

**TRINITY COLLEGE OF NURSING
& HEALTH SCIENCES
AND
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE**

BSN EDGE Articulation Agreement

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences of Rock Island, IL, ("Trinity") and **Augustana College** of Rock Island, IL ("Augustana") believe that a cooperative program benefits students by allowing students an opportunity to earn dual acceptance and enrollment at both institutions to earn a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree.

This agreement defines the Articulation Agreement between Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Augustana College for qualified students seeking to complete their general education coursework at Augustana College and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum, Basic Option, at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Students participating under this agreement will earn automatic acceptance at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences when they are accepted to Augustana College with a planned pathway in nursing.

Agreement

The Articulation Agreement is designed to provide participating students with a specific pathway to meet degree requirements established by Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences. This agreement applies to high school students who are seeking acceptance to both institutions.

It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated to the other institution as they occur through the office of each institution responsible for implementing this dual degree program.

At the request of either institution, a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems and monitor progress under the terms of this Articulation Agreement.

Under the terms of this agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.

Trinity will provide or support a nursing advisor or coordinator for weekly in person or remote "office hours."

For students completing a baccalaureate degree at Augustana College, please see the articulation agreement that applies: BA/BSN-Accelerated Dual Degree Articulation Agreement, BA/MSN Dual Degree Articulation Agreement.

EDGE Program

The Early Degree Guaranteed Entry (EDGE) program offers an excellent opportunity for high school students to obtain acceptance to Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Augustana College before graduating from high school. Application to the EDGE program must be completed before the high school diploma is conferred. (See Appendix A)

Application Process:

Students will apply for this pathway through application to Augustana College. Upon acceptance to Augustana College, students meeting the above admission requirements for the EDGE program who are admitted to Augustana will receive automatic acceptance to Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences BSN program. Students must submit their deposit to Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences after (1) completion of at least 24 credit hours of general education courses at Augustana College, and (2) at least 1 year prior to admittance at Trinity College.

Academic Requirements

1. Admission: High School GPA ≥ 3.20 on a 4.0 scale
2. Admission: Composite ACT ≥ 22 or SAT ≥ 1100
3. Admission: High School Algebra 2
4. The student must complete the required general education courses for the BSN degree Basic Option at Augustana College to be accepted as transfer credits to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, Basic Option, at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.
5. For students not completing a baccalaureate degree prior to the BSN degree program, the following general education courses must be completed prior to the BSN curriculum.

Year 1:

BIOL 130: Molecules to Cells (Pre-Req for Microbiology)
First Year Inquiry 101 (English Composition I)
SOAN 101: Introduction to Sociology (Sociology)
CHEM 215: Molecular Nutrition (Nutrition)
BIOL 250: Genetics (Pre-Req for Microbiology)

MATH 130: Statistics for Health Professionals (Statistics)
SOAN 102: Introduction to Anthropology (Anthropology)
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology (Psychology)

Year 2:

BIOL 351: Anatomy (Anatomy and Physiology I)
COMM 101 Public Speaking (Oral Communication)
PSYC 216 Human Development (Human Growth and Development)
BIOL 343: Microbiology (Microbiology with lab)
BIOL 362 Human Physiology (Anatomy and Physiology II)
PHIL 103 Social Ethics (Ethics)
Humanities Requirement (Humanities Course TBA)
JTerm Course (English Composition II)

Completing at least Algebra 2 is the norm for students entering Augustana. Students entering Augustana will be assigned a Math Index Score based on ACT/SAT Scores and high school coursework. This score must be sufficiently high to gain admittance to Math 130, i.e. testing out of Algebra II.

Exception: The student may elect to reserve one general education course for the first semester of nursing except for the following courses which must be completed before beginning nursing coursework: Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Microbiology with lab. Students may complete Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II or College Algebra at either Augustana College or Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

6. The student must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75/3.00 in general education/pre-requisite coursework for admission to the BSN degree program. (See Appendix B)

Accreditation

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Augustana College will ensure they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission regional accrediting body and ensure all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

Duration and Termination of Agreement

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Augustana College agree this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions.

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Augustana College reserve the right to revise or eliminate programs and courses. Such changes will be communicated to the appropriate parties. This articulation agreement will be reviewed annually to ensure currency with each party's degree requirements and may be modified by attachment.

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Party, with at least 90 days advance notice. In the event of such a termination, any student already admitted into the BSN program, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences under this Agreement will continue to apply the transferred pre-requisite courses and credits to the BSN program as specified in this Agreement provided the student continues to meet satisfactory progress toward their bachelor's degree.

Send written notifications by U.S. Mail and email to:

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Augustana College

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Other Provisions:

The Parties agree to publicly disclose this Agreement in order to make it known to potential students. Excluding jointly generated or agreed upon marketing materials, neither Party will use the other Party's name, marks, or any other trade designations without the prior written approval of such Party, which may be withheld for any reason.

Notification of Equal Educational Opportunities**Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences**

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is committed to providing equal employment and promotion opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, Veteran Status, or disability. Applicants for admissions and in employment together with sources of referral are hereby notified that this Institution does not discriminate among applicants or employees based upon their status of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or disability in any aspect of the employment relationship from hiring through termination. Any person having inquiries concerning Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences' compliance with the regulations implementing Title IV, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact the Dean of Enrollment Management or Chancellor. Inquiries also may be addressed to the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Candice Jackson, U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-421-3481.

Augustana College

Augustana College prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in employment as well as in its education programs and activities. This prohibition is in accordance with a federal law known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. Title IX states as follows:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and other forms of sexual misconduct such as sexual assault, sexual exploitation and dating or domestic violence. Title IX also prohibits retaliation for asserting or otherwise participating in claims of sex discrimination.

Contact one of the college's Title IX coordinators with any questions about Title IX at Augustana College, or to file a complaint of sex discrimination.

Liaisons

To facilitate a student's participation in the program, Augustana College and Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences have designated liaisons:

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences:

Dr. Kim Perry
Chair of Nursing

Augustana College:

Dr. Jennifer Burnham

Signatures:



2/12/2024

Dr. Misty Stick-Mueller
Dean of Nursing and Health
Sciences
Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Date



2/09/2024

Dianna Shandy, PhD
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date