



## **A Transfer Articulation Agreement**

**By and between the**

**Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
and  
University of Louisiana Monroe**

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto (the "Effective Date") by and between UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE (ULM) whose address is 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209 and the LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (LCTCS), whose address is 265 S Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

This transfer articulation agreement addresses transfer agreements for 1) the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, and 2) the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) at any LCTC and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at ULM.

### **Background**

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) is composed of 12 public technical and community colleges across Louisiana. LCTCS colleges collectively serve over 130,000 students in traditional credit instruction, workforce training, and adult education. Eighty percent of its over 25,000 annual graduates earned credentials in high-demand, high-income fields as defined by the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Each year, over 15,000 students transfer from an LCTCS institution to a 4-year university.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees. ULM, a state funded, multi-disciplinary institution of higher education offers high quality academic and experiential opportunities designed to meet the academic, cultural, vocational, social, and personal needs of undergraduate, graduate, and career seeking students. There are four colleges offering degree opportunities for students: College of Arts, Education and Sciences; College of Business and Social Sciences; College of Health Sciences; and College of Pharmacy. The University received a full 10-year accreditation from SACSCOC in 2019.

## **General Requirements**

LCTCS and ULM enter into this Agreement for the express purpose of ensuring acceptance of college coursework between institutions and further facilitate the transfer of LCTCS students who satisfy the following criteria:

1. An Associate Degree Awarded by a LCTCS campus with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher, that meets the following requirements:
  - a. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, or Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) where a transfer degree pathway has been established along with a course articulation table. LCTCS institutions with transfer degree pathways will work to establish with ULM a course articulation table so that student can obtain 90 hours from LCTCS institutions and obtain remaining 30 hours from ULM to obtain Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).
  - b. Nursing students with an AAS in Nursing or an ASN degree obtained from LCTCS institutions are eligible to sit for National Licensure by Examination (NCLEX-RN).
  - c. Nursing students must successfully pass NCLEX-RN.
  - d. ULM will provide the final 30 hours of nursing course work at a rate of \$200/credit hour for student to obtain BSN after successful completion of NCLEX-RN.

When determined by ULM, to its reasonable satisfaction that a student has satisfied either of the conditions set for above, LCTCS transfer students will be afforded the following opportunities:

### **Guaranteed Admission**

LCTCS transfer students awarded 1) an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, or 2) the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), will be guaranteed admission at senior standing to the ULM Bachelor of Science Nursing Program, if all 90 hours are completed prior to transfer. Students will be enrolled into the Fast Track Registered Nurse (FTRN) Program and be eligible to complete their final 30 hours of Nursing (NURS) courses through distance education.

Students who do not meet the criteria for the FTRN, due to a lack of 90 hours will be made aware of additional prerequisites, progression to graduation, and other academic requirements. Only students who are in good standing at their last transfer institution will be considered.

### **Transferability of Credit**

Completed coursework includes transferable courses outlined on the ULM/LCTCS Articulation Matrix, which is a modified version of the State's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix.

For LCTCS transfer students awarded 1) an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, or 2) an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), ULM will accept a minimum of 60 semester units. Because the Associate Degree listed in criteria 1a is designed to provide a clear pathway to a baccalaureate degree and it represents strong preparation for upper division coursework leading to a BSN, ULM will guarantee that credits will be used towards graduation of a bachelor degree in nursing.

Institutions agree to accept the completion of general education requirements and other courses as identified in the state's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix. These courses will be used to satisfy requirements of degree programs.

### **Student Advising**

ULM will provide pre-transfer advising to LCTCS students through online, onsite, and/or telephone advising. Further advising will be available to future transfer students prior to and once enrolled. Informational materials for potential transfer students will be available at the community colleges to facilitate the transfer process.

Activities may include the following:

- a. Participation in transfer conferences, transfer fairs, professional conferences and visits to community colleges to educate administrators, counselors, faculty, staff, and students about University admissions requirements, costs, etc.;
- b. Provision of onsite admissions to eligible LCTCS students at transfer conferences, transfer fairs, and during college visits; and,
- c. Work with the LCTCS campus transfer centers to provide outreach to all students. Additional efforts will be made to reach out to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) majors.

For students without an Associate Degree in Nursing, LCTCS and ULM will collaborate in communication and advice for students to have the opportunity to complete 1) the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing, or 2) the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) while at their transfer institution, when applicable. This is commonly known as reverse transfer.

If an institution modifies the degree requirements or prerequisites after admission, transfer students will be accommodated with equivalent coursework credit and not penalized in total units required for their degree. Admitted transfer students will be required to follow the degree requirements as outlined in the catalog that was in effect at the time of application.

### **Program Evaluation**

Once every two academic years, LCTCS faculty and staff will meet with ULM faculty and staff to review current curriculum and course offerings and present any changes to the curriculum as outlined in the exhibits included herein prior to implementing the proposed changes.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Transfer scholarship opportunities for incoming students based on grade point average and meeting all other applicable criteria will be developed, based on available funding.

### **Data Sharing**

For the purposes of this Agreement, parties agree to share student information that assists with the furtherance of the activities outlined herein. Both parties agree to keep student information confidential and to use such information only for the activities outlined in this agreement. All information about students obtained from any of the Parties shall be held confidential pursuant to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C.A. 1232g) ("FERPA") and of La. R.S. 17:3914.

### **Marketing & Communication**

The LCTCS will work with ULM to develop an internal and external marketing plan to communicate and publicize the President's support of this Agreement to all LCTCS campuses. Dissemination may include print media, news releases, email, webinars, and social media distribution channels. The system office will assist in promoting this opportunity to each LCTC and ensure that Transfer Center Directors understand the benefits of the program for students. Professional organizations and initiatives will be encouraged to disseminate information about the agreement.

### **Terms of Agreement and Severability**

The term of this Agreement shall be ongoing commencing on the date first set forth above, provided that either party may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon written notice, with the termination effective at the start of the following academic year. If the Agreement is terminated, all students identified on or before the date of termination will retain their transfer guarantee and all other terms stated in the Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and may not be amended, unless in writing and signed by both parties.

This Agreement shall not be construed to create any rights in favor of any non-party hereto, including as third-party beneficiaries.

All notices (including, without limitation, approvals consents and exercises of rights or options) required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed served, if by personal delivery or by facsimile, on the date the same is actually received by the addressee thereof or, if by mail, two business days after the same is deposited with the United States Postal Service (or its successors) for mailing by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage fully prepaid, addressed as hereinafter set forth, or, if by overnight messenger service (e.g., Federal Express) on the date of delivery by such overnight messenger service to the address as hereinafter set forth. All notices shall be addressed as follows or to such other address as the party entitled to receive such notice may, from time to time hereinafter, designate by giving written notice pursuant hereto:

If to ULM:

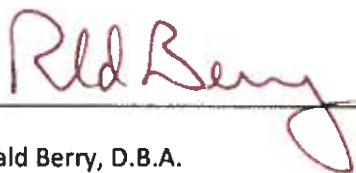
University of Louisiana Monroe  
Attn: President  
700 University Avenue  
Monroe, LA 71209

If to LCTCS:

Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
Attn: President  
265 S Foster Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT**

In witness whereof, the undersigned signifies their intent to execute this Agreement and agrees to comply with the stated terms and conditions.



Ronald Berry, D.B.A.  
President  
University of Louisiana Monroe



Date



Monty Sullivan  
President  
Louisiana Community and Technical College System



Date