

**Tech Express Articulation Agreement  
Between  
VALENCIA COLLEGE**

**Nursing, Accelerated Track A.S. Degree Program  
and**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA O/B/O  
ORANGE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**Practical Nursing (LPN) Program**

In a continuing effort to provide career ladder opportunities for students in career and technical education programs, Valencia College agrees to extend full college credit at no cost to eligible students who have completed the following articulated program at Orange Technical College and met all of the requirements.

**COURSE EQUIVALENCY IN SPECIALIZED COURSES**

**ORANGE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
(Orlando Campus)

**Practical Nursing (LPN)**  
(1350 Hours)

**VALENCIA COLLEGE PROGRAM**  
*(Based on Statewide Agreement – Certification/Licensure)*

**Nursing, Accelerated Track A.S. Degree**  
NUR 2943 Experiential Learning (10 credits)

**MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT**

This agreement makes it possible for a student who has completed the Practical Nursing (LPN) program and received their Florida License as a Practical Nurse to be considered for a seat in the Nursing Accelerated Track A.S. Degree program at Valencia College and receive ten (10) semester hours of college credit toward the degree requirements.

**ASSESSMENT AND COURSE EQUIVALENCY**

Valencia and Orange Technical College faculty and staff with responsibility for supervision and coordination of the articulated programs have reviewed and assessed the program curriculum for alignment of learning outcomes and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures meet the college standards for college credit course work.

The following materials were reviewed to align the program learning outcomes and determine the equivalency of the content and course work to be articulated: *(curriculum frameworks, samples of instructional materials, syllabi with learning outcomes, various assignments and assessments, and textbooks)*.

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**VALIDATION MECHANISM**

The validation mechanism for awarding college credit is based on the following student assessments that are identified for each articulated program: *(portfolio review, special projects, performance-based, industry certifications/licensure, written assessments skills inventory assessments or a combination).*

**TRANSFERRING PROCESS**

For admission into the Nursing, Accelerated Track A.S. Degree program, students must:

- Complete the approved program listed in this agreement.
- Provide documentation of an active and unencumbered Florida license as a Practical Nurse
- Meet all of the application requirements as established for the Nursing, Accelerated Track Program in the Valencia College Catalog.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

In addition to the above requirements, students must also do the following:

1. Submit a completed Valencia College application for admission, satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status, including submission of all official transcripts, declare a major in the Nursing, Accelerated Track A.S. Degree program, and be in Active Student Status.
2. Complete the Valencia College Student Orientation.
3. Comply with the appropriate placement, course prerequisites and requirements of the college.
4. Successfully complete nursing program prerequisite course work with a “C” or better.
5. Submit a program application to the Nursing, Accelerated Track program and pay the nursing application fee. Students must include a current and valid copy of their LPN Certification and have an active Florida license.
6. If selected for the program, student must confirm seat, complete compliance, and attend program orientation.
7. Credit will not be awarded until the middle to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester or after the student has successfully completed NUR 1003C and NUR 2313C with a grade of “C” or better. **Note:** *Student must meet with Valencia’s Student Success Coach to verify all of the requirements have been met to initiate the award of credit.*

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**TRANSFERRING PROCESS (Cont.)**

8. After verifying the required documentation, the Valencia Student Success Coach will confirm eligibility, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be awarded.

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that it remains current and up-to-date. The Valencia Tech Express Coaches will work collaboratively with the Orange Technical College and Valencia College faculty and staff to stay informed of any curriculum/program changes that may impact this agreement and require it to be modified or terminated. If it is determined that an agreement needs to be modified or terminated due to program changes, both institutions will be notified accordingly.