ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON
and
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) agrees to accept college transfer coursework completed at Southwestern Community College (SCC) in accordance with UNCW’s policy on transfer of credit as published in the UNCW Undergraduate Catalogue and consistent with the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). SCC students who complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Respiratory Therapy and comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement, including those stipulated in the addendum to this agreement (attached), will receive automatic admission into the Bachelors of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy (degree advancement program) subject to Admissions Office review and compliance with all applicable UNCW requirements for the purpose of pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy (degree advancement program) in the College of Health and Human Services.

The parties further agree that SCC respiratory therapy courses included in this agreement must meet Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation guidelines regarding credentials for faculty teaching associate degree courses designed for transfer to a baccalaureate degree or baccalaureate degree courses.

No more than 64 semester hours of academic credit may be transferred from SCC to UNCW. Transfer students from the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy must satisfy UNCW’s University Studies and other degree requirements prior to the awarding of the bachelor’s degree unless otherwise specified in this agreement and its addendum.

Specific admission requirements to UNCW’s Respiratory Therapy program are outlined in UNCW’s Undergraduate Catalogue and are also presented in the addendum below. Students admitted to UNCW’s Respiratory Therapy program under this articulation agreement will not be guaranteed acceptance into any other program or major. Such a change would require consultation with advisors and is likely to result in delayed graduation where it is possible. Students may graduate under the provisions of the UNCW Undergraduate Catalogue in effect at the time of their matriculation at UNCW or any subsequent catalogue, providing all graduation requirements are completed within six years of the expiration date of the catalogue chosen. In all cases, students must comply with the “Residency Requirement” related to academic credits required to earn their degree.

This agreement shall be effective on 5-20-2021 and may be extended or amended by the mutual agreement of both parties. Further, this agreement may be voided by either party with six months’ prior notice.

In witness whereof, the Chancellor of The University of North Carolina Wilmington and the President of Southwestern Community College have affixed their signatures below:

Jose V. Sartarelli, Chancellor
University of North Carolina Wilmington

Date: April 20, 2021

Dr. Don Tomas, President
Southwestern Community College

Date: 5-20-2021
ADDENDUM
To
The Articulation Agreement Between
The University of North Carolina Wilmington and [Southwestern Community College]
Governing the Transfer of Students Earning the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy and Leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy (degree advancement program) at the University of North Carolina Wilmington

I. Upon completion of the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy, students will be assured admission into UNCW’s Respiratory Therapy program (degree advancement option) upon achieving the following criteria:

1. Completion of the UNCW application for admission to the Respiratory Therapy degree advancement program by the stated deadline for the desired start term
2. Meet UNCW’s Transfer Admission Requirements for the Respiratory Therapy degree advancement program
3. Produce official transcripts from all post-secondary work
4. Earned AAS degree from a CoARC accredited institution
5. Proof of current NBRC registered respiratory therapist (RRT) credential

II. Students admitted to UNCW’s Respiratory Therapy program must provide proof of an active NC Respiratory Care Practitioner license prior to completing the first course in the curricular sequence. Students who do not provide evidence of state licensure will not be permitted to enroll in any additional courses until such evidence is provided.

III. Only [SCC] students who have completed the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy are eligible to enter UNCW’s Respiratory Therapy program under the terms of this agreement.

Respiratory Therapy Core Degree Requirements

Requirements for the B.S. Degree with a Major in Respiratory Therapy:

Complete core courses:

- RSP 324 Disease Management for Respiratory Therapists
- RSP 422 Advanced Critical Care Respiratory Therapy
- RSP 425 Advanced Cardiovascular Pathophysiology
- RSP 420 Health Law and Ethics
- RSP 426 Advanced Pulmonary Physiology
- RSP 424 Advanced Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology
- RSP 427 Advanced Renal and Endocrine Pathophysiology
- EXS 310 Research Methods in Exercise Science
- RSP 423 Healthcare Policy and Administration
- RSP 428 Neonatal/Pediatric Critical Care Pathophysiology
- RSP 432 Subacute Care and Telemedicine in Respiratory Care
- RSP 421 Information Literacy in Respiratory Care

Total: 36 hours