

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

**South University and Tri-County Technical College**

### A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this articulation agreement (the Agreement) is to establish procedures and guidelines for eligible Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) program graduates to transfer to South University (SU) - Columbia Campus RN to BSN program.

### B. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

#### A. Admission to South University

1. **Tri-County Technical College** ADN graduates will be reviewed as pre-qualified applicants for SU degree programs. Applicants will be required to complete all SU admissions requirements in effect at the time of application. SU admissions requirements are detailed in its most recent catalog.
2. To be eligible for application to the identified program, a student must be a graduate of the **TCTC ADN program**. Current students may begin the application process in their final semester at TCTC.
3. Upon acceptance and signing of the SU enrollment agreement, transfer students will be subject to all SU policies, codes of conduct, college procedures, and requirements. These are described in the most recent SU catalog.

#### B. Credit Transferability

1. South University and **TCTC** will draft and maintain Course Transfer Guides (see Agreement Addendum) which identify the courses, which satisfy specific course, general education, or unrestricted elective requirements at South University. The SU college catalog can be found here for applicable policies and procedures:  
[http://catalog.southuniversity.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=16&poid=1652&returnto=865](http://catalog.southuniversity.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=16&poid=1652&returnto=865)
2. **Tri-County** transfer students will be eligible for a course-by-course review for transfer of credits to South University.

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3. South University will complete a course-by-course review of all transfer credits submitted on official transcripts from **Tri-County Technical College**.
4. **Tri-County** transfer students who are unable to fulfill SU prerequisites at **Tri-County** must complete them at Tri-County or South University. Prerequisites are listed in the respective catalogs and vary based on the degree program chosen.
5. **Tri-County** transfer students must fulfill SU requirements, which entail completion of no less than 25 percent of their program requirements at SU, including a minimum of 50 percent of the major requirements, including the capstone course, at South University. Other stipulations are outlined in the Academic Policies section of the SU catalog. Credit earned through any combination of Transfer Credit, Challenge Credit or Experiential Credit will not exceed 75 percent of total credits required for graduation (70% for those students who reside in Virginia).

C. Financial Arrangements

Any tuition and fees charged to the Transfer Students by the SU will match current tuition and fees as listed in the most current Academic Catalog.

D. Coordination

1. South University and **Tri-County** agree to:
  - a. Coordinate their efforts to facilitate a collegial and mutually beneficial relationship;
  - b. Provide accurate and timely information about the articulation agreement to prospective SU students.
    - Designate academic alliance coordinators as primary contact persons for the respective institutions to facilitate coordination of this agreement.
      - TCTC: Department Head, Nursing
      - SU: Program Director of RN to BSN and BSN

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2. South University agrees to:
  - a. Provide **TCTC** relevant transfer information and current SU brochures and/or catalogs;
  - b. Communicate with **TCTC** students, via e-mail, postal mail, telephone, and other means to offer them the opportunity of enrolling in one of the listed programs at South University.
3. **Tri-County Technical College** agrees to:
  - a. Work with SU to promote this agreement to eligible students through on-site events and distribution of marketing materials and by communicating the benefits of this articulation agreement to **TCTC** students;
  - b. Promote agreement to students, staff, and faculty, and;
  - c. Cooperate with SU to establish data transfer of curriculum and of student records, when applicable, and with student permission in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

C. Terms

- A. This Agreement is effective for the SU academic term following the date of the fully executed document, and shall continue until terminated. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing.
- B. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 90 days' written notice to the other party. Termination of this understanding shall be without penalty, and no party shall be liable to any other party for any monetary or other losses that may result from termination.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.
- D. The institutions agree that any students in the program at the time of the notice of termination will be permitted to complete the program and subsequent transfer pursuant to the applicable provisions of this understanding.


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- E. Admission criteria and academic and other requirements will be subject to the SU Catalog at the time of the student's admission to SU. Active students at the time of termination will be grandfathered into their selected program.
- F. The Agreement may be executed by either electronic or facsimile transmission in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.
- G. Confidentiality – Any information shared between the parties which by their nature should be reasonably understood by the receiving party as confidential or proprietary information, shall remain confidential.

**Notice:**

The person(s) signing this Agreement represent and warrant that he or she has the authority to contractually bind his or her organization to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement and any Addenda\* constitutes the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings and agreements between the parties related to the subject matter hereof.

Signed by:

 2-24-2020  
Name Date  
Dr. Galen DeHay, President  
**Tri-County Technical College**

 2/24/2020  
Name Date  
Dr. Karl Sterner, Campus President  
**South University-Columbia Campus**

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**Addendum A**

Based on current catalog requirements as outlined at

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students completing TCTC's Associate Degree in Nursing must take the following courses at South University to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

NSG3007 Foundations for Professional Nursing 4 credit hours	Quarter 1 online
NSG3012 Principles of Assessment for RNs 4 credit hours	Quarter 1 campus
NSG3029 Foundations of Nursing Research 4 credit hours	Quarter 1 campus
NSG3039 Information Management and Technology 4 credit hours	Quarter 2 online
NSG4028 Concepts of Teaching and Learning 4 credit hours	Quarter 2 online
NSG4029 Leadership in a Diverse Society 4 credit hours	Quarter 2 online
NSG4055 Illness and Disease Management Across the Life Span 4 credit hours	Quarter 2 online
NSG4067 Gerontological Nursing 4 credit hours	Quarter 3 online
NSG4068 Trends in Healthcare Policy 4 credit hours	Quarter 3 online
NSG4074 Health Promotion and Clinical Prevention 4 credit hours	Quarter 3 online
NSG4076 RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Capstone Synthesis 5 credit hours	Quarter 4 campus



## Tri-County ADN to South University RN to BSN Priority Acceptance Enrollment Form

### Student Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to South University (SU) before? Yes  No

Term/Year you desire to enter SU: Summer  Fall  Spring  Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Formal Admission

Students who complete the Associate Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) program at Tri-County Technical College (TCTC), have a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, and hold a valid and unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the state in which the student completes all assignments for the program and is states in which s/he is licensed will be reviewed as pre-qualified applicants for the South University (SU) RN to BSN degree program.

Students are required to complete the SU admissions application at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the SU academic term they wish to attend (available online). The SU application fee will be waived as part of the TCTC-SU Agreement. Students must submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges beyond Tri-County and any official AP/IB score reports directly to SU's Office of Admissions as part of the application process.

### Credit Transferability

The transfer of coursework from TCTC to SU will be evaluated by SU. TCTC transfer students who are unable to fulfill SU prerequisites at TCTC must complete them at TCTC or SU. Prerequisites are listed in the respective academic year SU catalogs. Students are encouraged to use the SU TCTC ADN to SU RN to BSN Transfer Guide hosted on the SU website.

TCTC transfer students must fulfill SU requirements, which entail completion of no less than 25 percent of their program requirements at SU, including 100 percent of the major requirements, including the capstone course, at SU. Other stipulations are outlined in the Academic Policies section of the SU catalog. Credit earned through any combination of Transfer Credit, Challenge Credit or Experiential Credit will not exceed 75 percent of total credits required for graduation (70% for those students who reside in Virginia).

### Participation Agreement

I certify that all information provided in this agreement is complete and accurate and I understand that withholding or falsifying information on this agreement is cause for cancellation of enrollment at SU. I am responsible for contacting SU Admissions for further instructions for admission and University requirements. By submitting this form, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I give permission to Tri-County Technical College (Tri-County) and South University (SU) to release my enrollment status, academic standing, transcript, student conduct records, and any other educational records to the other institution for the duration of my enrollment at Tri-County for the purposes of successful transfer and SU to release my transcript to Tri-County upon enrollment at SU for the purposes of reverse transfer and student success reporting.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return in-person or mail to either:

**South University-Columbia**  
Attn: Karl Sterner  
9 Science Court  
Columbia, SC 29203

**Tri-County Technical College**  
Bridge & Educational Partnerships  
PO Box 587, Pendleton SC 29670  
Anderson Hall 168