

**TRINITY COLLEGE OF NURSING
& HEALTH SCIENCES
AND
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Articulation Agreement

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences of Rock Island, IL, and **Highland Community College** of Freeport, IL believe that a cooperative program benefits students by allowing students an opportunity to earn degrees from both institutions.

This agreement defines the Dual Degree Program Articulation Agreement between Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Highland Community College for qualified students seeking to complete their Associates degree from Highland Community College and the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program curriculum at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

Agreement

The Articulation Agreement is designed to provide participating students with a specific pathway to meet degree requirements established by Highland Community College for an Associate degree and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a major in Medical Laboratory Science at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

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.

Academic Requirements

1. The student must earn a minimum of 80 semester hours in pre-requisite courses before starting the MLS program.
2. The student must complete all General Education, University, major/minor, and graduation requirements (if applicable), except for the 40 credits of the MLS program.
3. Upon acceptance into the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, 80 semester hours may be transferred toward the completion of the MLS Program. For approved transfer credits refer to Appendix A.
4. Upon successful completion of the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, 40 credit hours will be awarded towards the Bachelor or Science in Health

Sciences with a major in Medical Laboratory Science. For approved MLS credits refer to Appendix B.

5. Students who successfully complete the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences (40 credits) will be eligible to participate in commencement.

Accreditation

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Highland Community College will ensure that 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 Highland Community College agree that 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 Highland Community 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.

Notification of Equal Educational Opportunities

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 Director of Student Services and External Relations 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.

It is the policy of Highland Community College to provide equal opportunity in all terms and conditions of employment and education for all faculty, staff, and students. The intent of this policy is to prohibit discrimination (including sexual harassment) and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity in all faculty, staff, and student aspects of the University. The University will provide equal opportunities for all qualified individuals and will promote the full realization of equal opportunity through positive programs. This policy of equal employment opportunity applies to all individuals in every aspect of education, employment policy and practice. The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides that employment, salaries, and access to education are determined and maintained on a basis that does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of age, color, physical or mental disability, national origin, race, religion, creed, sex, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, or any other protected category under applicable local, state, or federal law. The University reserves the right to impose qualifications based on religion if a bona fide occupational qualification is reasonably necessary for the operation of the University

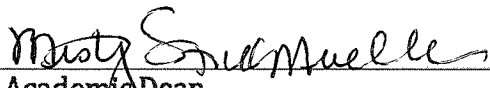
Liaisons

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

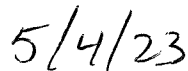
Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences:

Stephanie Tieso, Program Director/BSHS Program Coordinator

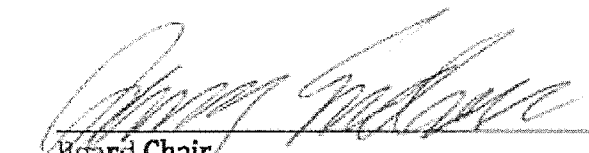
Highland Community College: Vicki Schulz, Transfer Coordinator




Academic Dean
Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences



Date



Board Chair
Highland Community College



Date

Appendix A

Prerequisite General Education Courses	
	Credits
Humanities	
Written Communication ENGL 121	3
Oral Communication SPCH 191	3
Humanities Electives	12
Humanities total	18
Social Sciences	
Sociology SOCI 171	3
Psychology PSY 161	3
Social Sciences total	6
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	
Anatomy and Physiology 1 BIOL 213	3
Chemistry	
General Chemistry 1 CHEM 123	4
General Chemistry 2 CHEM 124	4
Biochemistry CHEM 220	4
Biology	
Biology BIOL 110	4
Microbiology BIOL 211	4
Math	
College Algebra MATH 166	3
Statistics MATH 134	3
Natural Sciences and Mathematics total	30
Electives	
Medical Terminology ITHC 101 and 102	2
General Electives	24
Diversity/Cultural Elective	3
Electives total	26
TOTAL	80

Appendix B

SUMMER SEMESTER		
Course #:	Description:	Semester Hours
MLS 310	Urinalysis and Body Fluids	2
MLS 320	Lab Math and Operations	1
MLS 330	Phlebotomy and Pre-analytical Variables	1
MLS 340	Cell Morphology	2
MLS 345	Clinical Immunology	2
		TOTAL 8 SH
FALL SEMESTER		
MLS 415	Clinical Chemistry	7
MLS 425	Clinical Hematology and Hemostasis	7
MLS 410	Evidence Based Lab Medicine	1
MLS 420	Educational Development	1
		TOTAL 16 SH
SPRING SEMESTER		
MLS 430	Immunohematology	7
MLS 435	Clinical Microbiology	7
MLS 440	Lab Management	1
MLS 450	Medical Lab Science Review	1
		TOTAL 16 SH

All general education prerequisites must be completed prior to admission to the BSHS-MLS Program.

Transfer credit evaluated on a course by course basis.

Pre-Requisite General Education Total	80 SH
MLS Total	40 SH
BSHS-MLS Program Total	120 SH