

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Agreement is made on May 1, 2022 between Oakland Community College (“OCC”) and Lake Superior State University (“LSSU”) (collectively, the “Parties”). The Parties agree that students who choose to begin their academic pursuit at OCC and transfer to LSSU to earn a bachelor’s degree should be provided with a smooth curriculum transition that minimizes the loss of credit and the duplication of coursework while maximizing the utilization and applicability of college level credit earned.

PROGRAM INTEGRITY

OCC and LSSU agree to enter into this Agreement as equal, collaborating educational institutions and will maintain the integrity of their separate programs without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of each institution and enter into this Agreement as equal and cooperating partners. Furthermore, this Agreement acknowledges that each institution has established and will maintain rigorous standards and expectations for all students enrolled in and working toward the completion of its courses, programs and degrees. Both parties are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission as appropriate.

Each institution will determine the satisfaction of its program and degree requirements. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties agree to accept transferable courses from each other. Specific course requirements and transfer credits will be set forth on separate Articulation Agreement Program Guide as Exhibit A.

ADMISSION & GRADUATION CRITERIA

Oakland Community College and Lake Superior State University hereby agree as follows:

1. A person who has earned an **Associate in Applied Science in Nursing** from Oakland Community College and has achieved the minimum requirements specified by Lake Superior State University may transfer all credits earned at Oakland Community College as listed on the associated Articulation Agreement Program Guide to Lake Superior State University. Minimum requirements are as follows:
 - a. C or higher, 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for all course courses and
 - b. B- or higher, 2.7 on a 4.0 scale Admission GPA.
2. A person who has earned an **Associate in Applied Science in Nursing** from Oakland Community College and has followed the associated Articulation Agreement Program Guide may transfer all credits specified on the Articulation Agreement Program Guide towards the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Post Licensure Track degree** at Lake Superior State University without duplicative study. To complete

requirements for graduation from LSSU, students who follow the attached Articulation Agreement Program Guide must also:

- a) Complete a minimum of 30 academic hours at LSSU.
 - b) Complete a minimum of 120 academic hours between Oakland Community College and Lake Superior State University.
 - c) Complete the remaining program requirements, distribution requirements and other major and degree requirements listed in the LSSU catalog/bulletin.
3. Advising of OCC students regarding admission and program requirements at LSSU will be the primary responsibility of LSSU.
 4. This agreement does not guarantee OCC students acceptance into LSSU and/or the corresponding major/program and/or degree. Under this Agreement, unless otherwise specified by granting a select number of OCC qualified applicants direct, preferred or guaranteed admission and or financial aid incentives, OCC graduates will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission to LSSU major/program and/or degree provided applicants meet the prerequisites and requirements for admission to LSSU and the corresponding program/major and/or degree.

COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITIES

OCC and LSSU further agree to communicate any concerning curriculum or policy change(s) (as soon as reasonably possible) which affect the agreed upon relationship between articulated programs at the respective institution. Both institutions reserve the right to amend or revise this Agreement. Any changes must be submitted in writing, agreed to and signed by authorized institutional parties.

1. Throughout the life of this Agreement, LSSU will track the progress and success of participants of this Articulation Agreement and provide the number of OCC students who have applied, enrolled and completed the aforementioned degree prior to August 1st of each calendar year.
2. LSSU will identify and provide OCC, prior to August 1st of each calendar year, with any systemic academic performance issue(s) experienced by OCC students, such as academic courses within the bachelor major/program that have prerequisites that are taken at OCC, resulting in an examination of the corresponding matter(s) by OCC parties.
3. Each Party will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing and will ensure that it complies with Higher Learning Commission requirements.
4. Joint efforts in marketing this Agreement and student recruitment will be pursued with faculty and staff at both institutions communicating information regarding this

Agreement to current and prospective students (i.e. transfer fairs, information sessions, OCC campus visits, etc.).

5. Each party agrees it will not use the other party's name(s), mark(s), or logo(s) in any advertising, promotional material, press release, publication, public announcement, or through other media, whether written, oral, or otherwise without the prior written consent of the other party. Prior written consent will not be required for use of the other party's name in the context of factual or descriptive statements regarding the subject matter of this Agreement.
6. Each institution may provide on its website, a link to the partner institution's website.
7. The Parties will abide by confidentiality requirements set forth in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g ("FERPA")) and other applicable laws.
8. The designated representatives of each Party are listed below. All business documents, notices, questions, administrative matters and communications regarding this Agreement should be directed to:

If to OCC: Oakland Community College
David Johnson
Director of Academic Partnerships
Royal Oak Campus
739 S. Washington Ave., B-113
Royal Oak, MI 48067-3898

If to LSSU: Lake Superior State University
Dr. Kathy Berchem, DNP, RN, APRN
Dean, College of Health and Behavior
650 W. Easterday Ave.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, POLICIES & STATUTES

1. To the extent permitted by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), OCC and LSSU agree to share data on student achievement for purposes of assessing program effectiveness. Any exchange by the institutions of student record information protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g) and implementing regulations (34 CFR Part 99) ("FERPA") shall occur only in full compliance with FERPA, including, without limitation, committing the receiving institution to limit the use of such information to the purposes for which the disclosure was made, and to impose

such limits on any re-disclosure, and the institutions agree to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, including, without limitation 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34 and 99.35. Data provided by LSSU as noted in this Agreement will include student performance, utilization of the Agreement by the annual number of students enrolled in the corresponding major/ program upon transfer and the number of graduates annually. This information will assist with identifying potential short comings of OCC coursework and the merit of the Agreement that may be shared stakeholders.

2. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Michigan applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within the State of Michigan.
3. The Parties shall be separately responsible for compliance with all laws, including anti-discrimination laws, which may be applicable to their respective activities under this Agreement.

INDEMNIFICATION

Statutory and common law theories and principles of indemnification, contribution, and equitable restitution shall govern and apply to claims, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses and losses (including attorneys' fees) resulting from or caused by the actions or omissions of the Parties or their respective employees and students pursuant to this Agreement.

MAINTENANCE AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

Responsibility for the oversight of this Agreement rests with the designees of the programs covered by each Party. Both parties agree to communicate annually any changes in their respective programs that may affect this Agreement. These changes shall be communicated to the designated representatives of each Party designated above. Each Party retains control over its curriculum, course requirements, program requirements and degree requirements. Each Party will notify the other of any curricular changes that would affect the courses in an associated Program Guide or that could affect the future of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT REGARDING INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP

In the performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Agreement, each Party is an independent contractor and neither is the agent, employee, or servant of the other, and each is responsible only for its own conduct. Each Party is solely responsible for the development and design of its own curriculum. Changes on the part of either Party will/may necessitate review of this Agreement.

TERMINATION & POST-TERMINATION

1. This Agreement terminates four (4) years from the date this Agreement is fully executed (the date which this document has received the signatures from all required

parties from both institutions); however, either Party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days' written notice to the other institution.

2. Should this Agreement be terminated or significantly changed prior to the ending date, OCC students participating in this Agreement will be permitted to complete the program requirements as listed in Exhibit A provided the students apply to and are admitted by LSSU within two (2) years of the date this Agreement is terminated or significantly changed and complete the remaining major/program, degree, graduation and institution requirements listed in the LSSU catalog/bulletin within three (3) years of the termination or significant change to this Agreement.
3. All notices and other communications under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed given (a) when delivered personally, (b) on the fourth business day after being mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or (c) the next business day after delivery to a recognized overnight courier at the following addresses (or to such other address as either party may have specified by notice given to the other party pursuant to this provision). Other forms of written communication may be used if deemed appropriate and agreed upon by both parties, including but not limited to email where acknowledgement of receipt is required.

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties.

This Agreement supersedes any previous Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from Oakland Community College and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Post Licensure Track from LSSU. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall be in full force and effect. This document may be executed in counterparts if necessary.

SIGNATURES

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Jennifer I. Berne, Ph.D.
Provost

Date: _____

Mary E. Mills
Mary E. Mills, Ed.D
Dean, Nursing and Health Professions

Date: _____

Lynn M. Cherry 5-3-22
Lynn M. Cherry, MSN- RN, NPD-BC, DNPc
Associate Dean, Nursing and Health Professions

Date: _____

Dr. Lynn Gillette
Dr. Lynn Gillette
LSSU Provost & VP of Academic Affairs

Date: 4/28/22

Kathy Berchem
Dr. Kathy Berchem, DNP, RN, APRN
Dean, College of Health & Behavior

Date: 4/26/2022



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT PROGRAM GUIDE

EXHIBIT A

Associate in Applied Science Nursing (RN) Oakland Community College	Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) Lake Superior State University	
Major Requirements (39.5 Credit Hours)		
NUR 1290 Pharmacology for Nurses	3.0 CH	HLTH209 Pharmacology
NUR 1410 Foundations of Nursing	7.0 CH	
NUR 1450 Clinical Skills	0.5 CH	Credit granted for successful completion of NCLEX.
NUR 1460 Integrated Physical Assessment and Decision Making Skills I	0.5 CH	
NUR 1470 Integrated Physical Assessment and Decision Making Skills II	0.5 CH	
NUR 1510 Nursing of the Childbearing Family	4.0 CH	<i>OCC's AND nursing courses transfer as a block and will satisfy LSSU's NURS325, NURS326, NURS327, NURS431 and NURS 433 (Substitution/waiver form will be written)</i>
NUR 1520 Nursing of Adults – Mental Health and Maladaptive Behavior	4.0 CH	
NUR 1530 Nursing of Adults I	4.0 CH	
NUR 2510 Nursing of Children and Families	4.0 CH	
NUR 2520 Nursing of Adult II	4.0 CH	
NUR 2530 Nursing of Adults III	4.0 CH	
NUR 2540 Transition to the Graduate Nursing Role	4.0 CH	
Required Supportive Courses (23.0 – 26.0 Credit hours)		
BIO 2630 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0 CH	BIOL121 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 2640 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0 CH	BIOL122 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
ENG 1510 Composition I	3.0 CH	ENGL110 First-Year Composition I
PSY 2510 Introduction to Psychology	3.0 CH	PSYC101 Intro to Psychological Science
Select one of the following BIO courses:		
*BIO 1570 Microbiology of Health & Disease <u>OR</u>	3.0 CH	BIOL223 Clinical Microbiology
BIO 2710 Microbiology	4.0 CH	BIOL204 General Microbiology
Select one of the following ENG courses:		
*ENG 1520 Composition II <u>OR</u>	3.0 CH	ENGL111 First-Year Composition II
ENG 2200 Professional Communication	4.0 CH	General Transfer Credit
**Fine Arts/Humanities (MTA applicable course)	3.0–4.0 CH	Various General Education Credit
Total Credits for AAS:	62.0 – 66.5 CH	
Additional Courses to be Taken at OCC and Required for the LSSU, BSN degree: (Deviation will result in additional LSSU coursework.)		
**Fine Arts/Humanities (MTA applicable, Select from different disciplines)	3.0 CH	Various General Education Credit
BIO 2680 Pathophysiology	3.0 CH	HLTH232 Pathophysiology
COM 1600 Fundamentals of Speech		COMM101 Fund/Speech Communication
CHE 1000 Introductory Chemistry	4.0 CH	CHEM108 Applied Chemistry
***CHE 1320 Survey of Organic and Biochemistry	4.0 CH	CHEM110 Applied Organic & Biochemistry
HEA 1510 Nutrition	3.0 CH	HLTH208 Human Nutrition
MAT 1580 Statistics	4.0 CH	MATH207 Principles of Statistical Methods
PSY 2740 Developmental Psychology	3.0 CH	PSYC155 Human Development
SOC 2510 Sociology	3.0 CH	SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology
****Elective Credits (As needed to reach 92 OCC credit hours in total.)	As needed	
Total Credit Hours Taken at OCC:	90 CH	



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Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) Lake Superior State University		
Remaining LSSU Degree Requirements (Minimum of 30 Credit Hours)		
Required Courses (30 Credit Hours)		
NURS328	Multicultural Application to Healthcare	3.0 CH
NURS360	Professional Nursing Concepts	4.0 CH
NURS363	Individual & Family Assessment	5.0 CH
NURS432	Nursing of Populations	5.0 CH
NURS434	Nursing Research	3.0 CH
NURS435	Management in Nursing	4.0 CH
NURS437	Nursing Leadership & Issues	3.0 CH
NURS3XX	Nursing Electives	3.0 CH

Notes:

- Students should meet with an OCC counselor prior to following this Articulation Agreement Program Guide.
- Deviation from this guide may result in none transferable and/or applicable OCC coursework, resulting in additional requirements.
- This guide does not include any remedial courses and may not include prerequisite requirements.
- Lake Superior State University requires that a minimum of a "C" (2.0) be earned in each course in order to be considered for transfer credit, non-germane and remedial courses may not qualify for transfer credit.
- This Articulation Agreement Program Guide includes the remaining Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements beyond the A.A.S. degree requirements and additional applicable credit hours.
- *Preferred course selection and required for the Lake Superior State University, BS – Nursing program. Deviation may result in additional coursework at Lake Superior State University after transfer.
- **Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) applicable courses are listed in the OCC Catalog, The Fine Arts/Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences requirements must be from two different disciplines.
- ***This course (CHE 1320/ CHEM110) requirement is waived for students who have completed the MTA.
- ****Elective Credit to be selected in consultation with an OCC Counselor to ensure the transferability and utilization of the course at Lake Superior State University.

For questions regarding the BS – Nursing program or to schedule an appointment please contact Dr. Kathy Berchem, DNP, RN, APRN Academic Dean College of Health & Behavior, Lake Superior State University, (906) 635-2043, kberchem@lssu.edu.

This guide is valid from May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2026.