AGREEMENT FOR ARTICULATED PROGRAM BETWEEN
BLINN COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
and
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF NURSING

This agreement is made between the Blinn College (BC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program and the University of Texas at Austin School 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 University of Texas at Austin 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 University of Texas at Austin SON is part of the Texas A&M University HSC System, is supported by the State of Texas, and consists of professional healthcare programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, with a School of Nursing offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for basic students, a Registered Nurse (RN) Accelerated Track for earning either the BSN or Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, the MSN degree program, and a doctorate in nursing degree.

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 University of Texas at Austin RN Accelerated Program to obtain the BSN or the MSN degree depending upon the student’s goals and abilities;
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 University of Texas at Austin’s basic BSN degree program at the junior level.

Now, therefore, BC and University of Texas at Austin 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 University of Texas at Austin SON;
4. Distribute literature describing the basic program at University of Texas at Austin, including the required pre-nursing courses for non-nurse students;
5. Coordinate with the University of Texas at Austin faculty in evaluating BC courses in the pre-nursing curriculum to ensure an appropriate knowledge base;
6. Coordinate with University of Texas at Austin for the continuing process of planning, implementing, and evaluating this cooperative agreement.

University of Texas at Austin SON 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 Accelerated Program at University of Texas at Austin 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 appropriate tracks of the BSN or MSN degree options.
8. Facilitate student services, including financial assistance, schedules to accommodate the working nurse, and other considerations.

Terms of Agreements:
This agreement shall be effective beginning fall 2007, and continuing thereafter unless terminated. 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:

Blinn College

T. Parrott, PhD, RN 7/12/07
Thena E. Parrott, PhD, RN
Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program  Date

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Donald Voelter, PhD
President  Date

University of Texas at Austin

D. Sands, PhD, RN 8/24/07
Dlores Sands, PhD, RN
Dean, School of Nursing  Date

PhD  Date

President

Notary Public 7-16-07
Becky Krebs  Date

Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL:

BECKY KREBS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
June 2, 2009

NOTARY SEAL:
July 12, 2007

Dear Dean:

The intent of this letter and attachment is to seek an articulation agreement between your program and the Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. We are a feeder school for your RN to BSN articulation option, and a number of our graduates have sought to further their education in your program.

Our graduates complete Texas Field of Study (FOS) for Nursing courses, following the guidelines in the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). We are fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) and the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE). Blinn College is also accredited through the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS), and boasts the highest transfer rate of any community college in the state. Our graduates complete 72-credit hours with the following FOS-nursing courses, as well as a number of academic courses including some in the FOS:

- RNSG 1205 (Nursing Skills)
- RNSG 1413 (Foundations for Nursing)
- RNSG 1341/1260 (Adult Health I & clinical)
- RNSG 1251/1161 (Care of the Childbearing Family & clinical)
- RNSG 1343/2261 (Adult Health II & clinical)
- RNSG 2201/2162 (Care of Children/Families & clinical)

They are also required to take RNSG 1201 (Pharmacology) and RNSG 1300 (Health Assessment across the Lifespan—includes a laboratory). The academic courses in the FOS include: BIOL 2401-2402 (A&P I & II), BIOL 2421 (Microbiology), and PSYC 2314 (Lifespan Psychology).

Please sign the enclosed Articulation Agreement in the places identified, have your notary verify it, keep a copy, and send the original back to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please return to us by August 1, 2007, if possible.

Thank you for your support of our graduates as they continue their educations. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at the number below or at tparrott@blinn.edu. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.

Sincerely,

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