

**BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE**  
**School of Nursing and Allied Health**  
**Articulation Agreement**  
**Bluefield State Collage and West Virginia Department of**  
**Education (WVDE)**  
**Lisensed Practical Nursing**  
**Effective Date: April 4, 2017**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the process by which the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and Bluefield State College (BSC) establish a career pathway for students who graduate from an accredited/approved school of practical nursing **and** obtain an active license as a Licensed Practical Nurse **and** can complete required curriculum to obtain an associate of nursing degree in three semesters after completion of prerequisites.

Completion of required prerequisites must be completed prior to the summer transition course. These include: Math 101 or higher, PSYC 103 BIOL 210, 211L, 212, 213L (Anatomy and Physiology) and English 101. All prerequisites can be taken online.

**Other admission requirements include:**

1. Meet general admission requirements.
2. An overall high school, college grade point average of 2.8 or better on a 4.0 scale or a score of 45 on each of the GED exams and overall grade average of 3.0 from school of practical nursing.
3. Completed with a "C" or better one unit of high school algebra, one unit of high school biology and one unit of high school chemistry (ACT/SAT equivalent score of 19 in mathematics will substitute for the algebra course).
4. An active LPN license must be maintained throughout enrollment to completion of the program.
5. Letter of recommendation from a registered nurse (RN) familiar with the applicant's current practice as an LPN, within the year prior to admission.
6. Complete the ATI TEAS Admission test with a proficient or higher overall score. ATI TEAS can be taken September 1 – January 31 each year. ATI TEAS can be taken twice, 30 days between each testing attempt. Scores on the ATI are valid for two academic years. If the ATI TEAS was taken in the year prior to application and a score that meets the proficient or higher overall score was met, that score will be accepted as part of the admission process for one year.
7. Students exceeding these academic standards and course requirements will be given first priority.
8. Preference will be given to applicants having at least one-year full-time equivalent of acute care facility experience as a LPN.

Students accepted and after completion of the prerequisites will start in the **Summer Semester** and will take the following:

NURS 135L LPN-RN Transition

Block Credit awarded at Completion of Summer Program

10 credit hours

OL 105 Microbiology for Health Professionals	3 credit hours
NURS 230L Patient Centered Care II Lab	8 credit hours
NURS 231L Patient Centered Care of Mental Health Clients Lab	3 credit hours
<b><u>Fourth Semester</u></b>	
ENGL 102 Composition II	
NURS 232L Patient Centered Care III Lab	3 credit hours
NURS 233 Nursing Management in the Evolving Health Care System	8 credit hours
NURS 234L Synthesis of Nursing Concepts Lab	2 credit hours
COSC 102 Computers and Society	1 credit hour
OR	3 credit hours
BUSN 130 Microsoft Word & Applications	OR
	<b><u>3 credit hours</u></b>
	17 credit hours