

**UW Oshkosh and Blackhawk Technical College
Memorandum of Understanding for Concurrent
Enrollment**

Between

The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
(on Behalf of UW Oshkosh)

Dept: College of Nursing

800 Algoma Boulevard
Oshkosh, WI 54901

and

Blackhawk Technical College (BTC)

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The memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Blackhawk Technical College (hereinafter referred to as "Agency") and The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (on Behalf of UW Oshkosh, hereinafter referred to as "University").

Section 1. Background, Purpose and Goals

In 2010, the Institute of Medicine called for 80% of nurses to be BSN prepared by 2020. According to the Wisconsin Center for Nursing there is a shortage of BSN prepared RNs in Wisconsin. The intent of this MOU is to build a seamless educational path for students with strong educational potential to move from the ADN to BSN degree in a timely manner. This MOU builds on the UW System Articulation Agreement for the Collaborative Nursing Program BSN@Home.

The student will complete the Associate Degree in Nursing at BTC. The final step of the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing will be completed by taking upper-division nursing courses through the UWO BSN completion option along with remaining general education requirements through any of the UWO campuses.

Section 2: Admission Process

BTC ADN program and UWO Collaborative Nursing Program (CNP) BSN@Home students will apply to each institution following the institutions' application process, deadlines, and rules. UWO and BTC will follow a dual admission process according to each institution's application deadlines and policies. Contacts will be identified at each institution to work with students throughout the admission process. Students must meet the BTC entrance requirements and UWO CNP BSN@Home entrance requirements.

Students will sign a release of information when they declare themselves UW Oshkosh and BTC Partnership BSN@Home students. This release allows collaborating colleges and the university to share information for the purpose of admission decisions and planning for the continuing progress of admitted students.

Students will meet the admission, progression, code of conduct, and standards of the institution in which they are enrolled. Partnering institutions will support the prospective institutional policies and practices when communicating with students. Major breaches in the policies in one institution may affect the student's standing in the other institution.

See college websites for application details:

For BTC: <https://blackhawk.edu/Programs-Classes/Transfer-After-BTC>

For UWO: <https://uwosh.edu/con/undergraduate/traditional-bsn/admissions/>

Section 3: Advising, Financial Aid, and Registration

Students enrolled in the ADN program at BTC will be advised by BTC advisors. Students enrolled in the CNP BSN@Home at UW Oshkosh will be advised by Online Continuing Education (OCE) academic advisors and College of Nursing faculty advisors.

Generally, students receive financial aid through the institution granting the degree. Students who are admitted as pre-program or matriculated into the ADN program at BTC who are enrolled in all courses at BTC will receive financial aid from BTC. Students who are enrolled in two institutions who intend to receive degrees at both colleges will be awarded financial aid through UW Oshkosh. If the student is enrolled at both colleges in a given semester, financial aid will not be awarded for the BTC courses that do not transfer to UW Oshkosh. The student will be responsible for paying tuition and fees to BTC for courses that do not transfer. Students will complete a UWO Consortium Agreement for courses that transfer.

Students will follow the registration process per policy at each partner institution.

Section 4: Plan of Study

Students will complete general education coursework in their ADN program with BTC or UWO. Students who successfully complete the second semester of the ADN full-time program may take nursing courses in BSN@Home at UW Oshkosh. All general education courses required for the degree must have been completed with an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) in nursing courses. Students who meet this criteria may complete BSN@Home courses N324 Orientation to Major, core, and nursing elective courses.

After students graduate with their ADN at BTC, they will take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Students must show proof of ADN degree conferral **with an official transcript**, passing NCLEX-RN, and 2.5 GPA to be eligible to take the remaining CNP BSN@Home courses. Students must maintain at least a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a letter grade C in pre-requisite and core nursing courses to stay in the CNP BSN@Home program.

Section 5: Marketing and Promotion of the Program

BTC and UWO agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program through the advertisement and dissemination of information. Both institutions agree to market and promote the program in their respective marketing and recruitment activities.

Section 6. Term

This MOU between the University and Agency is for mutual collaborative work and shall be in force from 06/1/2023. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of signatory officials at both

partnering entities listed above. This MOU will be ongoing and reviewed annually. The MOU will be reviewed by 06/1/2024. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the signatory officials at both entities and ongoing.

Section 7. Termination

This MOU may be terminated for any reason, by either party, upon a 30-day written notification to the other party.

Section 8. Indemnification

Each party to this agreement shall be solely responsible for any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings brought against it as a result of the alleged negligence, misconduct, error or omission of any of its employees, officers or agents. Neither party is obliged to indemnify the other party or to hold the other party harmless from costs or expenses incurred as a result of such claims; and each shall continue to enjoy all rights, claims and defenses available to it under State of Wisconsin law.

Section 9. Funding

This MOU represents no commitment of funds from either party to any of the listed duties or deliverables.

Section 10. Billing

This MOU represents no commitment of funds and therefore no billing requirements are needed.

Section 11. Governing Law

This Agreement is made in accordance with and shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Section 12. Independent Inquiry

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to limit the freedom of participants in this Agreement, whether paid or not, from engaging in similar inquiries made independently under other MOU, grants, contracts or agreements with parties other than those listed above.

Section 13. Publication

The University and its employees shall have the right, at their discretion, to release information or to publish any data, writings, or material resulting from the Research or to use such in any way for its educational and research purposes.

Accepted and agreed upon by the parties:

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