

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**&**  
**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Three-plus-One

Associate in Science (AS) in Nursing  
to  
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing

This AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the University of South Florida Board Of Trustees, a public body corporate, hereinafter referred to as "USF", and Hillsborough Community College, hereinafter referred to as "HCC". This AGREEMENT shall terminate, supersede, and replace the existing ARTICULATION AGREEMENT, effective January 31, 2017, between USF and HCC.

WHEREAS, regional hospitals have projected greater future demand for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida promotes and supports seamless transitions across two- and four-year degree programs; and

WHEREAS, USF has agreed to accept the transfer of HCC Associate in Science (AS) Nursing graduates with the specified number of courses and credits applicable to the BSN degree in a three-plus-one format;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants and agreements contained hereinafter, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do agree as follows:

**I. Terms and Conditions of Agreement**

**1. Scope and Purpose**

- A. Program: USF and HCC hereby enter the following Articulation Agreement governing the matriculation of HCC AS Nursing graduates into the USF BS in nursing degree program and who meet the minimum requirements for admission into the RN-BS program.
- B. Purpose: The intent of this Agreement is to facilitate a seamless transition from the HCC AS in Nursing program to the BS in Nursing degree program at USF through a specialized three-plus- one plan of study. This Agreement will be in effect from the date at which both parties have affixed their signatures and will continue in force without a fixed termination date. Review, revision, and termination provisions are stipulated in Part IV, Termination and Revision.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the USF College of Nursing will:
  - A. Accept HCC students who have completed the AS in Nursing degree who meet the minimum requirements for admission into the RN-BS program.
  - B. Accept the general education credits earned as part of their HCC diploma, applying such credits toward equivalent lower division general education requirements in transfer to USF.
  - C. Provide appropriate registration, financial aid and academic advisement services once admitted to USF.
  - D. Cooperate with HCC in joint marketing of this transfer program.
  - E. Cooperate with HCC through academic advising to timely inform the HCC Nursing students about:
    - 1) USF academic program requirements.
    - 2) USF admission requirements and processes.
    - 3) Turn-around times for application, transfer credit evaluation, and acceptance.
    - 4) International Student Scholar Services.
    - 5) Visa applications, processing time, and clearances.
    - 6) Tuition and fees.
  
3. During the term of this Agreement, HCC will:
  - A. Provide necessary support to assist USF with regular course/credit equivalency assessment, course syllabi review, and course transferability determinations.
  - B. Publicize this 3+1 program and provide cooperative assistance in marketing USF transfer programs to HCC students.
  - C. Cooperate with USF to facilitate students' transfer from HCC to USF as needed.
  - D. Cooperate with USF through on-site academic advising to timely inform the HCC students about:
    - 1) USF academic program requirements.
    - 2) State mandated degree requirements.
    - 3) USF admission requirements and processes.
    - 4) Prerequisite requirements.
    - 5) Contacts for transfer student services.
  
4. During the term of this Agreement, students will:
  - A. Discuss the opportunity to participate in this three-plus-one transfer program with their HCC Advisor.

## II. Program Articulation

1. Graduates of the HCC AS in Nursing degree admitted to the three-plus- one BS in Nursing degree program at USF will fulfill the following requirements as part of their HCC plan of study:
  - A. Complete the designated curriculum sequence at HCC required for the AS in Nursing (72 credit hours).
  - B. Complete the following State University System (SUS) prerequisites for admission to the BSN (9 credit hours):
    - 1) STA 2023 – Statistics
    - 2) HUN 2201 – Nutrition
    - 3) Any one course with prefix CHM/BSC/PCB/PHY
  - C. Complete the remaining outstanding Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL)/General Education courses at HCC (9 credit hours):
    - 1) Human Cultural Diversity In Global Context - Take one (1) course from the following:
      - a) ANT 2410
      - b) REL 2300
    - 2) Humanities - Take one (1) course from the following:
      - a) AMH 2010
      - b) EUH 2000
      - c) EUH 2001
      - d) HUM 2210
      - e) HUM 2230
      - f) PHI 1600
      - g) SPC 1608
      - h) LIT 2000
      - i) PHI 1010
    - 3) Fine Arts - Take one (1) course from the following:
      - a) ARH 1000
      - b) MUL 1010
      - c) THE 1000
      - d) HUM 1020
2. Complete the USF upper-level nursing sequence at USF (30 credit hours).
3. In accordance with the Statewide Articulation Agreement for AS-BS nursing transitions, USF will award a minimum of 18 upper-level credit hours for licensed RN's from the HCC nursing program as determined through a portfolio assessment.

4. Total number of program credit hours = 120.
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| A. Associate in Science in Nursing | 72 hours |
| B. State University Prerequisites  | 9 hours  |
| C. General Education/FKL           | 9 hours  |
| D. Upper-level Nursing Sequence    | 30 hours |

### **III. Insurance and Indemnification Provisions**

1. USF and HCC are -public body corporates of the State of Florida, and the both USF's and HCC's "self-insurance" limitations are provided by law. USF and HCC provide general liability insurance with the limits of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) per person, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) per occurrence, pursuant to the terms and limitations of Florida Statutes, Section 768.28 and Florida Statutes, Chapter 284, Part II.
2. To the extent permitted by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, each party shall be responsible for actual damages arising out of its conduct under this Agreement that are directly attributable to the negligence of its officers, faculty, staff and employees, or agents or their successors and assigns. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed as a waiver of either party's Sovereign Immunity under Florida Law.

### **IV. Termination and Revision**

1. Upon execution, this Articulation Agreement is in force until further notice and supersedes any previous Articulation Agreement regarding the HCC to USF 3+1 matriculation plan. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice.
  - A. Termination of this Agreement will not be executed without a written plan to "Teach Out" existing students enrolled at time of termination notice.
  - B. USF shall provide for all students enrolled into this program a reasonable opportunity to complete the degree at USF upon termination of this Agreement.
  - C. Representatives of each institution will review the substance and effectiveness of the Agreement annually.
  - D. The Agreement may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.
  - E. The Agreement may be amended through written request by either party when deemed necessary to add, delete, or significantly modify the terms. Such amendments must be in writing and may take the form of an official letter signed by both signatories of the Agreement to be attached to this Agreement as sequential amendments.

**V. Conclusions and Signatures**

All parties are committed to the concept of a long-standing agreement. This Agreement between USF and HCC shall be effective for an initial term of five years when executed by both parties, commencing on the date of the last signature. This Agreement shall automatically renew annually, unless either Party gives notice of non-renewal to the other Party. This Agreement may be revised or modified by written amendment when both Parties agree to such amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and by testament of the signatories below.

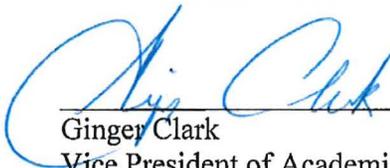
**Hillsborough Community College**

  
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Dipa Shah  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Date: 9/20/17

  
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Ken Atwater  
President

Date: 9/21/17

  
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Ginger Clark  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date: 8/25/17

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**  
  
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**COLLEGE ATTORNEY**  
**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate in the State of Florida**

  
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Ralph C. Wilcox  
Provost and Executive Vice President

Date: 11/16/17

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
  
Attorney - University of South Florida