

Articulation Agreement
Metropolitan State University, First College, Individualized Degree B.A.
Saint Paul College, Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care
Practitioner A.A.S. Degree

This agreement has been entered into by Saint Paul College and Metropolitan State University (First College) for the benefit of students and prospective students at the two institutions.

The purpose of the agreement is to provide a pathway for students to pursue an Individualized Bachelor of Arts degree from Metropolitan State University (First College), and to insure programs of high academic quality, to encourage student achievement, to facilitate the transfer of course credits, and to provide a smooth transition from one related degree program to the other.

Program Articulation

1. For graduation, students will need to complete a total of 124 semester credits including at least 40 upper division credits. A minimum of 30 semester credits must be completed while at Metropolitan State University.
2. The courses required for the Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care Practitioner A.A.S. Program at Saint Paul College and their relationship to Metropolitan State requirements are listed in Attachment A.
3. Technical college courses will be accepted toward meeting Metropolitan State University general education requirements consistent with Minnesota Transfer curriculum and goal areas.
4. All Metropolitan State students must complete eight upper-division credits of liberal studies course work.

Duration of Agreement

This agreement becomes effective upon the date it is signed and remains in effect until terminated by either party. It may be terminated or amended for succeeding academic years by either institution on or before June 30 of each year.

Persons Responsible/Evaluation

The Dean of First College at Metropolitan State University and the Dean of the Health and Service Division at Saint Paul College will be responsible for implementing this articulation agreement. Each institution will conduct an outcomes assessment, and the persons responsible will meet regularly to review the agreements.

Metropolitan State University

**Saint Paul College, A Community and
Technical College**

Wilson Bradshaw, President Date

Donovan Schwichtenberg,
President Date

William Lowe, Provost & Vice
President, Academic Affairs Date

Peggy Kennedy, Vice
President, Academic Affairs Date

Daniel Abebe, Dean,
First College Date

Marilyn Krasowski, Dean,
Health and Service Programs Date

John Burton, Department
Chair Date

/Signed February 2006

**Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care Practitioner, A.A.S. Degree
Saint Paul College, A Community and Technical College**

Program Core Requirements:

HLTH 1420 Anatomy & Physiology – 4 cr.
HLTH 1450 Health Care Law & Ethics – 2 cr.
RESP 1410 Respiratory Care Essentials – 3 cr.
RESP 1510 Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology 1 – 4 cr.
RESP 1520 Respiratory Care Therapeutics – 5 cr.
RESP 1540 Respiratory Care Pharmacology – 2 cr.
RESP 1591 Respiratory Care Clinical 1 – 2 cr.
RESP 1592 Respiratory Care Clinical 2 – 3 cr.
RESP 1593 Respiratory Care Clinical 3 – 5 cr.
RESP 1594 Respiratory Care Clinical 4 – 5 cr.
RESP 1595 Respiratory Care Clinical 5 – 5 cr.
RESP 2410 Mechanical Ventilation – 4 cr.
RESP 2420 Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology 2 – 1 cr.
RESP 2430 Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care – 2 cr.
RESP 2440 Management of the Critically Ill – 4 cr.
RESP 2450 Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics – 1 cr.
RESP 2470 Registry Review – 3 cr.
RESP 2510 Survey of Human Disease – 2 cr.
RESP 2520 Respiratory Care in Alternate Sites – 2 cr.

Total Requirements: 59 Credits

General Education Courses:

Goal 1: ENGL 1711 and SPCH 1700 or 1710 or 1720 or 1730 or 1750
(Minimum of 4 credits from Goal 3 or Goal 4)

Goal 3: BIOL 1750 – General Microbiology is required – 4 cr.

Goal 4: Math

(Minimum of 3 credits from the following goal areas.)

Goal 5: History, Social Science, and Behavioral Sciences – 3 cr.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts – 3 cr.

Goals 1-10: Select a minimum of 4 additional credits.

Total General Education: 21 Credits

Transfer of credits to Metropolitan State University will be accepted as follows:

- **40 credits from the program core requirements to be included in the First College individualized degree plan focus area.**
- **21 General Education credits.**
- **Total accepted in transfer for the Associate in Applied Science Degree is 61 credits.**

Students admitted to First College must complete PRSP 301 Perspectives: Educational Philosophy and Planning and PRSP 499 First College Capstone as a part of their degree program.