

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT AND LYON COLLEGE

ASUN Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing

to

Lyon College Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2 + 1 + 1

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”), entered into on this 21st day of May 2024 (“Effective Date”), by and between the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University for and on behalf of **Arkansas State University, Newport** (hereinafter “ASUN”), located at 7648 Victory Blvd, Newport, AR 72112 and **Lyon College** (hereinafter, “Lyon”), located at 2300 Highland Road, Batesville, Arkansas 72501.

PURPOSE

This Agreement aims to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of Lyon pre-nursing students earning the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Registered Nursing (RN) at ASUN to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Lyon. Through collaborative efforts, Lyon and ASUN will provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, thereby affording students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

AGREEMENT

The 2 + 1 + 1 agreement will consist of the following: In the first two years, Lyon pre-nursing students will complete the Lyon core curriculum requirements and science electives at Lyon. In the third year, the students will complete the remaining RN requirements (52 credit hours) at ASUN. In their fourth and final year, the students will complete the BSN upper division requirements at Lyon. It is agreed that any Lyon pre-nursing student who completes the RN requirements at ASUN and BSN requirements at Lyon will earn the AASN degree at ASUN and BSN degree at Lyon, respectively, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to Lyon and ASUN.
 - a. Students will be required to provide documentation of a 2.75 or higher cumulative GPA from Lyon to ASUN and a grade of “C” or better will be required for all nursing courses. The same provision applies when transferring credits from ASUN to Lyon.
 - b. Lyon pre-nursing students must formally declare BSN as their major before taking RN classes at ASUN.
- B. Degree program admission requirements for students who take classes at ASUN pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at ASUN.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed in Appendix A, ASUN AAS in RN to Lyon BSN with degree plan checklist.
- B. Transfer credits between Lyon and ASUN, as stipulated on the above-referenced degree plan checklists, will be carefully planned with academic advisors at both institutions to ensure timely and successful completion of the 2+1+1 Agreement.
- C. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to Lyon or ASUN. Furthermore, remedial courses are not transferable toward a Lyon or ASUN degree.
- D. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors will be in accordance with Lyon and ASUN policies.
- E. Students will sign a "Release of Information" agreement so that both institutions are able to view and receive relevant student information.

FINANCIAL AID

- A. The student will remain a Lyon student for financial aid purposes for the duration of this agreement. Students will pay Lyon the cost of tuition and fees and Lyon will pay ASUN directly for the cost of the NRS classes at the ASUN campus.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including the incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure, and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis by representatives from both institutions; both Lyon and ASUN agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. Lyon and ASUN will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses between institutions should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at Lyon and ASUN. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this agreement but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.
- E. Lyon and ASUN will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, published catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by either Lyon or ASUN upon written notice from the Lyon College President or the ASUN Chancellor with at least 90 calendar days of written notice.
- B. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to Lyon and ASUN, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.

C. This Agreement shall become effective at the time the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto cause this Agreement to be executed:

LYON COLLEGE

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AT NEWPORT

Melissa Taverner 5/21/24
Dr. Melissa Taverner, President Date

Johnny Moore 5/21/24
Dr. Johnny Moore, Chancellor Date

PRE-NURSING
LYON Courses (First Two Years)

LYON CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (46 CREDIT HOURS)

Proficiency Requirements (9 credit hours)

		ASUN	Semester Hours	Grade
ENG 101	English Composition I	ENG 1003 English Composition I	3	
ENG 102	English Composition II	ENG 1013 English Composition II	3	
MTH 101	College Algebra or higher-level math course	MATH 1023 College Algebra	3	

Common Core (15 credit hours)

		ASUN	Semester Hours	Grade
COR 100	Year One		1	
ENG 105	World Literature		3	
HIS 110 & 112	World History I and II		6	
POL 105	American Experience		3	
PED/OLP	Physical Education		2	

Distribution Requirements (22 credit hours)

		ASUN	Semester Hours	Grade
ART/MUS/THE	Fine Arts Course		3	
CHM 105/105L <u>or</u> CHM110/110L	Introduction to Chemistry and Lab <u>or</u> General Chemistry and lab		4	
FRN/SPN/FGN 101	Beginning Foreign Language, I		3	
FRN/SPN/FGN 102	Beginning Foreign Language, II		3	
MTH/ECO/BUS/PSY	Math Course or Statistics		3	
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	PSY 2013 Intro to Psychology	3	
RPH	Religion or Philosophy Course		3	

RN/BSN REQUIREMENTS¹

Electives (18 credit hours)

		ASUN	Semester Hours	Grade
BIO 260/260L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	BIOL 2403/2401 Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	4	
BIO 262/262L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab	BIOL 2413/2411 Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab	4	
BIO 2xx/2xxL	Human Microbiology and Lab	BIOL 2003/2001 Microbiology and Lab	4	
EXS 205	Nutrition	BIOL 2013 Intro to Nutrition	3	
PSY 290	Human Development ²	PSY 2533 Lifespan Development	3	

¹Lyon BSN Upper Division Requirements will be completed in the senior year.

²Students can take PSY 290 at Lyon, depending on time availability. Otherwise, the course should be completed at ASUN.

Lyon Total (Year 1 and 2): 64 credits

ASUN Courses (Third Year)

REQUIREMENTS IN REGISTERED NURSING (46 CREDIT HOURS)

46 TRANSFER CREDIT HOURS TOWARD LYON BSN

			LYON	Semester Hours	Grade
MATH 1213	Math for Health Professions	NRS Transfer		3	
MIS 1033	Introduction to Computers	NRS Transfer		3	
NRS 1109	Nursing Concepts and Experience I	NRS Transfer		9	
NRS 1208	Nursing Concepts and Experience II	NRS Transfer		8	
NRS 1103	Nursing Concepts and Experience III	NRS Transfer		11	
NRS 2411	Nursing Concepts and Experience IV	NRS Transfer		11	
NRS 2031	NCLEX Preparation	NRS Transfer		1	

ASUN Total: 46 credits

LYON Courses (Fourth Year)

LYON BSN UPPER DIVISION PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDIT HOURS)

			Semester Hours	Grade
NURS 310	Quality and Safety Improvement Methods		3	
NURS 320	Scholarship in Nursing		3	
NURS 330	Comprehensive Assessment and Health Outcomes		3	
NURS 340	Competency in Leadership practice		3	
NURS 410	Nursing Informatics Processes and Technologies		4	
NURS 420	Pathophysiology		3	
NURS 430	Person-Centered Care through the Lifespan		3	
NURS 490	Population Health Nursing Capstone		4	

Lyon Total: 90 credits

Total ASUN and Lyon: 136 credits

FOUR-YEAR COURSE PLAN

Fall – First Year (LYON 16 credit hrs)			Spring – First Year (LYON 15 credit hrs)		
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Credits
BIO 260	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 262	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
COR 100	Year One	1	CHM 105/105L	Intro to Chemistry/lab	4
COR 101	College Success	1	ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 001	College English	3	MTH 101	College Algebra	3
MTH 001	Intermediate Algebra ³	3	PED xxx	Physical Education Class	1
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POL 105	The American Experience	3			
			Summer - First Year (LYON 9 Credit hours)		
			FRG 101	Foreign language I	3
			FRG 102	Foreign Language II	3
			MATH 1213	Math for Health Professions⁴	3
Fall – Sophomore Year (LYON 16 credit hrs)			Spring – Sophomore Year (LYON 15 credit hrs)		
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Credits
BIO xxx	Microbiology for Nursing	4	EXS 205	Nutrition	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	HIS 112	World Civilization II	3
ENG 105	World Literature	3	MUS/THE/ART	Fine Arts class	3
HIS 110	World Civilization I	3	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 290	Human Development	3	RPH xxx	Religion/Philosophy Class	3
Fall Junior Year (ASUN 12 credit hrs)			Spring Junior Year (ASUN/LYON 17 credit hrs)		
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Credits
MIS 1033	Introduction to Computers	3	NRS 1103	Nursing Concepts and Experience III	11
NRS 1109	Nursing Concepts and Experience I	9	NURS xxx	Lyon BSN classes	6
			Summer – Junior Year (ASUN/LYON 11 credit hrs)		
			Course #	Course Title	Credits
			NRS 1208	Nursing Concepts and Experience II	8
			NURS xxx	Lyon BSN class	3
Fall Senior Year (ASUN/LYON 15 credit hours)			Spring Senior Year (14 credit hours) LYON		
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Credits
NRS 1109	Nursing Concepts and Experience IV	11	NURS xxx	Lyon BSN class	14
NRS 2031	NCLEX Preparation	1			
NURS xxx	Lyon BSN class	3			

³Developmental courses (ENG 001 and MTH 001) do not count toward the 120 hours required for graduation.

⁴Class offered at UACCB.

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- C. A transfer student with an AAS-RN degree will automatically receive transfer credit for the science distribution core class requirement at Lyon.
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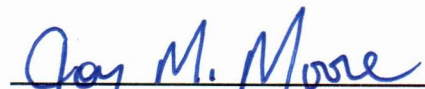
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ASUN Courses

REQUIREMENTS IN GENERAL EDUCATION AND REGISTERED NURSING (73 CREDIT HOURS)
73 TRANSFER CREDIT HOURS TOWARD LYON BSN

ASUN RN Classes		LYON	Semester Hours	Grade
BIOL 2003/2001	Microbiology/Lab	BIO 2xx Human Microbiology/Lab	4	
BIOL 2013	Introduction to Nutrition	EXS 205 Nutrition Concepts for Exercise Science	3	
BIOL 2403/2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	BIO 260/260L Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	4	
BIOL 2413/2411	Human Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab	BIO 262/262L Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab	4	
ENG 0051	Writing Seminar	No credit	NC	
ENG 0053	English Fundamentals	No credit	NC	
ENG 1003	Composition I	ENG 101 Composition I	3	
ENG 1013	Composition II	ENG 102 Composition II	3	
MATH 1213	Math for Health Professions	NRS Transfer	3	
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PSY 2013	Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101 Intro to Psychology	3	
PSY 2533	Lifespan Development	PSY 290 Human Development	3	

Note: AAS-RN students transferring to Lyon will automatically receive transfer credit for the science distribution core class at Lyon. Therefore, RN students won't need to take chemistry when they transfer to Lyon BSN.

ASUN Total: 73 credits
LYON TRANSFER: 73 credits

LYON Courses

LYON CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS REMAINING (32 CREDIT HOURS)

Math (3 credit hours)

MTH 101	College Algebra or higher-level math course		3	
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Foreign Language (6 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
FRN/SPN/FGN 101	Beginning Foreign Language, I	3	
FRN/SPN/FGN 102	Beginning Foreign Language, II	3	

Government (3 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
POL 105	American Experience	3	

History (6 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
HIS 110 & 112	History	6	

Literature (3 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
ENG 105	World Literature	3	

Fine Arts (3 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
ART/MUS/THE	Fine Arts Course	3	

Religion and Philosophy (3 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
RPH	Religion or Philosophy Course	3	

Mathematics (3 credit hours)

		Semester Hours	Grade
MTH/ECO/BUS/PSY	Math Course or Statistics	3	

Activity Course (2 credits)

		Semester Hours	Grade
PED/OLP	Physical Education	2	

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Note: A grade of "C" or better will be required for all courses.

Lyon Total: 58 credits

Total ASNU and Lyon: 131 credits