

**Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and Associate
of Arts/Science Degree Concurrently with
Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing (RN to BS)**

This agreement describes various aspects of a joint project to be implemented by the contracting participants: Alvin Community College (ACC), hereinafter referred to as the "College"; and Texas Woman's University College of Nursing (TWU CON), hereinafter referred to as the "University."

This agreement is entered into by and between the governmental bodies as identified, pursuant to the authority granted, and in compliance with the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, and Texas Government Code.

1. Purpose of Agreement

Whereas the University has baccalaureate programs available in an online and other distance learning formats leading to a Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing; and, whereas the College, which provides a certificate, as well as two year instructional programs leading to an Associate of Applied Science and an Associate of Arts/Science, and serves a specific region of the state where demand for nursing professionals at all levels is high; a collaborative partnership with both institutions will have a two-fold beneficial outcome. By collaborating, the College and University will together address this critical workforce need. By providing the additional higher education to these nursing professionals, the College and the University will enhance effective delivery of their respective missions by serving the heretofore-unmet health care needs of the North and Gulf Coast Regions of Texas, potentially involving the College service area.

Specifically, as a result of discussions with University representatives, the College believes it can actively help promote and support the University's distance learning nursing degree programs to the benefit of prospective students in the Alvin Community College service area. The University's long-standing experience with distance learning delivery systems and the College with a pool of prepared transfer students underscores its role as a significant partner in meeting such training needs. A dual agreement would promote student retention and timely graduation in a cost and time-effective manner, as emphasized by the State of Texas.

2. Terms

The parties to this agreement, TWU, and ACC agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein:

A. General

1. TWU and ACC will each designate an individual who will be responsible for the maintenance of this articulation and instructional agreement and sharing of information on the BS and AAs degrees, new courses added to the degree program, transcript evaluation, and other projects needed.
2. The names of the designated persons are contained in Appendix 1. Any change to Appendix 1 shall not require renegotiating this agreement, and any such change made by one institution shall be communicated in writing to the other.
3. To be eligible for the Blended Program, students must complete the general education

prerequisite courses and be enrolled in ACC nursing courses and meet all of TWU admission requirements, including the school's general education requirements and pre-nursing requirements.

4. If a College student enters the Blended Nursing program and completes (with grades of C or above) one or more semesters, but wishes to discontinue in the University part of the Blended Nursing program the student can reapply to the University RN BS Bridge program upon successful completion of the ADN program and NCLEX exam. The student must apply within one (1) year of graduation of the College program and will receive credit for classes already taken in the University portion of the program.

B. ACC - Whereas ACC has an existing Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing educational program, training facilities and clinical placements agrees to:

1. Advertise the Blended Nursing Program in appropriate publications such as, but not limited to, the College web page and the ACC Associate Degree Nursing web page.
2. Designate an individual within the ACC Associate Degree Nursing program to serve as a liaison for students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing from the University.
3. ACC will continue to make students ready and complete all paperwork for students taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) after graduating from the Associate of Applied Science in the nursing program.

C. Texas Woman's University - Whereas the University has the instructional programs that potentially address the instructional baccalaureate needs of students within the College's service area, it, therefore, agrees to:

1. Advertise the Blended Nursing Program in appropriate publications such as, but not limited to, the University web page and the TWU Nursing web page.
2. Designate an individual within the TWU CON to serve as a liaison for students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing from the University.
3. The student will submit an Apply Texas Application, admission fee, and University College of Nursing application (CAS) & fee to the University. While the students are admitted to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at the College, they will be concurrently classified as a student at the University under "nursing entry."
4. The admission to the BS program is predicated upon the students meeting all other admission requirements for the RN to BS program. The students must concurrently work to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program at the College. The students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale for all the required courses including nursing courses.

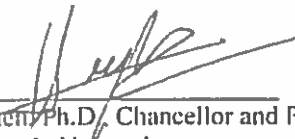
5. The University will accept up to 60-62 SCH general education/core and 28 SCH advanced placement basic nursing courses. (Appendix 2 & 3)
6. Provide reasonable assistance from TWU library services and TWU online Write-Site program to aid students in their course work and research projects.

D. Both Institutions agree to:

1. Maintain independent accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and appropriate nursing accreditation bodies.
2. Inaugurate a prescribed curriculum and sequence of courses as agreed by a collaboration of the respective programs.
3. Both institutions will strive to provide students with "seamless" access to assist them in transferring from the College to the University.
4. Each institution will identify an operations contact person to assist in addressing student/advising questions and help resolve project logistical issues that may develop.
5. Representatives from both institutions will confer at least on an annual basis to evaluate the success of this agreement; consider curriculum updates and any other requests for changes or proposed amendments as may be deemed necessary.
6. Both institutions agree to share aggregate information on student performance as may be necessary to evaluate the success and quality of the services under this agreement.
7. Both institutions will ensure that performance standards and grade expectations for student promotion are met at both institutions.
8. Require that students be in good standing, including meeting academic and ethical standards as defined by each institution to remain in the program.
9. Handle due process and appeals according to the policies at the respective institution where required.

3. Terms of Agreement and Termination

1. This agreement shall be in effect for the period from August 1, 2020, through May 31, 2022, and may be extended and amended at any time by written consent of both parties.
2. Amendments to programs, courses, and prerequisites will automatically revise that portion of the agreement with written notification and agreement by both parties.
3. This agreement may be terminated by one year's advance written notification of such intent by one party to the other. THE UNDERSIGNED CONTRACTING PARTIES do hereby certify that the services specified above are necessary and essential for the activities that are properly within the statutory functions and programs of both Alvin Community College and Texas Woman's University.
4. Those students participating in the agreement at the time of termination will have the opportunity to complete the Blended degree for a period of three (3) years.



Carine Feyten, Ph.D., Chancellor and President
Texas Woman's University
Denton, Texas

3/24/2020
Date

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

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Dr. Cynthia Griffith, VP Instruction
Alvin Community College

4/16/2020
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Dr. Christal Albrecht, President
Alvin Community College

4/15/2020
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Appendix 2 (Courses in red indicate TWU Nursing Pre-req courses)

| Semester 1 - Fall 1 Taken at ACC | | Semester 2 - Spring 1 Taken at ACC | |
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| Hist 1013(1301) History of the US, 1492-1865 | 3 | ENG 1023(1302) Composition II | 3 |
| Psy 1013(2301) Intro to Psych | 3 | NFS 2323(Bio 1322) Intro to Nutrition | 3 |
| Eng 1013(1301) Composition I | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| Zool 2013,2100 (Bio 2401 A&P I) | 4 | Zool 2023, 2021(Bio 2402) A&P II | 4 |
| CAO (block 90) | 3 | Psy 1603(2314) Dev Psych | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | 16 | Total Semester Hours | 15 |
| Summer 1 Taken at ACC | | | |
| Any Chem + Lab | 4 | | |
| Semester 3 - Fall 2 Taken at ACC | | Semester 4 - Spring 2 Taken at ACC | |
| Gov 2013 U.S. National Government (2305) | 3 | Gov 2023 Texas Government (2306) | 3 |
| Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core | 3 | Hist 1023 History of US 1865 to present (1302) | 3 |
| Math 1703 Elem. Stats (1342) | 3 | Creative Arts | 3 |
| Bact 1003,1001 Micro & Lab (Bio 2320) | 4 | NURS 3143 MC Women's Health Issues (Blk 90) (Would not need if core complete) | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | 13 | Total Semester Hours | 12 |
| Summer FWI Online | | | |
| Biol 4344 Patho | 4 | | |
| Semester 5 - Fall 3 Nursing courses at ACC/TWU online | | Semester 6 - Spring 3 Nursing courses at ACC/TWU online | |
| RNSG1523 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs | 5 | RNSG 2504 Integrated Care of the Patient with Common Health Care Needs | 5 |
| RNSG 1219 Integrated Nursing Skills I | 2 | RNSG 1129 Integrated Nursing Skills II | 1 |
| RNSG 1260 Clinical I RN | 2 | RNSG 1461 Clinical II RN | 4 |
| NURS 4902 Special Topics (Assm II) | 2 | NURS 3804 The Nursing Exp. w/Groups | 4 |
| NURS 3643 Intro to Bacc Nursing (Would work in tangent with COMMUNITY COLLEGE RNSG1523 Prof Nursing for blended stdy) | 3 | NURS 3612 Intro to Research | 2 |
| Total Semester Hours | 14 | Total Semester Hours | 16 |
| Summer 3 TWU online | | | |
| NURS 3713 Informatics (5.5 wk.) | 3 | | |
| NURS 4502 Clinical Ethics in Prof Nursing (5.5 wk.) | 2 | | |
| Total Semester Hours | 5 | | |
| Semester 7 - Fall 4 Nursing courses at COMMUNITY COLLEGE / TWU online | | Semester 8 - Spring 3 Nursing courses at COMMUNITY COLLEGE / TWU online | |
| RNSG 2514 Integrated Nursing Skills II | 5 | RNSG 2435 Integrated Patient Care Mgmt. | 4 |
| RNSG 2462 Clinical III RN | 4 | RNSG 2463 Clinical IV RN | 4 |
| NURS 4612 Wellness in the Aging Family | 2 | NURS 4803 Leadership & Management | 3 |
| NURS 4614 Community Health | 4 | NURS 4823 Competencies | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | 15 | Graduate COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TWU programs spring Take NCELEX Summer | |
| | | Total Semester Hours | 14 |

Hours completed at ACC: 96 (core 60 hours plus nursing 36 hours)

Hours completed at TWU: 32 (nursing 32 hours)

Upper level hours at TWU: 32 (meets 25% residency requirement)

Total hours AAS-BS in Nursing: 60 (core) + 28 (TWU credit block for ADN) + 32 (TWU) = 120 hours

Appendix 3

ACC to TWU Course Nursing Course Equivalency/Award for 28 Hour Block of Nursing Courses

| Semester | ACC Course | TWU Course | Hours Awarded by TWU |
|--------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Semester 5 | RNSG 1523 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs (5) RNSG 1219 Integrated Nursing Skills I (2) RNSG 1260 Clinical I RN (2) | NURS 3035 Adult Health Competencies I | 5 |
| Semester 6 | RNSG 2504 Integrated Care of the Patient with Common Health Care Needs (5) RNSG 1129 Integrated Nursing Skills II (1) RNSG 1461 Clinical II RN (4) | NURS 4045 Adult Health Competencies II | 5 |
| Semester 7 | RNSG 2514 Integrated Nursing Skills II (5) RNSG 2462 Clinical III RN (4) | NURS 4615 Mental Health Competencies NURS 4055 Child Health Competencies NURS 3813 Pharmacology | 13 |
| Semester 8 | RNSG 2435 Integrated Patient Care Mgmt. (4) RNSG 2463 Clinical IV RN (4) | NURS 3025 Women's Health and Family Role Competencies | 5 |
| Total | | | 28 hours |