

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

This Articulation Agreement is made between Gwinnett Technical College and Walden University and dated this 9th day of January, 2015 (the "Agreement").

I. Parties

A. Walden University

Walden University has supported working professionals in achieving their academic goals and making a greater impact in their professions and their communities. The university provides students with an engaging educational experience that connects them with expert faculty and peers around the world. Walden is the flagship online university in the *Laureate International Universities* network.

Walden offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees online. Areas of study include health sciences, counseling, human services, management, psychology, education, public health, nursing, public administration and information technology. For more information, visit www.WaldenU.edu. Walden University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, www.ncahlc.org.

B. Gwinnett Technical College (GTC)

Gwinnett Tech has been providing career-focused education and training for our region for more than 25 years. GTC programs focus on real-world education for real-world jobs and help you gain the knowledge you need to realize your dreams.

GTC offers more than 50 programs – degree, diploma and certificate options – that you can finish in two years or less. Programs in the fastest growing fields, plus emerging industries and technologies, where employers need a highly skilled workforce and our graduates are in demand.

Gwinnett Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Gwinnett Technical College.

II. Purpose

This Agreement outlines the transferability of courses from Gwinnett Technical College to the respective Bachelor programs at Walden University. Specific program-to-program articulations are set forth in Section III below.

III Articulation Specifics

GTC students who successfully complete courses listed in this guide with a grade of 'C' or better *and* meet the requirements for admission to the respective Walden Bachelor degree program may receive credit. **All credits will be converted to the equivalent value for Walden credit.**

Important Note: *Courses indicated on these tables will be fulfilled, but there may be outstanding credit. Walden requires that 45 of the last 90 quarter credits earned for a bachelor's degree be earned at Walden University. Transfer of credit is subject to change based on curriculum updates by academic leadership.*

General Education Coursework

<i>GTC Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Equivalent Walden Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Walden Credits</i>
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	ENGL 1001	English Composition	5
SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	COTR XXXX	Written/Oral Communications	5
(Choose One) BIOL 2113 or 2114	Anatomy and Physiology I or II	BIOL 3020	Essen. Human A&P (Math/Science)	5
BIOL 2117	Introductory Microbiology	BIOL 2888	Microbiology (Math/Science)	5
(Choose One) BIOL 2113, 2114	Anatomy and Physiology I, II	MNTR XXXX	Math/Science	5
AHTR XXXX	Arts/ Humanities	AHTR XXXX	Arts/ Humanities	5
(Choose One) PSYC 1101, 2103	Introductory Psychology, Human Development	SBTR XXXX	Social Science	5

Recommended GTC Program: Associates Degree in Nursing
Recommended Walden Programs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program or RN-BSN-MSN Program
 Total Minimum Credits Required: 180 quarter credits

Table 1. Statistics

- Students who do not have a transferable Statistics course may choose STAT 3001 or PSYC 3002 at Walden to fulfill the Statistics requirement.

<i>GTC Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Equivalent Walden Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MATH 1127	Intro to Statistics	STAT 3001	Statistical Methods and Applications	5

Table 2. Prior Nursing Credit/Electives (75 quarter Credits)

- Prior nursing credit not applied to Nursing Upper Level Core can fulfill 0-75 credits in this category.
- Other courses may count towards prior credit electives and can be applied at face value from 0-75 credits in this category.
- Students with less than 75 transfer credits can choose courses from Walden's BS in Psychology, Human Services, Healthcare Management and/or Public Health programs

<i>GTC Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Walden Credits</i>
RNSG 1101	Foundations of Nursing Practice	10.5
RNSG 1102	Pharmacological Concepts & Drug Cal	3
RNSG 1103	Concepts of Adult Health I	7.5
RNSG 1105	Concepts of Adult Health II	7.5
RNSG 2101	Concepts in Maternal Nursing	6
RNSG 2102	Concepts of Pediatric Nursing	6
RNSG 2103	Concepts of Adult Health III	15
RNSG 2105	Transition into Profession of Nursing	3
PSYC 1101 or 2103	Introductory Psychology or Human Development	5
MATH 1111	College Algebra	5
COMP 1000	Introduction to Computers	4.5
ENGL 1102	Literature and Composition	5

Courses transferred in to Walden are subject to Transfer of Credit policies including the conversion of semester to quarter credit (1; 1.5) and grade requirements. Students may have credits to make up in their general elective requirement if courses transfer in for less than 5 quarter credit hours.

IV. Term and Termination

This Agreement will automatically renew for additional terms of one year. Should any changes to the Agreement be required, it will be necessary to follow the process outlined in V(F). Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason with 90 days written notice. Such termination shall not affect the rights of any students participating in any program under this Agreement prior to receipt of such notice. This Agreement will terminate automatically in the event that either party fails to maintain its accreditation status.

V. Other Provisions

A. Admission to Walden University. Participation in this Agreement does not guarantee any GTC student admission to Walden University. Potential students must apply in accordance with the procedures set forth by the University from time to time.

B. FERPA. For purposes of this Agreement, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Walden and GTC will only be permitted to exchange student information with an appropriate release provided by the student. A sample of such release is attached hereto as Attachment A.

C. Confidential Information. Walden and GTC acknowledge that, during the term of this Agreement and in the course of performing their obligations hereunder, they may disclose to each other certain confidential information and trade secrets relating to their respective past, present and future research, data, business strategies, marketing plans, development and business activities, designs, computer programs and code, systems, customer lists, personnel, student and financial information (“Confidential Information”).

Walden and GTC agree that, until such time as the Confidential Information enters the public domain through no fault of their own, they will never, directly or indirectly, use, disseminate, or disclose, any of the Confidential Information disclosed to one of them by or on behalf of the other without the prior written consent of the party to whom the Confidential Information belongs, except as may be required in the course of performing their respective obligations under this Agreement or as required by applicable public records law.

Walden and GTC agree to protect the Confidential Information from use or disclosure using no less than a reasonable degree of care. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, or upon the other party’s request, Walden and GTC agree to return to the other party to whom the Confidential Information belongs all copies of Confidential Information, and all drawings, documents, records, notebooks, disks, tapes, data residing or recorded in electronic media, and

all other representations of Confidential Information, whether prepared by Walden, GTC, or others.

D. Enforcement. Gwinnett Technical College and Walden University are the only Parties to this Agreement and are the only Parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Agreement gives, or is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly or otherwise, to any third person not a party to this Agreement.

E. Non-Exclusivity. Gwinnett Technical College and Walden University reserve the right to enter into similar agreements with other institutions.

F. Annual Review. Gwinnett Technical College and Walden University agree to review the Agreement annually on the anniversary of its signing, unless either party gives notice to the other at an earlier time that modifications or changes have occurred. In the event that changes to the Agreement are required, those changes will be updated in an Addendum that will be attached to the Agreement and signed by both parties.

G. Notice. Any notice required hereunder shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and shall be deemed given three (3) days after deposit thereof in the U.S. mail (postage prepaid).

H. Understanding of the Parties. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings, oral or written, of any nature whatsoever, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Walden University

By: *Eric Redd*
Its: CAO

Date: 1/12/15

Gwinnett Technical College

By: *Blair Larson*
Its: President

Date: 01-28-15

ATTACHMENT A
WALDEN UNIVERSITY, LLC
FERPA RELEASE FORM

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) limits the disclosure of certain information from student records. I understand that I have the right not to consent to the release of my educational records and I have the right to receive a copy of such records upon request.

I hereby authorize Walden University, LLC ("Walden") to release all information, without limitation, regarding my enrollment and academic records to _____ ("Partner") for the purpose of facilitating my application, enrollment and/or matriculation at Walden through Partner, my employer/sponsoring organization. This authorization to release information includes, without limitation, the following:

- (a) Application and enrollment data;
- (b) Grade reports;
- (c) Scheduling and registration documents;
- (d) Degree audit information;
- (e) Financial and billing materials;
- (f) Records of disciplinary proceedings; and
- (g) Any and all other personal information held by Walden.

This authorization remains in effect from the date written below through _____ (Month/Year). I understand that it will be necessary to send a written request to revoke this authorization prior to the date indicated.

I affirm that I have carefully read the foregoing authorization and that I fully understand the meaning and intent of this document. I affirm that I have signed this authorization voluntarily, knowingly and with the intent of being legally bound.

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Walden University and Gwinnett Technical College agree to cooperate in the promotion, facilitation and implementation of a partnership which allows employees or alumni of Gwinnett Technical College to pursue programs of higher education through Walden University at a reduced cost.

Partner Employee or Alumnus Benefits

- **Tuition Reduction:** Eligible Gwinnett Technical College employees or alumni will receive a ten percent (10%) reduction in the cost of course tuition for all Walden programs. This reduction will remain in effect for the duration of the student's enrollment at Walden notwithstanding the termination of this Educational Partnership Agreement or in the event the student ceases to be employed by Gwinnett Technical College. *Only one tuition reduction benefit may be applied to tuition. New students enrolling on or after April 14, 2014 may combine the 10% reduction with any one quarterly offer. Cost of tuition is subject to periodic increases at the sole discretion of Walden University.*

Proof of Eligibility

It is the responsibility of the Gwinnett Technical College employee or alumnus to request the tuition reduction and provide proof of eligibility. New students may make this request through their Walden Enrollment Advisor; previously-enrolled students may submit their request through the Walden Student Services Team.

This Agreement is not a guarantee that all Gwinnett Technical College employees or alumni desiring admission to Walden will be admitted. All prospective Gwinnett Technical College employee or alumnus students will be subject to the same standard admissions and registration processes as all other prospective Walden students.

Roles and Responsibilities

Walden and Gwinnett Technical College will provide the following as part of the Educational Partnership:

<u>Walden</u>	<u>Gwinnett Technical College</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Account Representative to serve as Walden's primary contact for the Educational Partnership.• Program materials and brochures, links to Walden's on-line information and specialized e-mails in advance of each of Walden's enrollment windows for classes.• Counseling and support of prospective students.• Additional academic and institutional support for the promotion of the Educational Partnership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Coordinator to serve as Partner's primary contact for the Educational Partnership.• Invitation to participate in all applicable Partner education and benefits fairs or information sessions relating to employee benefits.• Access to Walden to host a minimum of two onsite information sessions.• Information to Partner employees or alumni of partnership and scheduled events.• Partner logo for inclusion in materials for events.

Tuition and Billing

Walden will bill each student directly for tuition and fees, unless otherwise discussed and agreed upon, in writing, between the two parties.

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Term and Annual Renewal

This Agreement shall be in effect for the period commencing on January 23, 2015 and ending one (1) year thereafter. The agreement shall renew annually for successive one (1) year periods, unless terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to the other party.

Student Information

No student information will be shared between Walden University and Gwinnett Technical College.

Confidentiality

Gwinnett Technical College acknowledges that, by virtue of entering into this Agreement and fulfilling the terms of this Agreement, Gwinnett Technical College may have access to certain information of Walden that is confidential and constitutes valuable, special and unique property of Walden. Gwinnett Technical College agrees that it will not, (either during or subsequent to the term of this Agreement), disclose to others, use, copy or permit to be copied, without Walden's express prior written consent, except in connection with the performance of Gwinnett Technical College's duties hereunder, any confidential or proprietary information of Walden.

Intellectual Property Rights Ownership


Both parties acknowledge that any and all patents, design rights, know-how, copyrights, trademarks, trade names and other intellectual property rights included in the course and degree programs and other materials provided by Walden during the course of performing under this Agreement remain the sole property of Walden. The parties agree that they will not use any trade name, trademark, service mark, logo or commercial symbol, or any other proprietary rights of the other party in any manner without the express written permission of the other party.

Choice of Law

This Agreement will be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

By signing this Agreement, Walden University and Gwinnett Technical College agree to be bound by the above as of 23rd day of January, 2015.

GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

By: 
Its: President

Date: 01-28-15

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

By: 

Its: Jennifer Hall
Vice President, Field Recruitment

Date: January 23, 2015

**1ST ADDENDUM TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WALDEN
UNIVERSITY AND GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

December, 2015

This Addendum is to signify change(s) within the articulation agreement between Walden University and Gwinnett Technical College. The following change(s) have been approved by both institutions and will take in effect on the date indicated above.

Except as expressly modified by this Addendum, all other terms of the Agreement dated January 9, 2015 remain in full force and effect.

1. WALDEN COURSE CHANGE:

Old Course Number and Title: ENGL 1001 - English Composition
New Course Number and Title: ENGL 1010 - Writing with Confidence and Purpose

2. VERBIAGE CHANGE WITHIN THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:


Old Verbiage:
Section IV. **Term and Termination**
This Agreement will automatically renew for additional terms of one year.

New Verbiage:
Section IV. **TERM AND TERMINATION**
This Agreement will expire on the last day of the month, two years from the date that it is executed.

3. CURRICULUM CHANGES WITHIN WALDEN'S BSN/BSN AIM PROGRAMS APPROVED BY BOTH INSTITUTIONS:

- The Total Minimum Credits Required changed from 180 to 181 quarter credits.
- The Social Science General Education requirement has changed from one to two Social Sciences.
- The Prior Nursing Coursework requirement has changed from 75 to 80 quarter credits.

Walden University

Signature: 

Title: CAO

Date Signed: 12/15/15

Gwinnett Technical College

Signature: 

Title: Reese

Date Signed: 01-07-15