



**WNC Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (WNC RIBN)
Collaborative Agreement Between
A-B Technical Community College and Western Carolina University**

Agreement made **March 1, 2010** between A-B Technical Community College (A-B Tech) and Western Carolina University (WCU). This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Admissions Procedures:

- Students admitted to WNC RIBN course of study 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 freshman at WCU.
- The WCU Admission Office and Registrars Office will accept A-B Tech official application/admission documents as official copies of WCU application/admission documents for the purpose of entering applicant data into the WCU student data system as a dually admitted RIBN student at both A-B Tech and WCU. This condition applies only to accepted RIBN applicants from A-B Tech office of Admission and RIBN coordinator. These documents include but are not limited to: student application, official HS and college transcripts, official SAT scores, intent to enroll forms, signature pages, the “conviction” question page and other applicant supporting documents.
- WCU will only process the applications of the selected applicants into the RIBN course of study into the WCU student data system.
- WCU will process the admission applications of the RIBN selected applicants in 2010, after the January 29th deadline, when RIBN applicants are chosen by A-B Tech.
- A \$45 application fee, for each accepted RIBN student, will be sent with the A-B Tech application folder(s) and materials to the WCU office of admission, before WCU can officially accept the student. A student can obtain a fee waiver from their high school counselor and submit to RIBN coordinator, if applicable.
- All documents will be processed through A-B Tech Office of Admission and RIBN coordinator and official copies provided to the WCU Admissions Assistant Director, on the campus of A-B Tech.

Academic Procedures:

- Beginning fall semester 2010, A-B Tech will serve as “home school” for the first three years of students’ enrollment in the RIBN course of study, and WCU will serve as “home school” for students’ fourth year.

- Dual admission and continued enrollment for each school (A-B Tech and WCU) will be ensured for RIBN student each year by maintaining full time status at “home school” as designated above and taking one course per semester at WCU.
- If a student is accepted into the RIBN course of study, he or she must maintain a minimum grade of C in all courses.
- All RIBN students must, complete the 2 conditions below, prior to starting year two nursing courses:
 1. Provide documentation of successful completion of a NC approved Certified Nurse Aide I Program which includes theory, lab and clinical components. (A copy of a college transcript or a notarized course completion certificate will be acceptable documentation). Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement.
 2. Hold a documented, current unrestricted credential as a Nurse Aide I (NAI) from the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry and the Division of Health Service Regulation. (A copy of current listing on the NC DHSR Nurse Aide Registry Website will be acceptable documentation).
- Upon successful completion of the first three years and passing the NCLEX-RN exam, students would matriculate to WCU for the final two semesters of the RIBN course of study.

Signatures of representatives from Western Carolina University

Provost, WCU	Date
Dean for Health & Human Sciences, WCU	Date
Director, School of Nursing, WCU	Date
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, WCU	Date
Admission Office Manager, WCU	Date
Registrar, WCU	Date

Signatures of representatives from Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College

President	Date
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Vice President for Instructional Services

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Vice President for Student Services

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Dean, Allied Health & Public Service Education

Date

Director, Nursing Education Department

Date

Director, Admissions

Date