



## **WTCS ADN Program / University of Wisconsin-System Collaborative Nursing Program**

### **WTCS ASSOCIATE DEGREE:**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING - ADN (REGISTERED NURSE)

### **UW BACCALAUREATE DEGREE:**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - BS (COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM)

Participating Institutions: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Oshkosh

### **RATIONALE:**

The WTCS non-college parallel associate degree programs in Nursing have a direct relationship with the UW-System Collaborative Nursing program. The WTCS-ADN program prepares students to meet all of the requirements for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) in Wisconsin, with emphasis on the basic knowledge and skills necessary to pass the standardized examination and to meet the workplace expectations of the various health care situations in which these practitioners may be employed. The Collaborative Nursing Program (CNP) was specifically designed for registered nurses who wish to enhance their professional and educational development by completing the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The associate degree program places a heavier emphasis on application and the CNP builds upon the application by adding theoretical coursework and related fieldwork in the major and adds general education courses. All BS in Nursing candidates must also meet the admission and General Education Requirements specific to the nursing degree program of the "Home Institution" at which they are enrolled as a degree bound student. In the process of meeting these requirements they will be required to take additional general studies courses, such as requirements in Ethnic Studies and other general education courses as defined by the individual campuses and schools participating in the Collaborative Nursing Program.

### **TOTAL TRANSFER CREDITS: 60**

#### **General Education credits:**

Credits in general education coursework taken within the required nursing curriculum of a WTCS ADN program will be accepted from the areas of communications, behavioral sciences and social sciences. Depending on the "home institution" they may meet institution specific general education requirements of the admitting Collaborative Nursing Program "home institution", or relate to general education requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

Credits in natural sciences coursework, taken within the required nursing curriculum of a WTCS ADN program, will be accepted from the areas of chemistry, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and biochemistry. Depending on the "home institution" they may meet institution specific natural sciences course requirements of the admitting Collaborative Nursing Program "home institution", or relate to general education requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

**Nursing Credits:**

Up to thirty credits in nursing will be awarded when students have been admitted to the professional component of the program.

**DEFINITION:**

This articulation agreement applies to WTCS Associate Degree in Nursing graduates May 1996 and thereafter. These graduates are eligible to receive a total not to exceed 60 college transfer credits to be applied to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at a UW System Collaborative Nursing Program under the terms of this agreement. Graduates prior to 1996 will be evaluated on an individual basis.

System-to-System and Program-to-Program articulated transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the program/degree specified in this agreement. A change of major/degree/program invalidates these. courses/credits for transfer unless they are approved within some other Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement for a different major/degree/program.

A student may be admitted under a prior articulation agreement in place at the admitting institution, if the agreement would academically benefit the student.