# **USG/TCSG RN-BSN Articulation Agreement**

Articulation Agreement Between Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the partnering institutions in the USG RN-BSN Consortium and The Technical College System of Georgia

# Agreement in Principle

Both the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and the partnering institutions in the University System of Georgia (USG) listed below agree to extend their best efforts to ensure that the transition for students between the TCSG and the partnering institutions in the USG RN-BSN Consortium will be as smooth as possible for the students choosing to do so. This articulation agreement is intended to minimize loss of credit and course duplication.

Partnering Institution in the USG RN-BSN Consortium:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Albany State University Clayton State University College of Coastal Georgia Columbus State University Dalton State College Georgia Highlands College Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Gordon State College
Middle Georgia State University
South Georgia State College
University of West Georgia

All parties enter into the agreement as cooperating, equal partners with the responsibility to maintain the integrity of their separate programs, to remain true to their institutional missions, and to maintain the spirit of this agreement and the articulation agreement.

This agreement is made contingent on all parties maintaining all applicable program and institution accreditations, and in the event of a loss of accreditation by any party, the other parties may terminate the Agreement upon written notice.

# Agreement on Articulations and Program-Specific Requirements

In addition to the program articulation outlined in this agreement in Appendices A & B, USG Schools also accept the <u>general education courses</u> for transfer as detailed in the articulation agreement between the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia outlined in the USG BoR Policy 3.3.5 and the USG Academic and Student Affairs Handbook in Section 2.17.

This agreement is specifically for students completing the associate degree in nursing (ASN) at any TCSG institution who are transferring to complete a baccalaureate degree in the science of nursing (RN-BSN) at any participating USG institution. Any TCSG student who has completed

the courses required for an ASN, is in good standing at their home TCSG institution, and meets the appropriate admission requirements to attend the participating USG institution will be ensured that the ASN course work earned at any TCSG institution will transfer to any participating USG institution in order to pursue an RN-BSN degree.

# Agreement on Maintenance and Review

Each party will notify the other of any changes in degree requirements by appointing at least one administrative staff or faculty member from each participating system to act as a primary point of contact and agent for this agreement, to speak for each system, and to communicate details and modifications to respective institutions and others with interest, which will result in a new agreement. All TCSG and participating USG institutions agree to provide whatever data is needed by the other institutions to support accreditation requirements.

Any amendments or updates to this agreement will be handled by the creation of a new agreement, which will supersede this or any past agreement.

An annual assessment meeting between the TCSG and the USG will be conducted to review this agreement and documented with meeting minutes/notes available for review by both Systems.

At the end of the agreement period, if the schools wish to continue the agreement, a new agreement should be implemented and signed.

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving 12 months' written notification, with the effective date to be the last day of the following semester.

#### **General Provisions**

FERPA: To the extent that certain records may be created or shared between the Parties which are deemed to constitute "education records" it is agreed that such records are subject to the protections of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C.S.§1232(g), and that each Party shall strictly abide by FERPA's requirements, specifically 34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(2) and 99.34.

Jurisdiction and Venue: In the event that any litigation or other legal proceedings shall arise under or in connection with this agreement, such litigation or other legal proceeding shall be conducted in the state courts located within Fulton County, Georgia.

Statement of Non-discrimination: The parties mutually agree that in the performance of the Contract, they will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, national origin, or in any other manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Georgia or the policies of any institution.

Compliance with Applicable Laws: It is understood and agreed that nothing contained in the Contract or any related contract shall require any institution to violate any of its policies or any laws of the United States or the State of Georgia.

Entire Agreement: The terms and conditions set forth herein constitute the entire Agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to this agreement and supersede all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written.

# **Signatures**

The authorized representatives of each party signify their acceptance and approval of the terms of this Articulation Agreement by signing where indicated.

Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner

Technical College System of Georgia

Dr. Sonny Perdue, Chancellor University System of Georgia

# Appendix A: Program Articulation

- TCSG will advise its associate degree nursing students of the transfer pathway to the RN-BSN nursing programs within participating USG institutions.
- Qualified TCSG ASN graduates must meet the receiving USG institution's admission requirements.
- Qualified TCSG ASN graduates must have an unencumbered Georgia registered nurse license prior to applying to a USG RN-BSN program. If the TCSG ASN graduate has an unencumbered registered nurse license issued from another state, they must be eligible for a Georgia registered nurse license based on Georgia Board of Nursing licensing requirements.
- TCSG Anatomy and Physiology courses will not be subject to expiration and will be
  accepted by the receiving USG institution as detailed in the table below. Minimum grade
  requirements in Anatomy and Physiology courses will apply.

TCSG Course			Equivalent USG Course		
BIOL	Anatomy and	3	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	3
2113	Physiology I		2251	I	
BIOL	Anatomy &	1	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	1
2113L	Physiology Lab I		2251L	I Laboratory	
BIOL	Anatomy and	3	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	3
2114	Physiology II		2252	II	
BIOL	Anatomy &	1	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	1
2114L	Physiology Lab II		2252L	II Laboratory	
or					
BIOL	Anatomy and	3	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	4
2113	Physiology I		2251K	1	
BIOL	Anatomy &	1			
2113L	Physiology Lab I				
BIOL	Anatomy and	3	BIOL	Anatomy and Physiology	4
2114	Physiology II		2252K	II , , , , ,	
BIOL	Anatomy &	1			
2114L	Physiology Lab II				

- TCSG ASN graduates will not have to complete skills validation prior to starting the RN-BSN nursing program but will be required to successfully complete skills as part of the required course work.
- There is no required minimum grade point average for acceptance into a participating USG RN-BSN nursing program.
- While TCSG courses will be evaluated by the receiving USG institution to determine acceptance of transfer credits, a minimum of 29 credit hours toward nursing course credit will be awarded for credit for prior learning and no more than 30 additional nursing credits will be required for program completion.

# Appendix B: Program Specific Requirements

The TCSG and participating USG institutions will collaborate as partners in recruitment, admissions, and the academic advising process.

The institutions will encourage the dissemination of information about programs in this agreement with interested and qualified students, with all institutions providing advising and counseling to prospective students.

All University System of Georgia requirements must be met for graduation from a USG institution to be satisfied.

USG and TCSG partnering institutions agree to cooperate in communicating with each other concerning the articulation relationship between the two institutions. Marketing and communications may include common publications and announcements concerning their affiliation. Announcements of this articulation or of changes in the relationship will have a coordinated release to the public from all institutions.

Institutions should include course/program articulations in Georgia Transfer.

TCSG and participating USG Institutions should create student-facing materials that facilitate a quick understanding of current and potential students of the TCSG/USG pathways created by this articulation agreement.

# Technical College System of Georgia

Dr. Emmett Griswold, President	7-24-2025 Date
Albany Technical College	
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Dr. Victoria Seals, President Atlanta Technical College	7-24-25 Date
Melina Frank-Alston, Interim President Augusta Technical College	7/24/2025 Date
Dr. Ivan H. Allen, President Central Georgia Technical College	7/24/2025 Date
Ms. Heather Pence, President Chattahoochee Technical College	7/24/25 Date
Ar. Lonnie Roberts, President Coastal Pines Technical College	7-24-25 Date
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Dr. Heidi Popham, President	7/24/3035
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Dr. Tavarez Holston, President	7/24/2075
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Date
Dr. D. Glen Cannon, President Gwinnett Technical College	07/24/2025 Date
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Dr. Ryan Foley, President	7-24-25
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