5
NUR 112	A-B Tech Requirement	5
PSY241	ELECTIVE	3
	PERSPECTIVE (P3)*	3
<u>FIFTH SEMESTER</u>		
NUR 211 <b>or</b>	A-B Tech Requirement	5
NUR 212 <b>or</b>	A-B Tech Requirement	5
NUR113	A-B Tech Requirement	5
	NSG346*	3

SIXTH SEMESTER

NUR211 & NUR212	or	A-B Tech Requirement	10
NUR211 & NUR113	or	A-B Tech Requirement	10
NUR212 & NUR113		A-B Tech Requirement	10
ENG114		ENGL102	3
		PERSPECTIVE (P5 or P6)**	3

SEVENTH SEMESTER

NUR213		A-B Tech Requirement	10
COM231		CMHC201	3
		UL PERPSECTIVE (P5 or P6)**	3

EIGHTH SEMESTER

NSG322	2
NSG327+	4
NSG302	3
NSG305	1
NSG384	2

NINTH SEMESTER

NSG420	2
NSG421	4
NSG471	2
NSG472	2
NSG473	2

LIBERAL STUDIES (and electives as needed for WCU)	52
UPPER LEVEL COURSES (as needed for WCU)	33

+ Nursing students will enroll in NSG 327- Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Practice (a four semester hour course) during the eighth semester. Successful completion of this course results in the awarding of a 43-semester hour block of credit.

\*\* An Upper Level Perspectives course needs to be taken in either semester six or seven from the P5 or P6 category. If P5 is taken in semester six, then P6 needs to be taken in semester seven or vice versa.

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION 128**

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Associate Degree in Nursing and Western Carolina University Bachelor of Science in  
Nursing (WNC RIBN).**

A. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required for admission to WNC RIBN. Students admitted to WNC RIBN must meet admission requirements of A-B Tech and WCU. A-B Tech RIBN admission standards will meet the standard admission requirements for degree seeking students at WCU. Retention in the nursing major is contingent on maintaining a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses in the major.

B. Year 2 and Year 3 nursing courses completed at A-B Tech meet the requirements for an Associate Degree in Nursing and satisfy graduation requirements. These courses do not directly transfer to WCU but after successful completion of NSG 327 Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Practice during semester seven, 43 semester hour credits will be awarded.

C. To graduate from Western with a BSN degree all students must complete the degree requirements per academic regulations listed in *The Record*, the WCU Undergraduate Catalog; however, the 50% rule has been waived for WNC RIBN students.

D. This agreement will run continually without need for renewal. Updates to the agreement will be initiated and processed every two years. The update process will be completed as follows: copies of this agreement will be distributed to deans and department heads by February 1 of each update year. Updates or “no change” approvals to this agreement should be returned by March 15. If curriculum changes are identified by either institution during the review process, parties from both institutions will review and approve the proposed changes and make necessary updates to the course equivalency outline.

E. Either party upon written notice can terminate this agreement. If the agreement is terminated, A-B Tech students who have matriculated at WCU can continue until completion of the baccalaureate degree if they are continuously enrolled at Western. Also, students who are enrolled at A-B Tech at the time may continue under the terms of the agreement as long as they are continuously enrolled. If the student ceases enrollment for two regular academic semesters, he/she must re-enroll under the most recently adopted agreement.

**Western Carolina University**

**Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College**

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