

## Articulation Agreement

**Louisiana Community & Technical College System**



**Louisiana Community &  
Technical College System**

*Changing Lives, Creating Futures*

**and**

**Aspen University**



**ASPEN**  
UNIVERSITY

## **Articulation Agreement**

Aspen University (hereinafter AU), a proprietary University with offices located at 720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1150N, Denver CO, 80246 and Louisiana Community & Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (hereinafter LCTCS) agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of :

Bachelor of General Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education  
Bachelor of Science in Medical Management  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
RN-to-MSN Bridge Program

AU and LCTCS are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "party" and collectively as the "parties."

### **Purpose of the Agreement**

The Agreement is entered into in the interest of LCTCS students, faculty and staff advancement. The purpose of the Agreement is to allow for the efficient transfer of LCTCS students from the following institutional programs (hereinafter Source Programs) into the General Studies, Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Medical Management, Criminal Justice and Nursing programs at AU.

#### **Community Colleges**

##### **Baton Rouge Community College**

- Accounting Technology (AAS)
- Business (AS)
- Business Technology (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AS)
- Liberal Arts (AA)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

##### **Bossier Parish Community College**

- Business Administration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Health Care Management – Professional Practice Concentration (AS)
- Health Care Management – Health Studies Concentration (AS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Delgado Community College**

- Accounting (AAS)
- Business Administration (AS)
- Business and Management (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AA)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Elaine P. Nunez Community College**

- Business Technology – Accounting Concentration(AAS)
- Business Technology – Managerial Concentration (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AS)

**L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College**

- Criminal Justice (AS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)

**Louisiana Delta Community College**

- Business and Technology (AAS)
- Business Office Administration (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Northshore Technical Community College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)

**River Parishes Community College**

- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AST)

**South Louisiana Community College**

- Business Technology (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AST)

**SOWELA Technical Community College**

- Accounting (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)

## **Technical Colleges**

### **Acadiana Technical College**

- Business Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Capital Area Technical College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Central Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)

### **Northeast Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Northwest Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **South Central Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

The Agreement fosters a collaborative relationship between the parties by establishing a systematic plan for students to continue their education beyond the degree achieved and complete a BA/BS degree program from AU, or a MS in Nursing through the RN-to-MSN Bridge Program at AU.

Faculty and staff that apply for admissions to Aspen University will have previously earned credits assessed by Aspen University personnel at the time of application. In addition to the above mentioned AU programs, the following degree programs would be available for faculty and staff.

Bachelor of Science in Foodservice Operations and Restaurant Management  
Bachelor of Science in Alternative Energy  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling  
Masters of Science in Physical Education and Sports Management  
Master of Business Administration  
MBA Specialization in Entrepreneurship  
MBA Specialization in Finance  
MBA Specialization in Information Management  
MBA Specialization in Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management  
MBA Specialization in Project Management  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice  
Master of Education  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Master of Arts in Psychology and Additional Counseling  
Master of Science in Information Management  
Master of Science in Information Systems  
Master of Science in Information Technology

Master of Science in Technology & Innovation  
Doctorate in Education – Leadership and Learning  
Doctorate of Science in Computer Science

### **Administrative Principles**

The following general principles guide the operations of this Agreement.

#### **A. Admission and Graduation Requirements**

- i. All AU admission requirements apply to all students who transfer from LCTCS to AU under this agreement in addition to LCTCS faculty and staff.
- ii. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for transfer credits at the undergraduate level.
- iii. Applicants successfully completing the articulated program who meet all applicable AU admissions requirements and who have not matriculated at any other institution of higher education will be guaranteed transfer admission to AU.
- iv. Students must fulfill all program completion and graduation requirements at both institutions to receive the AU degree.

#### **B. Transfer of Credits**

- i. A maximum of 90 LCTCS credits successfully completed by the student will be allowed towards fulfillment of the 120 credits required for baccalaureate completion at AU.
- ii. AU will make every effort to provide students the maximum credit they are due in adherence with the standards and best practices of all AU relevant accreditation bodies.
- iii. Courses credits will transfer as described in the Program Articulation Table Addenda.
- iv. Courses meeting general education requirements at LCTCS will be transferred to AU as general education courses according to the Program Articulation Table. Other general education requirements will be met using required or elective courses at AU as appropriate.
- v. It is possible that not all transferable credit accepted by AU will be applicable to the degree program.

#### **C. Implementation and Review**

- i. The Chief Academic Officers of the parties to this Agreement will implement the terms of this Agreement including identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, assuring compliance with AU policy, procedure and guidelines.
- ii. The performance of this agreement will be continually monitored and annually reviewed by AU and LCTCS.
- iii. AU and LCTCS agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption to student process toward degree completion.
- iv. AU and LCTCS shall work to resolve any necessary transfer of course credits and should changes to AU programs, LCTCS programs or both occur while the agreement is in effect, work to amend or supplement this Agreement accordingly.
- v. AU and LCTCS will jointly promote the provisions of the partnership between AU and LCTCS on each organization's respective website.

**D. Tuition & Fees**

- i. Associate's degree graduates of LCTCS accredited schools accepted into a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree program at Aspen University will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit.
- ii. Associate's degree graduates of LCTCS accredited schools accepted into the RN-to-MSN Bridge program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing at Aspen University will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit.
- iii. Faculty and Staff that are graduates of Associate's degree programs at accredited schools, accepted into Bachelors of Arts or Bachelors of Science degree programs will pay a per-credit cost discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit. Faculty and Staff that are graduates of degree programs at accredited schools, accepted into Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, or Doctoral degree programs (including the RN-to-MSN Bridge Program) will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per credit.

**E. Term and Termination**

- i. This Agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document.
- ii. Either party may terminate this agreement after adequate notice, defined as 90 days, to the other party.
- iii. Termination of the Agreement must be accompanied by a plan to allow all currently enrolled students to complete their program of study under the terms of the agreement.

**F. Confidentiality**

- i The Parties agree that all proprietary information, including student information, is "Confidential" and shall remain so during the term of this Agreement and thereafter.

**G. General Provisions**

- i This Agreement is made, entered into, and executed by the parties pursuant to the policies of the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council ("DETC").
  - ii This document shall be the entire understanding and agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter set forth herein, and all prior agreements, understandings, covenants, promises, warranties, and representations, oral or written, not incorporated herein and superseded hereby.
- H. LCTCS institutions must be accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or an accepted foreign equivalent that is listed in the International Handbook of Universities.
- i This Agreement is not exclusive and either party may enter into similar agreements with other institutions.
  - ii This Agreement and any amendments and supplements shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of New York.

This agreement is entered into on this 18th day of May, 2012 (Effective Date) by and between Aspen University and Louisiana Community & Technical College System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**Aspen University**

By: 

Name: Gerald B. Williams

Title: President & Chief Academic Officer

Date: May 18, 2012

**LCTCS**

By: 

Name: Joe D. May

Title: LCTCS System President

Date: 5/21/12

**Requirements to be completed at Baton Rouge Community College  
Nursing Associate of Science**

| <b>BRCC Course</b> |           |           | <b>Course Title</b>                                     | <b>Notes</b> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---|--------------|
| <b>Prefix</b>      | <b>#</b>  | <b>Cr</b> |   |              |
|                    |           |           | <b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>                                 |              |
| ENGL               | 101       | 3         | English Composition                                     | LA 3         |
| ENGL               | 102       | 3         | English Composition II                                  | LA 3         |
| MATH               | 101       | 3         | College Algebra (5-Hour Format)                         | LA 3         |
| MATH               | OR<br>110 | 3         | College Algebra   |              |
| MATH               | 202       | 3         | Basic Statistics I                                      | LA 3         |
| BIOL               | 230       | 3         | Human Anatomy and Physiology I                          | LA 3         |
| BIOL               | 231       | 3         | Human Anatomy and Physiology II                         | LA 3         |
| BIOL               | 210       | 3         | General Microbiology                                    | LA 3         |
| PSYC               | 201       | 3         | Introduction to Psychology                              | LA 3         |
| PSYC               | 202       | 3         | General Physics II                                      | LA 3         |
|                    |           |           | <b>CHOICE OF ONE COURSE (3 CREDITS) FROM HUMANITIES</b> | LA 3         |
| ENGL               |           |           | English   |              |
| FILM               |           |           | Film  |              |
| FREN               |           |           | French  |              |
| GERM               |           |           | German  |              |
| HIST               |           |           | History   |              |
| HUMN               |           |           | Humanities  |              |
| ITAL               |           |           | Italian   |              |
| PHIL               |           |           | Philosophy  |              |
| SPAN               |           |           | Spanish   |              |
| SPCH               |           |           | Speech  |              |
|                    |           |           | <b>CHOICE OF ONE COURSE (3 CREDITS) FROM ARTS</b>       | LA 3         |
| ARTS               | 101       | 3         | Introduction to Fine Arts                               |              |
| ARTS               | 102       | 3         | Non-Western Art   |              |
| ARTS               | 103       | 3         | Survey of Asian Arts                                    |              |
| MUSC               | 101       | 3         | Music Appreciation                                      |              |
| MUSC               | 102       | 3         | History of Jazz   |              |
| THTR               | 100       | 3         | Introduction to Theatre                                 |              |
|                    |           |           | <b>REQUIRED COURSES - SIX COURSES (36 CREDITS)</b>      |              |
| NURS               | 110       | 6         | Nursing Fundamentals                                    |              |
| NURS               | 210       | 6         | Adult Nursing I   |              |
| NURS               | 212       | 4         | Mental Health Nursing                                   |              |
| NURS               | 220       | 6         | Adult Nursing II  |              |
| NURS               | 222       | 7         | Maternal - Child Nursing                                |              |
| NURS               | 230       | 7         | Adult Nursing III                                       |              |
|                    |           |           | <b>TOTAL LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS ACCEPTED = 33</b>         |              |



**Requirements, To Be Completed at Aspen University  
RN-to-MSN Bridge Program  
For Graduates of Baton Rouge Community College  
Nursing Associate of Science**

| AU Course  |     |    | Course Title   | Notes |
|--|-----|----|--|-------|
| Prefix   | #   | Cr |  |       |
| <i>Students must take 6 Liberal Arts courses to complete Liberal Art Elective Requirements</i> |     |    |  |       |
| <i>Students must take the following 7 courses</i>  |     |    |  |       |
| N  | 490 | 3  | Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing            |       |
| N  | 491 | 3  | Concepts and Theories in Nursing                     |       |
| N  | 492 | 3  | Community Health Nursing I                           |       |
| N  | 493 | 3  | Community Health Nursing II                          |       |
| N  | 494 | 3  | Essentials of Nursing Research                       |       |
| N  | 495 | 3  | Health Assessment                                    |       |
| N  | 496 | 3  | Nursing Leadership and Management                    |       |
| <i>Students must take the following 5 courses</i>  |     |    |  |       |
| N  | 502 | 3  | Health Care Systems                                  |       |
| N  | 507 | 3  | Theoretical Foundations                              |       |
| N  | 512 | 3  | Diverse Populations & Health Care                    |       |
| N  | 517 | 3  | Research Design                                      |       |
| N  | 520 | 3  | Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care              |       |
| <i>Students must take all courses from one of the following specializations</i>                |     |    |  |       |
| <b>Administration and Management</b>   |     |    |  |       |
| N  | 522 | 3  | Modern Organizations and Health Care                 |       |
| N  | 537 | 3  | Health Care Informatics                              |       |
| N  | 542 | 3  | Health Care Finance and Economics                    |       |
| N  | 547 | 3  | Health Care Strategic Management & Planning          |       |
| N  | 556 | 3  | Nursing Administration Practicum I                   |       |
| N  | 552 | 3  | Nursing Administration Practicum II                  |       |
| <b>Nursing Education</b>   |     |    |  |       |
| N  | 555 | 3  | Advanced Pathophysiology A                           |       |
| N  | 556 | 3  | Advanced Pathophysiology B                           |       |
| N  | 580 | 3  | Issues in Nursing Education                          |       |
| N  | 582 | 3  | Teaching Strategies in Nursing Education             |       |
| N  | 584 | 3  | Curriculum Development, Implementation & Evaluation  |       |
| N  | 586 | 3  | Nursing Education Practicum                          |       |
|  |     |    | <b>TOTAL LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS FOR ELECTIVES = 18</b> |       |
|  |     |    | <b>TOTAL BRIDGE PROGRAM CREDITS = 21</b>             |       |
|  |     |    | <b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR MSN = 33</b>           |       |
|  |     |    | <b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION = 72</b>    |       |