

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

### WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE & ALVERNO COLLEGE HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATE DEGREE TO BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

#### OVERVIEW

This Articulation Agreement is between Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) and Alverno College (Alverno). Together, WCTC and Alverno are collaborating to foster educational and professional opportunities for female students wishing to advance from an associate degree to a baccalaureate degree. In particular, this agreement will ensure students are able to successfully transfer from the Human Services Associate at WCTC to a Baccalaureate of Social Work (BSW) degree at Alverno. As long as students work with their WCTC academic advisor to follow this agreement, they can successfully transfer to Alverno's Social Work program.

Social Work (BSW) degree graduates have been experiencing high employment growth opportunities across Wisconsin and around the country. By developing social work values and ethics, gaining knowledge of the bio-psycho-social perspective, as well as practicing professional skills with individuals, groups, families, communities, and organizations, students will advance their professional strengths and increase their career opportunities. This BSW program is client-centered, ethics-grounded, social justice-focused, strengths-based, human rights-centered, and future-driven. By earning a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)-approved BSW at Alverno, students will be able to seek professional state licensure as well as apply for Advance Standing with Master of Social Work (MSW) programs.

Alverno College is student-centered, as indicated by their small faculty to student ratio, its curriculum model, and high student engagement in the classroom. Alverno's educational practices are based on an Ability-Based Learning Program. Students are connected to the world around them. The focus is on students' backgrounds and their goals. The reason the unique education works is simple – it's a model of the real world. A world where there are no letter grades and where learning comes from actually doing a task. Students demonstrate what they have learned until they master the content. It's an effective and relevant learning experience that is valued by students, graduate schools, and the professional world.

**Information about Students and Diversity** - A culturally diverse and first-generation college students enroll at Alverno:

- In Fall 2017, Alverno College received designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).
- 43% of the student body identifies with a racial minority groups, such as Hispanic or Latino, Black or African-American, Asian-American, and Native American. Overall 70% of our social work majors identifies with a racial minority group.
- Strong presence of LGBTQA+ student body.
- 68% of incoming undergraduate students are first-generation college students. Overall 90% of our social work majors are first-generation college students.
- 100% of full-time undergraduate students who filed the FAFSA and demonstrated need received financial aid assistance.

**Awards and Publicity** - Over the past several years, Alverno has received national publicity and awards for its curriculum development, which is internationally-known. Such honors include:

- "Most Innovative School" among Midwest Regional Universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 America's Best Colleges guidebook and have held this honor for nine years.
- For the ninth consecutive year, Alverno has been ranked in the top four in the Midwest in the "Strong Commitment to Teaching" category.
- In 2017, Wall Street Journal reported that Alverno College was ranked #1 in the area for college students being most inspired by their peers, due to high classroom engagement.

#### ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

WCTC female students earning a Human Services Associate will be able to apply their credits towards a Social Work degree (BSW) at Alverno.

#### ADMISSION TO SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM, VIA THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The Admissions Office Representative, Sarah Timm (sarah.timm@alverno.edu), and the Admissions Office (admissions@alverno.edu) are available to assist incoming students with transferring from WCTC to Alverno. The

Department Chair of the Social Work program, Crystal Aschenbrener (crystal.aschenbrener@alverno.edu), is available for consultation to support incoming students with understanding the social work major and/or this Articulation Agreement.

The requirements are:

- Students will still need to apply to Alverno's BSW major, just as all other students are required to do.
- Students who complete their associate have met the requirements of the minor at Alverno. A minor is required of all Social Work majors. Thus, the associate degree can serve as a replacement for the minor.
- Students may count previously taken field education internship courses towards the first field education internship requirement, INTERN 383 – Internship Seminar, of the Social Work major.
- Students may count previously taken Social Work-related courses towards the Social Work major's required electives.

### **PROGRAM PLAN – TRANSFER OF COURSE/CREDIT**

This agreement will transfer in the following WCTC courses to Alverno's General Education and Social Work major requirements. This is in addition to the Human Services Associate being substituted for the minor for the Social Work major.

#### **WCTC**

Associates Degree

- 520-100 – Introduction to Human Services (3 cr)
- 520-104 – Behavior Management (3 cr)
- 520-105 – Understanding Diversity (3 cr)
- 801-136 – English Composition (3 cr)
- 801-196 – Oral/Interpersonal Communication (3 cr)
- 520-102 – Basic Counsel Skills Practice (3 cr)
- 520-107 – Ethics in Human Services Professional (3 cr)
- 520-113 – Introduction to Mental Health (3 cr)
- 520-103 – Case Management & Documentation (3 cr)
- 809-103 – Think Critically and Creatively (3 cr)
- 809-196 – Introduction to Sociology (3 cr)
- 520-110 – Practicum I (3 cr)
- 520-106 – Group Methods of Intervention (3 cr)
- 520-114 – Human Services Intervention (3 cr)
- 520-111 – Family Systems (3 cr)
- 520-112 – Practicum II (3 cr)
- 520-115 – Psychopharmacology (3 cr)
- 804-123 – Math with Business Apps (3 cr)
- 809-195 – Economics (3 cr)

#### **Alverno**

Minor

- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- SW 350 - Social Work Elective (3 cr)
- GEC 300 - Citizenship in a Global Community (3 cr)
- CM 120 - Communication Seminar (4 cr)
- CM 125 - Communication Seminar (3 cr)
- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- HUM 150 – Humanities (4 cr)
- XXX – Gen Ed Elec (3 cr)
- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- HFA 210 & HFA 310 – Humanities (4 cr)
- SSC 101 - Introduction to Social Science (4 cr)
- INTERN 383 – Internship Seminar (2 cr)
- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- XXX – Gen Ed Elec (3 cr)
- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- Transfer Elective (3 cr)
- SW 350 - Social Work Elective (3 cr)
- QL 122 - Mathematical Connections (4 cr)
- MGT 210 – Economic Environment (3 cr)

### **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

Social Work students must also meet the General Education requirements and the Social Work course requirements, prior to graduation. Students are required to meet all Alverno College's requirements (i.e. all students are required to complete 120 credits prior to graduation) and the details outlined in this Articulation Agreement are exceptions, due to this particular partnership between WCTC and Alverno.

WCTC to Alverno transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the Social Work degree specified in this agreement. A change of major/degree/program invalidates these courses/credits for transfer unless approved within another Articulation Agreement between WCTC and Alverno. Course equivalencies in this Articulation Agreement are subject to change in the event that the course curricula of either institution undergo revisions.

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into in the academic year of 2018-2019 and remains active unless changes are made in writing by either educational institution. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and it is subject to regular review. Should either institution desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

**SIGNATURES**

Alverno and WCTC hereby enter into this Articulation Agreement leading from the Associate of Human Services to the Bachelor of Social Work by the affixing of signatures of both institutions.

  
CRYSTAL ASCHENBRENER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR OF SOCIAL WORK

11/28/18  
DATE

  
KEVIN CASEY, DEAN OF SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

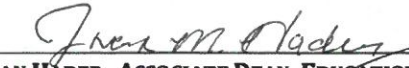
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KATE LUNDEEN, VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT

11/29/2018  
DATE

  
SCOTT ZEMAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

12/4/2018  
DATE

  
JOAN HADER, ASSOCIATE DEAN, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

12/12/2018  
DATE

  
DR. BRAD PIAZZA, VICE PRESIDENT OF LEARNING

12/17/18  
DATE

**Sample Course Sequencing Schedule**

**Articulation Agreement**

**Alverno and WCTC**

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**Semester 1 – 17 credits**

QL156 (3)

LA230 (1)

FA110 (4)

SC118+L (4)

SW200 (3)

BSC215 (2)

**Semester 3 – 18 credits**

HFA250 (4)

SC Elec (4)

BSC256 (4)

SW400 (3)

SW398 (3)

**Semester 2 – 18 credits**

BSC255 (4)

CM225 (3)

SW250 (3)

SW300 (3)

SW320 (4)

PPS229 (1)

SW399 (0)

ADV299 (0)

**Semester 4 – 12 credits**

SW483 (9)

SW450 (3)