

**TRINITY COLLEGE OF NURSING  
& HEALTH SCIENCES  
AND  
SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Articulation Agreement

**Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences** of Rock Island, IL, and **Sauk Valley Community College** of Dixon, IL believe that a cooperative program benefits students by allowing students an opportunity to earn degrees from both institutions.

This agreement defines the Dual Degree Program Articulation Agreement between Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Sauk Valley Community College for qualified students seeking to complete their Associates degree from Sauk Valley Community College and the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program curriculum at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

**Agreement**

The Articulation Agreement is designed to provide participating students with a specific pathway to meet degree requirements established by Sauk Valley Community College for an Associate degree and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a major in Medical Laboratory Science at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated to the other institution as they occur through the office of each institution responsible for implementing this dual degree program.

At the request of either institution, a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems and monitor progress under the terms of this Articulation Agreement.

Under the terms of this agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.

**Academic Requirements**

1. The student must earn a minimum of 80 semester hours in pre-requisite courses before starting the MLS program.
2. The student must complete all General Education, University, major/minor, and graduation requirements (if applicable), except for the 40 credits of the MLS program.
3. Upon acceptance into the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, 80 semester hours may be transferred toward the completion of the MLS Program. For approved transfer credits refer to Appendix A.
4. Upon successful completion of the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health

Sciences, 40 credit hours will be awarded towards the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a major in Medical Laboratory Science. For approved MLS credits refer to Appendix B.

5. Students who successfully complete the MLS program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences (40 credits) will be eligible to participate in commencement.

### **Accreditation**

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Sauk Valley Community College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission regional accrediting body and ensure all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

### **Duration and Termination of Agreement**

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Sauk Valley Community College agree that this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions.

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Sauk Valley Community College reserve the right to revise or eliminate programs and courses. Such changes will be communicated to the appropriate parties. This articulation agreement will be reviewed annually to ensure currency with each party's degree requirements and may be modified by attachment.

### **Notification of Equal Educational Opportunities**

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is committed to providing equal employment and promotion opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, Veteran Status, or disability. Applicants for admissions and in employment together with sources of referral are hereby notified that this Institution does not discriminate among applicants or employees based upon their status of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or disability in any aspect of the employment relationship from hiring through termination. Any person having inquiries concerning Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences' compliance with the regulations implementing Title IV, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact the Director of Student Services and External Relations or Chancellor. Inquiries also may be addressed to the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Candice Jackson, U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-421-3481.

Sauk Valley Community College is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to an effective policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity in all employee and student relations. Except to the extent and subject to the exemptions permitted by law, no qualified employee or student shall be excluded from employment or educational opportunity, be denied benefits, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation (as that term is defined in the Illinois Human Rights Act), marital status, handicap, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service classified as Re-3 or the equivalent thereof. Violations of this policy on the basis of sex is also governed by the Sexual Misconduct Procedures.

### **Liaisons**

To facilitate a student's participation in the program, Sauk Valley Community College and Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences have designated liaisons:

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences:  
Stephanie Tieso, Program Director/BSHS Program Coordinator\_

Sauk Valley Community College:  
Valerie Kern-Lyons, Coordinator of Counseling & Advising

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Dr. Tracy Poelvoorde  
Chancellor  
Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences

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Dr. David Hellmich  
President  
Sauk Valley Community College

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## Appendix A

<b>Prerequisite General Education Courses</b>		
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>SVCC Course Numbers</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Written Communication	ENG 101, ENG 103	3
Oral Communication	COM 131	3
Humanities Electives		12
<b>Humanities total</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Sociology	SOC 111	3
Psychology	PSY 103	3
<b>Social Sciences total</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Natural Sciences and Mathematics</b>		
Anatomy and Physiology 1	BIO 109	4
Chemistry		
General Chemistry 1	CHE 105	4
General Chemistry 2	CHE 106	4
Biochemistry/Organic Chemistry	CHE 201	4
Biology		
Biology	BIO 105	4
Microbiology	BIO 111	4
Math		
College Algebra	MAT 121	3
Statistics	MAT 240 or BUS 214	3
<b>Natural Sciences and Mathematics total</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Electives</b>		
Medical Terminology	NRS 116	2
General Electives		24
<b>Electives total</b>		<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

Appendix B

SUMMER SEMESTER		
Course #:	Description:	Semester Hours
MLS 320	Lab Math and Operations	1
MLS 330	Phlebotomy and Pre-analytical Variables	1
MLS 340	Cell Morphology	2
MLS 345	Clinical Immunology	2
MLS 410	Evidence Based Lab Medicine	1
MLS 420	Educational Development	1
		<b>TOTAL 8 SH</b>
FALL SEMESTER		
MLS 310	Urinalysis and Body Fluids	2
MLS 415	Clinical Chemistry	7
MLS 425	Clinical Hematology and Hemostasis	7
MLS 440	Lab Management	1
		<b>TOTAL 17 SH</b>
SPRING SEMESTER		
MLS 430	Immunohematology	7
MLS 435	Clinical Microbiology	7
MLS 450	Medical Lab Science Review	1
		<b>TOTAL 15 SH</b>

All general education prerequisites must be completed prior to admission to the BSHS-MLS Program.  
 Transfer credit evaluated on a course by course basis.

<b>Pre-Requisite General Education Total</b>	<b>80 SH</b>
<b>MLS Total</b>	<b>40 SH</b>
<b>BSHS-MLS Program Total</b>	<b>120 SH</b>