

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Academic Articulation between**  
**Lake Michigan College and Andrews University**

Lake Michigan College (LMC), located in Berrien County, Michigan, and Andrews University (AU) located in Berrien Springs, Michigan, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU or Agreement). The purpose of this Agreement is to support students who have obtained an associate degree in nursing from LMC and may consider completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at AU. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be July 31, 2022.

HLC Assumed Practice (CRRT.B.10.020): The institution maintains a minimum requirement for general education for all of its undergraduate programs whether through a traditional practice of distributed curricula (15 semester credits for AAS degrees, 24 for AS or AA degrees, and 30 for bachelor’s degrees) or through integrated, embedded, interdisciplinary, or other accepted models that demonstrate a minimum requirement equivalent to the distributed model. Any variation is explained and justified.

Lake Michigan College	Andrews University
BIOL 110 (or BIOL 101 or comparable prerequisite for BIOL 205) 4 CH	<b>Required Courses (32 Credit Hours)</b> NRSG 305-999 Health Assessment 3 CH
CHEM 104 Fundamentals of General, Organic, & Biochemistry 4 CH	NRSG 315-999 Pathophysiology 3 CH
BIOL 205 Human Anatomy 4 CH	NRSG 433-999 Leadership in Nursing Practice 4 CH
MATH 122 or MATH 123 4 CH	NRSG 438-999 Intercultural Mission Service in Nursing 2 CH
BIOL 206 Human Physiology 4 CH	NRSG 443-999 Nursing Informatics 3 CH
HEAL 121 Calculations for Healthcare Professionals 1 CH	NRSG 445-999 Nursing Research 4 CH
ENGL 101 English Composition I 3 CH	NRSG 450-999 Community Nursing 4 CH
PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology 3 CH	NRSG 466-999 Complementary Wellness and Restoration II 3 CH
NURS 180 Nursing Fundamentals 6 CH	STAT 285-999 Intro to Applied Statistics
NURS 131 Pharmacology I 2 CH	PBHL 400-999 Fundamentals of Spirituality/Ethics
ENGL 102 English Composition II	

<p>3 CH</p> <p>NURS 181 Medical- Surgical Nursing 1 (7 weeks) 5 CH</p> <p>NURS 182 Community Mental Health Nursing (7 weeks) 3 CH</p> <p>NURS 136 Pharmacology II 2 CH</p> <p>Humanities/Fine Arts Course** 3 CH</p> <p>NURS 291 Medical-Surgical Nursing 2 (7 weeks) 4 CH</p> <p>NURS 292 Maternal Child Nursing (7 weeks) 5 CH</p> <p>NURS 290 Advanced Health Assessment 1 CH</p> <p>NURS 293 Medical-Surgical Nursing 3 (7 weeks) 4 CH</p> <p>NURS 294 Medical-Surgical Nursing 4 (7 weeks) 5 CH</p> <p>NURS 288/289 Current Issues in Nursing 1 CH</p>	
	<p>Credit for Prior Learning: Students may also earn credits for prior learning from applicable RN experience with a required portfolio submission. Up to 30 credits from successfully passing the NCLEX may be issued as Andrews University Credit for Prior Learning credit.</p>
71 CH	32 CH + up to 30 CH to equal 124 CH

It is stated and agreed that:

**1. The Program**

AU offers a nursing completion program (the Program), which is a 12-to-24-month program designed for currently-licensed Registered Nurses who have passed the NCLEX-RN within thirty six (36) months of applying for the Program. The Program allows such individuals to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree through part- time study over four to six semesters. The Program requires a total of 124 credits, with a minimum requirement of 32 credit hours through AU. The Program consists of coursework and practicum:

- A) Coursework. Coursework will consist of online courses. Students will take one to three courses at a time.
- B) Practicum. Students will participate in two (2) practicums at a location approved by AU. Practicum experience will be preceptor-based, with oversight provided by AU Nursing Faculty.

**Program degree and progression requirements are subject to change in accordance with changes in AU's program policies, as published annually in the Andrews University Bulletin.**

## **2. Academic Transfer**

Students participating under this Agreement may transfer applicable academic credit previously earned as part of their associate degree. All courses required to obtain an associate in nursing degree will be accepted for transfer credit, as well as all general education courses that comply with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (as shown on the official transcript). Other eligible transfer credits may be accepted for transfer as general electives, as permitted by AU's program policies. In all instances, the maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion is 92 credits.

## **3. Admissions**

To be admitted to AU under this Agreement, students must satisfy the regular AU admissions requirements as outlined in the AU Bulletin (<http://bulletin.andrews.edu>).

In addition, students must meet the program-specific admissions criteria required for acceptance into the RN-to-BSN program. These Program requirements are as follows:

- A) an associate degree from an accredited nursing program
- B) an undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or greater
- C) a U.S.-issued Registered Nurse license
- D) official transcript(s) from accredited colleges or universities. It is a prospective student's responsibility to discuss program-specific requirements with the department prior to application.

## **4. Financial Arrangements**

*Institutional Obligations.* There shall be no charges between LMC and AU arising from this Agreement.

*Student Fees and Tuition.* Each student is responsible for paying AU for all academic fees and tuition at the discounted rate of \$310.00 per course credit, plus the cost of required textbooks, and applicable distance education fees as required by AU. The discounted rate offered per course is subject to increase in the future as AU's regular rates increase.

LMC will provide information about this partnership with AU to its nursing students. It is the expectation and desire of the parties to enroll LMC graduates annually during the term of this Agreement. If this expectation is not met, AU will have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time upon providing at least 120 days' prior written notice; provided, however, that any students then enrolled in the Program will be permitted to complete their degree under the terms of this Agreement.

## **5. Designated Articulation Liaison**

LMC and AU shall each designate an Articulation Liaison who shall serve as the primary contact

between the institutions regarding this Agreement. The Liaisons may meet from time to time to discuss any aspects of this Agreement, including the parties' expectations concerning the number of LMC graduates enrolling into the Program.

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## **6. Duration of Agreement**

The initial term of this Agreement shall be a five-year period beginning from the Effective Date through July, 2026. This Agreement may be extended for additional five-year terms upon the written mutual agreement of both institutions. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing six (6) months' prior written notice from the President of either institution or by mutual consent; provided, however, that any students then enrolled in the Program will be permitted to complete their degree under the terms of this Agreement.

## **7. Entire Agreement**

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the two institutions, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understanding related to this subject matter, whether verbal or in writing, are merged in this document. This MOU is not considered to be a binding contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Instead, this MOU is a conceptual document only to facilitate a mutually beneficial exchange process, and cannot be referred to for legal issues. Each year AU releases an updated bulletin of its most recent courses and programs delivered through AU. The Bulletin is a document that should be referred to as needed. This MOU may be signed electronically and/or in counterpart, and each signature will be treated as an original signature.

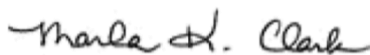
*For Lake Michigan College*



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Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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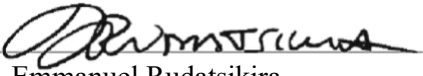
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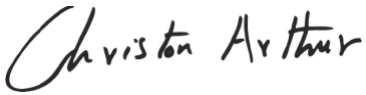
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