

**Articulation Agreement  
Between  
Neosho County Community College and  
The University of Kansas, through its School of Nursing**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this agreement is to set guidelines for establishing a cooperative relationship between the two programs and to facilitate mobility of students who complete their associate degree program in nursing from Neosho County Community College (NCCC) to transfer to the University of Kansas, School of Nursing (KUSON) for the attainment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

**Admission to the University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Nursing:**

Students who complete an Associate Degree in Nursing at NCCC and who are licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) will be prepared to apply to the RN-BSN degree completion program at the KUSON provided they meet the nursing program admission requirements specified in the University of Kansas Undergraduate Catalog and admission policies such as, Technical Standards, Student Participation Requirements, etc. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the Graduate program.

**Transfer Credit Agreement:**

- A. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the KUSON. A minimum of 30 credit hours of junior-senior (300-400 level) credit must be taken from the KUSON. A minimum of 45 upper division credit hours must be demonstrated on the student's transcript.
- B. Students who graduate with an Associate Degree in Nursing from NCCC, are licensed as an RN, and transfer to the KUSON will be granted junior level status upon admission to the KUSON RN-BSN program.
- C. Each student seeking admission to the KUSON from NCCC will have their entire individual college portfolio reviewed for appropriateness of course transfer.
- D. In addition, each student seeking admission to the KUSON from NCCC will have their college transcript reviewed for determination of nursing credit transfer. This two-part process is known as a 'Portfolio Review.' The purpose of this review is to determine the number of credit hours the individual can be awarded based on congruency between the basic BSN nursing curriculum at the KUSON and courses taken at NCCC that contain substantially similar content. Content deemed substantially similar to the course content from the KUSON will be the basis upon which credit is awarded to the student at the course-level consistent with the similar course from the KUSON.

**Termination:**

In the event of termination of this relationship by either party for any reason, all parties agree to cooperate in furnishing the required educational services until every student under this agreement enrolled at the KUSON has either completed the degree requirements, has withdrawn, or is no longer eligible to continue (in the event a student does not meet the requirements to earn the BSN through the RN-BSN program). Absent extraordinary circumstances, neither party shall be required to allow enrollment to any student covered by this agreement for more than four semesters.

**Academic Policy and Regulations:**

Unless otherwise identified specifically in this agreement, all other academic policies and regulations of the KUSON and the University of Kansas that are described in the catalogs of both the KUSON and the University of Kansas and the KUSON Student Handbook shall apply to all NCCC students admitted to the KUSON RN-BSN program.

**Articulation Agreement Specifications:**

This agreement is valid from the date of authorized signature of all identified parties. This agreement will remain in effect unless terminated by either party. Termination shall be preceded by written notification to the other party of intention to terminate one semester prior to the termination date. Both parties may agree to review, amend, or modify this agreement at any time.


This agreement and the rights of the parties shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

**Financial Aid Specifications:**

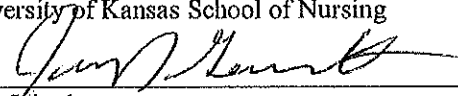
Students in the nursing contracted articulation program are eligible to receive financial aid for semesters in which they are enrolled in at least half time enrollment. There may be times when a student is taking courses on multiple campuses. When this occurs, the student financial aid offices may enter into a Consortium Agreement, with one campus awarding financial aid for the course work that is being completed on both campuses. During the time that a student is conditionally admitted as a student, completing prerequisite course work for the University of Kansas, School of Nursing, the community college will be the home school, providing financial assistance to the student. Once the student has completed the prerequisites for the program and becomes fully admitted at KUMC, the Student Financial Aid Office at KUMC will provide the financial assistance.

**Signatures:**

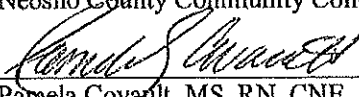
Representatives of the parties listed indicate their concurrence with this articulation agreement by their signatures below. The agreement shall be effective from the date of signature. A signed original of this contract will be kept on file in The University of Kansas School of Nursing.

  
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Karen L. Miller, RN, PhD, FAAN  
Dean  
The University of Kansas School of Nursing

9.11.2012  
Date

  
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Dr. Brian Libody  
President  
Neosho County Community College

9-11-12  
Date

  
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Pamela Coyault, MS, RN, CNE  
Director of Nursing  
Neosho County Community College

9/11/12  
Date

**AGREEMENT**  
**KU-COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PARTNERSHIP (KUCCNP)**

This KU-Community College Nursing Partnership Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered between the UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, on behalf of its School of Nursing ("KU"), and NEOSHO COUNTY ("Community College").

**Purpose**

The KU-Community College Nursing Partnership ("KUCCNP") is an education program for pre-licensure nursing students in Kansas. A student in the KUCCNP program who has completed KU and Community College program prerequisites enrolls both in associate-level on-site courses in the Community College nursing program and baccalaureate-level distance-education courses delivered by the KU School of Nursing. Upon completion of the KUCCNP curriculum, the student concurrently earns an associate degree in nursing (ADN) from the Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the KU School of Nursing.

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the parties' responsibilities for implementation of the KUCCNP program.

**KU and Community College Joint Responsibilities**

KU and the Community College agree to:

- Admit KUCCNP students concurrently to the KU School of Nursing and the Community College nursing program.
- Adopt KUCCNP program prerequisites and the KUCCNP program curriculum outlined in Exhibit "A."
- Mutually establish written policies for any exceptions to KUCCNP program requirements and policies.
- Coordinate holiday schedules, examination schedules, and graduation activities and ceremonies for the KUCCNP program.
- Coordinate and share access to events of interest to KUCCNP students, including lectures, workshops, and symposia.
- Coordinate admission, progression, and graduation policies and procedures for KUCCNP students.
- Coordinate academic advising and career advising for KUCCNP students.

## **Community College Responsibilities**

The Community College shall:

- Obtain approval for the KUCCNP program from its board of trustees, if required.
- Establish prerequisites for admission to the Community College nursing program as a KUCCNP student.
- Establish procedures for application to the Community College nursing program as a KUCCNP student.
- Establish policies on Prior Learning Assessment and Credit for Prior Learning for meeting the Community College's KUCCNP program requirements, including the availability of Credit for Prior Learning for the Community College's general education prerequisites and associate-level nursing courses.
- Provide the site-based Community College nursing courses specified in Exhibit "A."
- Pay all KUCCNP-related costs of its nursing program.
- Establish standards for student performance in Community College courses, including participation, coursework, clinical performance, and exam grades.
- Establish policies and requirements for award of the associate degree in nursing by the Community College.
- Provide all KUCCNP students training and testing on HIPAA for healthcare providers, Basic Life Support, and CDC recommendations on Universal Precautions.
- Arrange and oversee all clinical training and experiences required for KUCCNP students.
- Obtain and maintain professional liability insurance in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annual aggregate covering each KUCCNP student. If the coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, then such insurance shall continue throughout the term of this Agreement and upon the termination of this Agreement, or upon the expiration or cancellation of the insurance, Community College shall purchase tail coverage for three years post-termination, or a policy with a retroactive date covering the term of this Agreement. Community College will notify KU at least thirty (30) days in advance of a material change in coverage. Upon written request, Community College will provide to KU a certificate of insurance evidencing the above coverage.
- Establish health standards for KUCCNP students, and maintain records on student compliance with health standard policies.

- Comply with Kansas State Board of Nursing reporting requirements.
- Comply with FERPA.
- Meet state and federal regulatory requirements applicable to the courses it delivers.
- Provide KU the name and contact information for a Community College representative for all KUCCNP matters.

### **KU Responsibilities**

KU shall:

- Comply with all applicable policies of the Kansas Board of Regents.
- Establish prerequisites for admission to the KU School of Nursing as a KUCCNP student.
- Establish procedures for application to the KU School of Nursing as a KUCCNP student.
- Establish policies on the transfer to KU of Community College credit hours earned in the KUCCNP program, including policies for applying transferred credit hours toward the minimum 120 credit hour requirement for the BSN.
- Establish policies on Prior Learning Assessment and Credit for Prior Learning for meeting KU's KUCCNP program requirements, including the availability of Credit for Prior Learning for KU program prerequisites, and the policies for applying Credit for Prior Learning toward the minimum 120 credit hour requirement for the BSN. All credit hours earned through upper-division Credit for Prior Learning awarded by KU shall be based on a determination by the Dean of the KU School of Nursing (or a KU faculty member designated by the Dean) that the skill and knowledge gained was equivalent to learning outcomes established for upper division courses in the KU School of Nursing.
- Develop and deliver the BSN-level distance-education nursing courses specified in Exhibit "A."
- Pay all KUCCNP-related costs of its BSN program.
- Establish standards for student performance in KUCCNP courses, including participation, coursework, and exam grades.
- Follow KUCCNP program policies for award of the BSN.
- Comply with Kansas State Board of Nursing reporting requirements.
- Comply with FERPA.

- Meet state and federal regulatory requirements applicable to the courses it delivers.
- Provide the Community College the name and contact information for a KU representative for all KUCCNP matters.

**Non-Exclusivity**

KU may establish similar KUCCNP programs with other accredited Kansas community colleges.

**Term**

This term of this Agreement is from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2025.

**Termination**

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 6 months' notice to the other party. Any student enrolled in the KUCCNP program on the termination date shall be allowed to complete the program as originally scheduled.

**Program Coordination**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, both parties acknowledge that they are responsible for their separate policies and procedures.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

By Sally L. Maliski

Name Sally L. Maliski

Title Dean, School of Nursing

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NEOSHO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

By Brian Inbody

Name Brian Inbody

Title President

Date 4/26/16