

**Articulation Agreement for Baccalaureate Degree
between
Kennebec Valley Community College
and
University of Southern Maine**

Statement of Purpose

Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) and the University of Southern Maine (USM) have entered into this transfer articulation agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from a two-year community college to a university. It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at KVCC for admission eligibility to USM and the Baccalaureate Degree Program indicated.

Terms and Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: **Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**
(Name of USM Academic Program/Degree)

From: **Associate in Science in General Science, Health Occupations—Respiratory Therapy**
(Name of KVCC Academic Program/Degree)

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from Kennebec Valley Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as USM students. All applicants accepted to USM's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B & C.

- * Appendix A Contains Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution
- * Appendix B Contains Side By Side Course Equivalency Tables for the academic program listed above
- * Appendix C Contains a four semester map of remaining courses to be taken at USM

(Important Note: The information contained in Appendices A, B, & C is accurate for Catalog Year 2015-2016 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For up to date information please check [Maine Street](#) for transfer equivalencies and <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.

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APPENDIX A

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

Admissions requirements: Successful completion of the KVCC AS General Science, Health Occupations—Respiratory Therapy, submission of a completed admission application, transcripts and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to USM, a student must earn a grade of C- or better.
For a list of application instructions and checklist: <http://usm.maine.edu/admit/application-instructions>

Requirements for the USM Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences: Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to graduate.
USM Residency Requirement: At minimum, thirty (30) of the last forty-five (45) credits of a student's baccalaureate course load must be completed at USM.

APPENDIX B

*Courses represented in italics are required. If italicized courses in Appendix B are **not** taken at KVCC, the sequence represented in Appendix C cannot be observed. Credit totals reflect italicized entries.*

KVCC AS in General Science, Health Occupations Option Respiratory Therapy, General Education Requirements			USM BS in Health Sciences Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENG 101	College Composition	3	ENG 100	College Writing	3
MAT 117	College Algebra	3	MAT 108	College Algebra	3
<i>COM 104 OR COM 105</i>	<i>Introduction to Communication OR Interpersonal Communication</i>	3	<i>THE 170 OR CMS 1XX</i>	<i>Public Speaking (Creative Expression Core Requirement) OR Communication & Media Elective</i>	3
	Humanities Elective	3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	Social Sciences: <i>any course that fulfills USM Cultural Interpretation Core Requirement; see list</i>	3	Varies	Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
Total credits		15	Total credits accepted		15

KVCC AS in General Science, Health Occupations Option— Respiratory Therapy Major Requirements			USM Equivalencies*		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
RTS 111	Introduction to Respiratory Care	5	GEL 1XX	General Elective	5
BIO 213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 111/112	Human Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab	4
<i>CHE 112 OR CHE 113</i>	<i>General Chemistry I/Lab OR Introduction to Biochemistry</i>	4 OR 3	<i>CHY 113/114 OR CHY 1XX</i>	<i>Principles of Chemistry I/Lab OR Chemistry Elective</i>	4 or 3
BIO 214	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 113/114	Human Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101	General Psychology I	3
RTS 117	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
RTS 112	Therapeutic Modalities in Respiratory Care	5	GEL 1XX	General Elective	5
RTS 121	Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
RTS 120	Clinical Practicum I	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
RTS 127	Respiratory Pharmacology	2	GEL 1XX	General Elective	2
RTS 223	Mechanical Ventilation	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective (Cluster Core Requirement 1 of 3)	3
RTS 225	Perinatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective (Cluster Core Requirement 2 of 3)	3
RTS 226	Cardiopulmonary Pathology	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective (Cluster Core Requirement 3 of 3)	3
RTS 229	Clinical Practicum II	5	GEL 2XX	General Elective	5
RTS 224	Concepts in Critical Care	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective	3
RTS 230	Clinical Practicum III	5	GEL 2XX	General Elective	5
RTS 231	Respiratory Care Senior Seminar	1	GEL 2XX	General Elective	1
Total Major Credits		59			
Total KVCC Credits		74	Total Credits accepted		74

*While classes transfer into a number of different designations (general electives, exact equivalencies, core requirements, etc.), the major courses in KVCC's AS General Science, Health Occupations—Respiratory Therapy serve to fulfill the 30-credit track requirement within the USM BS in Health Sciences curriculum.

APPENDIX C

Remaining USM Degree Requirements

For students in KVCC AS General Science, Health Occupations—Respiratory Therapy transferring to USM BS in Health Sciences

[Assumes students complete recommended Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Fine Arts and Humanities electives at KVCC as listed in Appendix B.]

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Ethical Inquiry Core Requirement	3	International Core Requirement	3
MAT 120 Introduction to Statistics (Quantitative Reasoning Core Requirement)	4	PSY 102 General Psychology II	3
SPM 230 Psychology of Physical Activity and Sport	3	CON 321 Health Related Research	3
CON 252 Human Nutrition	3	SPM 350 Health Promotion Programs	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	15

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
PHY 101/102 Introduction to Physics (Science Exploration Core Requirement)	4		
HRD 200 Multicultural Human Development (Socio-Cultural Analysis Core Requirement)	3		
CON 356 Concepts of Community Health OR SCI/SBS 336 Introduction to Public Health	3		
Diversity Core Requirement	3		
Elective			
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	
Total USM credits: 47			
Total KVCC and USM credits: 121			