

**Academic Articulation Agreement**  
*between*  
**Laramie County Community College**  
**Cheyenne, WY**  
*and*  
**Wichita State University**  
**Wichita, KS**  
*for the*  
**Bachelors of Science in Dental Hygiene**  
**RDH to BSDH Degree Completion**

**OVERVIEW:**

This academic articulation agreement is made and entered into by Laramie County Community College, hereinafter referred to as LCCC and Wichita State University hereinafter referred to as WSU. By this agreement LCCC and WSU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to, and success in, higher education.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement provides students who have completed the **Associate of Applied Science, Dental Hygiene** degree at LCCC the opportunity to complete a **Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene** degree at WSU.

The RDH<sup>1</sup> to BSDH<sup>2</sup> degree completion program at WSU, offered completely online, is intended for students who have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program and hold a current license in dental hygiene. To be eligible for admission, applicants must have:

- 1) An earned associate's degree from a regionally accredited school and a CODA<sup>3</sup> accredited dental hygiene program.
- 2) A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- 3) A current dental hygiene license.

The RDH to BSDH degree completion program at WSU requires 32 total credit hours, as indicated below.

Core required courses:

DH 360	Fundamentals of Advanced Professional Roles	2
DH 420	Educational Methodology in Dental Hygiene	3
DH 430	Curriculum Design, Evaluation and Mgmt in Dental Hygiene	3
DH 452	Population Health Management in Dental Hygiene	3
DH 470	Issues in Dental Hygiene	3
DH 456	Special Care Populations	3

<sup>1</sup> RDH = Registered Dental Hygienist

<sup>2</sup> BSDH = Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

<sup>3</sup> CODA = Commission on Dental Accreditation

DH 465	Research and Evidence Based Practice in Dental Hygiene	3
STATS 370	Elementary Statistics <sup>4</sup>	3
HMCD 308	Leadership in Self and Society	3
or		
HMCD 333	Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Hlth Org.	3
	Subtotal core required courses	26

Elective courses (must choose 2 courses for a total of 6 credit hours)

DH 462	Special Projects in Dental Hygiene	3
DH 481	Cooperative Education	3
HMCD 310	Introduction to US Health Care System	3
HMCD 326	Emerging Health Care Issues of the 21st Century	3
HP 430	Impact of Disease on Global Events	3
AGE 404	Psychology of Aging	3
	Subtotal elective courses	6
	Total Credit Hours at WSU	32

*NOTE: Students must complete two I&P<sup>5</sup> courses at WSU with a grade of C or better to complete WSU general education requirements. The following courses from the Core and Elective list are I&P courses and should be considered when selecting form course options: HMCD 308, HMCD 310, HMCD 326 and HP 430.*

#### Additional Graduation Requirements:

- The RDH to BSDH degree completion program at WSU requires 32 credit hours of coursework. In addition to this, WSU awards up to 25 upper division credit hours of retroactive credit<sup>5</sup> for students who have graduated with an associate's degree from a regionally accredited school with a CODA accredited dental hygiene program.
- One of the WSU graduation requirements is that students must have earned 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution. With the 25 retroactive credits + 32 hours of new course work at WSU, the total is 57 credit hours. Thus, students will need to take an additional 3 credit hours of coursework at WSU (unless they have previously earned 3 credit hours from another 4-year institution).
- For all bachelor's degrees granted by WSU, at least 30 credit hours must be earned at WSU. In addition, at least 24 of the last 30 credit hours applied towards the degree must have been completed at WSU.
- WSU requires a minimum of 45 upper division credit hours. However, with 25 of these awarded via retroactive credit + the 32 hours of new coursework, RDH-BSDH students will have no problem meeting this requirement.

<sup>4</sup> College Algebra (C or better) is a pre-requisite for STAT 370 and can be taken online through WSU or at LCCC and transferred to WSU prior to enrollment in STAT 370.

<sup>5</sup> Issues and Perspectives courses in the Disciplines, part of the WSU general education program, Tier 3.

<sup>6</sup> The 25 hours of retroactive credit counts towards two of the graduation requirements: 60 credit hours from a 4-year institution AND 45 upper division credit hours.

- WSU requires a minimum of 124 total hours to graduate. This includes any transferred hours from a regionally accredited school. For example, a student with an associate's degree must transfer up to 92 credit hours in order to complete the program without taking any additional elective coursework to meet the 124 hour graduation requirement.
- Any student transferring to WSU with an earned associates degree from a regionally accredited university will have fulfilled WSU general education requirements upon completion of two I&P courses (grade of C or better), which can be selected as part of the 32 required WSU credits.

### **CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

LCCC students who earn an associate's degree in dental hygiene with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and who have a current dental hygiene license, will be eligible to matriculate to the WSU academic program in place for that catalog year. The RDH to BSDH degree completion program at WSU is completely online and accessible 24 hours a day. It can be completed in as little as 15 months full time or up to six years of part-time study.

Students entering the RDH to BSDH degree completion program at WSU will be required to provide proof of the following to WSU: 1) Graduation from LCCC (a CODA accredited school), 2) a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and 3) current dental hygiene license. LCCC upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to WSU through its Office of Registration and Records.

LCCC transfer students will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services on a similar basis as any other student.

WSU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to LCCC transfer students as are applicable to any other student in the same catalog year.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

In signing this document, all parties agree to honor both the spirit and intent of this program-level articulation of an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Laramie County Community College with a Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from Wichita State University. Students who follow the curriculum and complete all the agreed-upon requirements will be able to graduate with degrees from both institutions in a timely manner.

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2015-2016 and remains in force unless a new articulation agreement is signed by all parties. The agreement is subject to annual review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements, and may be amended at any time, affecting students from the date of the amendment forward. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of one year will be required and students enrolled under the Agreement who remain continuously enrolled will be allowed to complete the program as articulated.

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