

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT No. 5

This Articulation Agreement No. 5 (“**ART**”) is entered into, as of February 1, 2019 (“**Effective Date**”), between American Public University System, Inc. (“**APUS**”) and Blue Ridge Community & Technical College (“**Institution**”) (individually a “**Party**” and collectively the “**Parties**”) to facilitate and define the terms of the transfer of Institution students who graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing at Institution to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at APUS. This ART is incorporated by reference into the Education Partnership Agreement entered into, as of February 1, 2019, between the Parties (“**EPA**”) (collectively with any other articulation agreements entered into between the Parties, the “**Agreement**”).

Institution and APUS agree to offer articulated programs through which students from Institution, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, may transfer eligible credits earned for the Associate of Science at Institution toward the Bachelor of Science at APUS. In consideration of the promises and covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Students in and graduates of the Associate of Science program at Institution that apply to APUS and satisfy all APUS admission requirements may be admitted to APUS (“**APUS Students**”). APUS Students will receive transfer credit for those specific Institution courses (each a “**Course**”) as set forth in the Course Crosswalk transfer table, attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. The number of credits transferred may not exceed 90 credit hours, which contribute to the fulfillment of credit hours required for Bachelor of Science completion at APUS.
3. An Institution student must earn a grade of “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in each Institution course for which the student desires transfer credits from APUS.
4. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by APUS toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores) is based on annually published national scores with recommended credits. Credit awarded for prior learning assessments (“**PLA**”) is not recognized by APUS without verification through the APUS PLA process.
5. As the Parties may mutually agree, students at Institution may begin taking courses in the Bachelor of Science program at APUS while they are completing their Associate of Science degree at Institution.
6. APUS will consider for financial assistance those students who complete the Associate of Science at Institution in accordance with then-applicable regulatory requirements and APUS policies.
7. The Parties will review Appendix A at least annually and either Party may notify the other Party at any time of necessary changes thereto. The Parties will work together to modify Appendix A accordingly, which modified table shall be incorporated herein and applied by the Parties.
8. This ART is effective as of the Effective Date identified above and will continue for three (3) years thereafter (the “**Term**”), and it shall renew automatically unless terminated earlier pursuant to this Section 8. Either Party may terminate this ART upon providing sixty (60) days written notice. Termination of this ART will not affect any APUS Student then currently enrolled in the Associate of Science program at Institution that is taking courses at APUS or has been accepted into the Bachelor of Science program at APUS. Notwithstanding anything herein to contrary, this ART shall terminate upon termination or expiration of the EPA.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this ART to be signed by their authorized representatives on the date and year first written above.

  
Vernon Smith (Feb 8, 2019)

**Dr. Vernon C. Smith**  
Senior Vice President and Provost  
American Public University System, Inc.



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Blue Ridge Community & Technical College

## Appendix A

### Course Crosswalk Transfer Table To Articulation Agreement No. 5

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (BRCTC) A.S. Nursing 2018/2019 Catalog		American Public University System (APUS) B.S. Nursing 2019 Catalog	
Course # and Title	Credits	Course # and Title	Credits
Registered Nursing (RN) License		Registered Nursing (RN) License	
Current active, unencumbered registered nursing license	30^	Credit for Registered Nursing License	30
		General Education Requirements Fulfilled	
		30 of 30	
ENGL 101 - Written English (ENGL110)	†	Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (COMM)	8
	3	COMM110: Information and Digital Literacy - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 2
	†	ENGL110: Making Writing Relevant	0 of 3
		APUS General Education COMM Course Choice - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 3
	†	Arts and Humanities (ARHU)	6
	†	APUS General Education ARHU Course Choice - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 3
	†	APUS General Education ARHU Course Choice - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 3
PSYC 203 - Introduction to Psychology (PSYC101)	†	History (HIST)	3
	3	APUS General Education HIST Course Choice - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 3
	†	Civics, Political & Social Sciences (SSPS)	6
		APUS General Education SSPS Course Choice	0 of 3
		APUS General Education SSPS Course Choice - fulfilled by gen ed block†	0 of 3
MATH 114 - Elem Probability & Statistics (MATH120)	3	Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (MAAR)	3
		MATH120: Introduction to Statistics (Required)	0 of 3
BRCTC Chemistry Course Option	4	Natural Sciences with Lab (NASC)	4
		APUS General Education NASC Course Choice	0 of 4
		Elective Requirements Fulfilled	
		0 of 29	
BIOL 120 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I (SCIN132/BIOL251)	3	Credit used to fulfill General Education requirements†	12
BIOL 121 - Human Anatomy & Phys I Lab	1		
BIOL 122 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL252)	3		
BIOL 123 - Human Anatomy & Phys II Lab	1		
BIOL 220 - Microbiology (BIOL202)	3		
BIOL 221 - Microbiology Lab	1		
		Credit applies to APUS Elective Requirements**	
		0	
Major Requirements		Major Requirements Fulfilled	
		0 of 28	
		NURS300: Professional Transitions in Nursing (Required as the 1st course in this program)	0 of 3
		NURS310: Assessment, Evaluation & Clinical Decision-Making	0 of 3
		NURS325: Integrated Pathophysiology & Clinical Pharmacology	0 of 4
		NURS340: Science of Evidence-Based Practice (Prereq: MATH120 with a "C" or better)	0 of 3
		NURS350: Transformational Leadership & Cultures of Safety	0 of 3
		NURS400: Emerging Scholarship & Trends in Healthcare	0 of 3
		NURS401: Caring for Today's Veterans	0 of 3
		NURS421: Community Health I	0 of 3
		NURS422: Community Health II (Prereq: NURS421)	0 of 3
Final Program Requirement		Final Program Requirement Fulfilled	
		0 of 3	
		NURS498: Senior Seminar in Nursing Studies (with a "B" or better, to be taken as the last course before graduation)***	0 of 3
Total Credit Applied Towards Degree		Total Program Requirements Fulfilled	
60		60 of 120	
<p>Note: Only 30 hours of nursing credit will be accepted towards the BSN program. This requires both the completion of an applicable Associates degree in Nursing (AAS excluded) as well as a current active, unencumbered Registered Nursing license.</p> <p>*Credit variances in academic placement and credit award can occur based on student course selections on the APUS' 2018 catalog program requirements.</p> <p>†Per APUS' General Education Block policy, the student's APUS General Education requirements (excluding Required ) will be fulfilled on the merit of a conferred Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. As the amount of transfer credit may not exceed the sum of transferrable credit the student earned, the amount of transfer credit applicable to the Electives will be reduced by the sum of General Education Block credit awarded.</p> <p>^Non-Applicable Nursing Credit - 5 semester hours</p>		<p>Note: In order to transfer courses to APUS, the student must earn a grade of "C" or better.</p> <p>**Any transferable course not counted toward General Education or Core requirements may be taken. Please note, some courses such as developmental, practicum, internships, clinical, and vocational courses are not transferable.</p> <p>***Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment. Not eligible for transfer credit.</p>	



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