

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

McDowell County Career Technology Center
Therapeutic Services/Health Science Education Concentration

And

Bluefield State University
College of Health Science

Originally effective Fall 2019

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Entered into this _____, 2026.

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This agreement will be reviewed biannually.

McDowell County Career Technology Center (MCCTC) in Welch, WV and Bluefield State University (BSU), agree to offer an articulated program allowing students who have completed specific courses in the Health Science Education pathway and 0711 Foundations of Health Science 071S Advanced Principles of Health Science and are a completer of a Health Science Education program to transfer credits (8) and waive the requirements for the following Bluefield State University courses:

HLTH 100 Allied Health Pre-Readiness	1 credit
HLTH 101 Personal Health and Wellness	2 credits
HLTH 201 safety and First Aid	2 credits
HLTH Medical Terminology	3 credits

The following general principles guide this agreement:

- This agreement is solely intended for students who have completed courses associated with the Therapeutic Services/Health Science Education Concentration.
- Students must complete and submit a provisional enrollment form from BSU) to receive transfer credit. Students must then register for the equivalent transfer course(s) as a fee waiver course at BSU.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or 18 composite ACT in order to enroll in BSU.
- This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. MCCTC and BSU agree to publicize this program. They further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary. The agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause after adequate notice to the other. Termination of the agreement will not affect any students currently enrolled in a MCCTC Health Science Education program and become a completer at the time of termination, and they shall be able to transfer credits pursuant to this agreement

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into to serve the instructional needs of McDowell County Career Technology Center (MCCTC) students and graduates. The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this articulation agreement.

There are three specific goals under this agreement. First, it is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from MCCTC Health Science Education programs to the agreed upon credit award at BSU. MCCTC Health Science Education graduates will understand how BSU transfers the credits they earn upon becoming a completer of the Health Science Education programs, as well as the changes in requirements that may permit more flexible scheduling once the student has been admitted to and enrolled at BSU. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond the certificates from the MCCTC Health Science Education programs.

Second, this agreement is a publication of a clear set of understandings and expectations for both institutions and programs. Making our expectations clear and between institutions not only contributes to the first goal but also allows institutions to work collaboratively to meet the needs of the Health Science Education graduates. Like any policy agreement, this articulation agreement will need to be updated, revised and refined as instructional programs are revised.

Third, MCCTC Health Science Education encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in a technical profession. This articulation agreement facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

The following chart details the equivalency for course objectives as published by each school.

Bluefield State University	McDowell County Career Technology Center
HI-TH 100 Allied Health pre-readiness	Health Sciences Education program to include HE0711, HE0715
HLTH 101 Personal Health and Wellness	HE0711 Foundation of Health Science Combined objectives found in HE0711/HE0789/HE0790
201 safety and First Aid	HE0711 Foundation of Health Science Combined objectives found in HE0711/HE0789/HE0790
HLTH 290 Medical Terminology	HE0721 Medical Terminology

• or Medical Terminology equivalent course

HLTH 100	HLTH 101	HLTH 201
BSU OBJECTIVE: Develop and utilize reading strategies essential for success in health-related career. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.1/HE.38 071116/0715.11	BSU OBJECTIVE: Display an understanding of the role of physical fitness for the maintenance of good health and personal wellness. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.24/0711.25/0711.26	BSU OBJECTIVE: Demonstrate how to care for life threatening bleeding MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28/0789.31/0711.30
BSU OBJECTIVE: Develop and utilize writing strategies essential for success in health-related career. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.1/HE.39	BSU OBJECTIVE: Demonstrate the ability to apply principles of personal health and wellness to make a lifestyle/behavior change to enhance or facilitate progress toward optimum health. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.24/0711.25/0711.26	BSU OBJECTIVE: Describe how to care for someone with persistent chest pain MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28/0711.29
BSU OBJECTIVE: Develop and build mathematical strategies essential for success in a health-related career. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.37/HE.40 0715.1/0715.8	BSU OBJECTIVE: Demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to attain and maintain physical, emotional, social environmental, and mental wellness MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.11/0711.24	BSI-J OBJECTIVE: Describe when and how to move a victim in an emergency situation MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28/0711.30/0715.43
BSU OBJECTIVE: Develop and utilize study strategies including time management, active listening, effective note and test taking skills essential for success in a health-related career. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.4/HES/HE.39	BSU OBJECTIVE: Apply positive health behaviors through the use of health and wellness information MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 711.10/711.13/711.14/0715.17	BSU OBJECTIVE: Explain EMS MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28
BSU OBJECTIVE: Develop beginning knowledge of medical terminology MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 711.10	BSU OBJECTIVE: Distinguish between factors affecting health that are within one's own control and those beyond one's control MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.5/0711.6	BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify life threatening bleeding MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28/0789.31/0711.30

HITH 100	HITH 101	HITH 201
BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify individual strengths and weaknesses that may affect performance in a health-related career. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.1/HE.2	OTHER OBJECTIVES MET FOR 101 INCLUDE; MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: HE.17/HE.18 0711.6/0711.18/0711.19/0711.20	BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify risk factor for cardiovascular disease MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28/0711.29
BSU OBJECTIVE: Recognize a variety of allied health career paths, MCCTC EQUIVALENCY; HEi1 071120		BSUOBJECTIVE: Identify safer and healthier lifestyles MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.24/0711.25
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify signs and symptoms of various soft tissue and musculoskeletal injuries and care. MCCTC EQUIVALENCY, 0711.28
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify signs and symptoms of breathing difficulties MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify signs and symptoms of shock MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.2B
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify signs and symptoms of sudden illness MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Identify the signs of cardiac arrest MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28

HITH 100	HLTH 101	HITH 201
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Demonstrate CPR MMCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.29/0711.30
		BSU OBJECTIVE: Recognize Signs and Symptoms of heat and cold emergencies MCCTC EQUIVALENCY: 0711.28