



**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
METHODIST COLLEGE AND
ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE**

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the last date written below by and between Methodist College and Illinois Central College (each a "**Party**"; collectively the "**Parties**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Illinois Central College (the "**College**") offers an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Methodist College (the "**Methodist**") offers an Upper level Completion Degree awarding a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree; and

WHEREAS, both Parties desire to facilitate the ability for College students to bridge from an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing offered by the College to the subsequent Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing offered by Methodist.

NOW THEREFORE, Methodist and the College officially confirm the following terms of this Agreement:

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The College agrees to inform all of its students of the option of transferring to Methodist's Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN to BSN program upon entrance into the College's Associate Degree in Nursing.
2. Methodist agrees to provide the College's students with a faculty advising liaison to facilitate articulation to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program offered by Methodist.
3. Total number of transfer credits awarded to the College's students through Methodist's program will be up to 77 credits for lower division nursing courses and general education credits. See Exhibit A.
4. The required courses for Methodist's RN-BSN completion program will be taught fully online via the learning management system.

5. Methodist's RN-BSN completion program can be completed in as few as four (4) semesters and students have up to seven (7) years to complete the program.
6. The College's students taking courses at Methodist must meet all submission requirements for admission into the Methodist's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and pay all corresponding and applicable fees, including all of the following:
 - a. The College's students must forward an official final College transcript verifying receipt of the Associate Degree in Nursing. Students are responsible for: (i) ensuring their official College transcripts are submitted to Methodist; and (ii) paying the College for any associated costs for such submission.
 - b. The College's student's registered nurse license for Illinois must be submitted and verified (if the student has not completed the NCLEX exam prior to admission, a copy must be submitted prior to completion of the first semester at Methodist).
 - c. Credits earned from other institutions of higher education will be considered for transfer for general education courses upon receipt of official transcripts from those institutions.
7. Representatives of Methodist and the College will be appointed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Agreement in operation. Representatives include the Transfer Coordinator for the College and the Admissions and Development Advisor for Methodist.
8. The term of this Agreement shall be commence on October 1, 2016 and continue in effect unless terminated by either party. The agreement will be reviewed at least every five (5) years or upon curriculum changes at either college.
9. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, with a ninety (90) days' notice written notice to the other Party. Either Party may immediately terminate this Agreement in the event of a substantial breach. However, should the College terminate this Agreement prior to the completion of an academic semester, all College students enrolled at that time may continue their educational experiences until it would have been concluded absent the termination.

10. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- a. **Nondiscrimination.** The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- b. **Relationship of Parties.** The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.


- c. **Liability.** Neither of the Parties shall assume any liabilities to each other, except as specifically stated in this Agreement. As to the liability for damage, injuries or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement unless such a waiver is expressly and clearly written into a part of the Agreement.
- d. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, and the rights of the Parties shall be determined by, the laws of the state of Illinois, without regard to its conflict of law principles. The Parties stipulate that if either Party files litigation to construe, interpret or enforce this Agreement, Peoria County, Illinois is the proper and appropriate venue for such litigation.
- e. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including Exhibits, and the documents referenced herein, as may be amended from time to time, sets forth the entire understanding between the Parties relating to the matters described herein, there being no terms or conditions other than those contained herein, and all prior agreements or understandings, whether written or unwritten, are superseded by this Agreement.
- f. **Amendments.** The Parties may not amend this Agreement except by a written instrument signed by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the Execution Date.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE

METHODIST COLLEGE


Dr. Margaret Swanson
Interim Provost


Dr. Kimberly A. Johnston
President

10/18/16
Date

10-5-16
Date

EXHIBIT A

Methodist College Articulation Agreement

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree

RN to BSN Upper Level Completion Program

Students must complete a combination of previous degree credits, additional general education credits, and upper division credits that will total 120 credit hours for degree completion.

A. Methodist College Required Course Credits

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| 1. BSN Upper Division Courses: | 31 semester credit hours |
| 2. Methodist General Education Courses: | 12 semester credit hours
(6 lower division and 6 upper division) |
| 3. Total Methodist College Courses: | 43 Semester Credit Hours |

B. Transfer Credit: Associate Degree Course Requirements

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| 1. Associate Degree Credit: | 30 semester credit hours |
| 2. Transfer Credits from General study: | 47 general education courses |

Note: If the student transfers fewer than 47 semester credit hours of general education courses as a part of the associate degree, additional credits must be taken at Methodist College such that 120 credits are earned to qualify for graduation.

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| 3. Maximum transfer credits: | 77 |
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C. Credits for Award of BSN Degree

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| 1. Methodist College Credits (A above) | 43 |
| 2. Transfer Credits (B above) | 77 |
| 3. Total for BSN Degree | 120 |