

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Southern Regional Technical College

Associate of Science in Nursing Generic and LPN-RN Bridge Options

and

Thomas University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
(RN-BSN)

June 2017 - June 2022

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Article I: Agreement on Principle

Thomas University (TU) and Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC) agree that students who choose to transfer from a technical college to a senior college or university to earn a bachelor's degree should be provided with a smooth curriculum transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. Thomas University and Southern Regional Technical College, therefore, agree to enter into this curriculum articulation agreement for students who complete the Associate of Science in Nursing and Associate of Science in Nursing LPN-RN Bridge Option at SRTC and transfer to (TU) to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Both institutions enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

Article II: Agreement on Program Specifics

Thomas University and Southern Regional Technical College agree that any student who has successfully completed the minimum requirements of courses outlined in the corresponding articulation tables may transfer the course credits indicated toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Thomas University. Students who follow this articulated program agreement must apply and be admitted to Thomas University. SRTC students will receive equal consideration as other students seeking admission and financial aid. The bachelor's degree graduation requirements for students who follow this articulated program agreement are listed in the applicable Thomas University Catalog as displayed in the *(TU) Catalog* on the university website. Courses approved for transfer are listed in the attached articulation guide tables.

Agreement Requirements

1. Students must complete the (Degree) in Nursing program at Southern Regional Technical College and the program of study for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) at Thomas University as indicated in the articulation guide. Any course substitutions should be made with the guidance of an advisor or counselor to assure that all requirements are met.
2. Transfer students will be required to complete all Thomas University's general education (core) requirements that have not been satisfied in the Articulation Agreement.
3. Only courses with a grade of "C" or better will be accepted for transfer to Thomas University. A course completed with a grade of less than a "C", if counted toward graduation at SRTC, will not transfer to (TU) for academic credit and must be repeated if it is a requirement for the Thomas University Bachelor of Science program.
4. Courses accepted for transfer by Thomas University under this agreement shall include all courses listed in Table I: Core Curriculum Transfer Course Equivalents, including courses at the 1100 level or higher and BIOL 2113/2113L, BIOL 2114/2114L, and BIOL 2117/2117L as Core Curriculum Science

requirements. These specific courses are guaranteed for transfer; other courses will be considered for transfer toward the degree if they are applicable.

5. To receive a Thomas University bachelor’s degree, students must take 30 hours of major program upper division course work at Thomas University. Twenty-four (24) hours of the last 30 must be taken at Thomas University.

6. Thomas University participates in the Georgia Articulation Plan for Nursing. The purpose of this plan is to enable registered nurses to advance their education with minimal loss of credit and/or duplication of knowledge and skills while maintaining the integrity of the education process and the autonomy of participating programs. The registered nurse articulating to the baccalaureate level will be awarded 36 course credit hours for nursing. These credits will be held in escrow until the student has successfully completed nine semester hours of nursing (NSG303, NSG307, NSG311). Credits held in escrow will then be placed on the transcript. The articulating student must provide the necessary materials to establish proof of compliance with the articulation criteria at the time of admission. These materials include the following:

1. Certified transcript of all completed nursing courses from SRTC and previous nursing school, if applicable;
2. Documentation from employer stating completion of at least 1000 clinical practice hours in the last three years, if the time since graduating from SRTC Associate of Science in Nursing program is greater than four years. If the applicant to TU has not completed at least 1000 hours of clinical practice within the past three years, he/she must either (a) complete 1000 clinical practice hours in nursing prior to enrollment, or (b) successfully complete one of the National League for Nursing (NLN) ACE II examinations prior to enrollment.
3. Payment of Thomas University undergraduate application fee.

Upon completion of these requirements, the student will be awarded the 36 hours of credit held in escrow.

RN Transfer Courses Held in Escrow
SRTC Associate of Science in Nursing Courses:

RNSG 1911 Health Assessment through the Lifespan	3
RNSG 1920 Theoretical and Technical Foundations for Nursing Practice	5
RNSG 1931 Introduction to Nursing Principles of Pharmacy	3
RNSG 1940 Life Transitions I: Introduction to Promotion of Health	6
RNSG 1950 Life Transitions II: Promotion of Mental Health	5
RNSG 2910 Life Transitions III: Obstetrics	4
RNSG 2920 Life Transitions IV: Pediatrics	4
RNSG 2930 Life Transitions V: Medical Surgical 2	6
RNSG 2941 Life Transitions VI: Clinical Decision Making	6

Total Hours Taken in Nursing at SRTC: 42 semester hours
Articulation hours granted: 36 semester hours

SRTC Associate of Science in Nursing LPN-RN Bridge Option Courses

Completion of Licensed Practical Nurse Program	
RNSG 1911 Health Assessment through the Lifespan	3
RNSG 1931 Introduction to Nursing Principles of Pharmacy	3
RNSG 1960 Transition to Associate Degree Nursing	5
RNSG 2910 Life Transitions III: Obstetrics	4
RNSG 2920 Life Transitions IV: Pediatrics	4
RNSG 2930 Life Transitions V: Medical Surgical 2	6
RNSG 2941 Life Transitions VI: Clinical Decision Making	6

Total Hours Taken in Nursing at SRTC: 31 semester hours in addition to Licensed Practical Nurse Program Completion

Articulation hours granted: 36 semester hours

Transfer of Credit Students who have been enrolled at another institution must submit official transcripts from each college or university previously attended to the registrar. The registrar will determine transfer of non-nursing credits. Transfer credit may be given for those courses taken at accredited institutions provided that the courses fall within the scope of Thomas University's curriculum. Acceptability of non-equivalent courses is subject to the approval of the Chair of the Division of Nursing, the Academic Dean, and the Registrar. Students who fail a nursing course at Thomas University and successfully complete a similar course at another institution cannot transfer that course back to Thomas University.

Article III: Agreement on Communication

Thomas University and Southern Regional Technical College agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. Communication may include the development of various kinds of publications to inform those who will benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by this agreement. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students, and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to students and prospective students.

Article IV: Maintenance and Review Procedures

At least one administrator or faculty member from each institution will be appointed to act as agents for the implementation of this agreement, to speak for the institutions, and to communicate changes to respective faculty members, advisors, counselors, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the Registrar at Southern Regional Technical College and the Registrar at Thomas University.

Both parties agree to communicate annually any changes in the respective programs that may have an effect on this articulation agreement. During the third year, both parties will review the agreement for revisions and possible renewal. If the agreement is not renewed by the end of the effective period, students engaged in the articulation program as a currently enrolled (TU) student prior to termination of the agreement will be given five (5) additional years to complete the degree under terms of this agreement.

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And

Thomas University

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

We, the representatives of Southern Regional Technical College and Thomas University, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for an initial period of five (5) years. The Effective Period of the Agreement will be from June 1, 2017 until June 1, 2022.

Signed:

 _____ President Southern Regional Technical College	<u>5/22/17</u> Date	 _____ President Thomas University	<u>6/12/17</u> Date
 _____ Vice President for Academic Affairs Southern Regional Technical College	<u>5/22/17</u> Date	 _____ Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas University	<u>6/12/17</u> Date

ARTICULATION GUIDE

Southern Regional Technical College: Associate of Science in Nursing and Associate of Science in Nursing LPN-RN Bridge Option

Thomas University: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Table I. Core Curriculum Transfer Course Equivalents

(TU) Core Curriculum				SRTC Core Curriculum		
(TU) COURSE		Cred		SRTC Course		Cred
University Studies: 4 hours				Waved due to transfer and articulation credits		3
UNV 101	Freshman Success	1				
UNV 103	Personal Wellness	1				
UNV 201	Career Development	1				
UNV 202	Introduction to Ethics	1				
Communication: 12 hours						
ENG 101	Composition I	3		ENGL 1101	Composition & Rhetoric	3
ENG 102	Composition II	3				
SPE 105	Oral Communication for Professionals	3				
CSC 120	Microcomputer Applications	3		COMP 1000	Intro to Microcomputers	3
Math and Science: 15 hours						
BIO 261	Anatomy & Physiology I	4		BIOL 2113/2113L	Anatomy & Physiology I / Lab	3/1
BIO 262	Anatomy & Physiology II	4		BIOL 2114/2114L	Anatomy & Physiology II / Lab	3/1
BIO 270	Microbiology	4		BIOL 2117/2117L	Introductory Microbiology / Lab	3/1
STA 250	Introduction to Statistics	3				
Social Sciences: 12 hours						
PSY 101	General Psychology			PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3
SOC 201	Intro to Sociology or Social Science Elec				One Elective	3
HIS 201, HIS 202, HIS 203	US History & Government	3				
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Table I. Core Curriculum Transfer Course Equivalents Continued						
Humanities: 6 hours						
HUM 20X	Humanities I, II, III and/or IV	3			ARTS 1101, ENG 2130, HUMN 1101, or MUSC 1101	3
HUM 20X	Humanities I, II, III and/or IV	3				
Total Core Curriculum Courses		48			Total Core Curriculum Courses Met	30

Approved equivalent courses for remaining Core Curriculum courses may be taken from another regionally-accredited college or university for transfer credit at Thomas University.

Table II. Additional Core and Senior Curriculum Transfer Course Equivalents

(TU) Senior Curriculum				SRTC Curriculum		
(TU) COURSE		Cred		SRTC Course		Cred
NSG 303	Professional Nursing Praxis: Context, Issues, and Trends	5				
NSG 307	Scholarly Writing	1				
NSG 311	Health Assessment	4				
NSG 452	Nursing Research & Evidence-based practice	3				
NSG 370	Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice	3				
NSG 450	Community Health Nursing	3				
NSG 460	Community Health Nursing Practicum	4				
NSG 470	Leadership in Nursing	3				
NSG 480	Leadership in Nursing Practicum	4				
NSG 490	Special Topics in Nursing or Related Health Services	6				
Total Upper Division Courses		36				

Nursing Articulation Credit for Associate Level Coursework

36 semester credits

Core Curriculum Credit Transferred/Articulated

30 semester credits

Core Curriculum Courses Taken at TU

18 semester credits

Upper Division Nursing Courses Taken at TU

36 semester credits

Total for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)

120 semester credits