AGREEMENT FOR ARTICULATED PROGRAM BETWEEN BLINN COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

and

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COLLEGE OF NURSING

This agreement is made between the Blinn College (BC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program and The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMHSC) College of Nursing.

Whereas, BC is a public community college in Washington County, Texas with: 1) an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree program, 2) the array of courses required in The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Nursing (TAMHSC-CON) pre-nursing curriculum, and 3) BC students upon graduation complete specific Texas Field of Study (TX-FOS) courses identified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and

Whereas, TAMHSC-CON is a component of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, is supported by the State of Texas, and consists of professional healthcare programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for basic students and a Registered Nurse (RN) to BSN program.

Now, therefore, these two institutions seek to form an agreement for articulation of programs for the following purposes:

1. To promote educational mobility of the BC graduate of the ADN Program to the TAMHSC-CON RN-to-BSN Program;

2. To facilitate non-nurse students who take 60 hours of pre-nursing courses at BC and who meet all other entrance requirements to enter the TAMHSC-CON basic BSN degree program at the junior level.

Now, therefore, BC and TAMHSC agree as follows:
BC agrees to:

1. Counsel students in the ADN degree program regarding the opportunity for educational mobility;

2. Counsel non-nurse students in the general academic pre-nursing courses who desire to enter a BSN program at the junior level;

3. Distribute literature describing educational mobility for the RN’s at the TAMHSC-CON;

4. Distribute literature describing the basic program at the TAMHSC-CON, including the required pre-nursing courses for non-nurse students;

5. Coordinate with the TAMHSC-CON faculty in evaluating BC courses in the pre-nursing curriculum to ensure an appropriate knowledge base;

6. Coordinate with the TAMHSC-CON for the continuing process of planning, implementing, and evaluating this cooperative agreement.

TAMHSC-CON agrees to:

1. Participate in recruitment activities of BC as invited;

2. Maintain a current information exchange regarding pre-requisites for completion of the BSN degree;

3. Coordinate with BC faculty in evaluating BC courses in the pre-nursing curriculum to ensure an appropriate knowledge base;

4. Admit non-nurse students who complete pre-nursing courses at BC and who meet all other requirements for admission, based on the number of seats available;

5. Admit students who complete the AAS in Nursing degree program to the RN-to-BSN Program at TAMHSC-CON and who meet all other requirements for admission based on number of seats available;

6. Coordinate with BC for the continuing process of planning, implementing, and evaluating this articulation effort.

7. Counsel BC graduates into the BSN degree.

8. Facilitate student services, including financial assistance, schedules to accommodate the working nurse, and other considerations.
Terms of Agreement:

This agreement shall be effective upon the signing by the last signatory and terminating effective at midnight on August 31, 2013.

This agreement may be terminated by either party at the end of any academic semester with 30 days advance written notice.

This agreement in no way precludes either school from admitting students from other cooperating institutions or from articulating with other institutions.

There is no financial obligation on the part of either institution to the other.

SIGNED:

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