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College of Nursing
RN BS Program

Articulation and Instructional Services Agreement

Addressing the Shortage of Nursing Professionals

A Joint Project with
North Central Texas College

February 2016
Community College to Texas Woman's University
Program to Program Articulation Guide

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and Associate of
Arts/Science Degree to
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: North Central Texas College, hereinafter referred to as the "College"; and
Texas Woman's University College of Nursing, 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, Texas Government Code.

OVERALL INTENT

Whereas the University has baccalaureate programs available in an on-line 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 by 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 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 Texas Region, 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 North Central Texas College service area. The College's long-
standing experience with distance learning delivery systems and pool of prepared transfer students
underscores its role as a significant partner in meeting such training needs.

Services and Functions Performed by the 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:
Establish a traditional admission process whereby Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing students who, in their last semester of course work at North Central Texas College, have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, of combined general education prerequisite courses and nursing courses and meets all of the University's admission requirements including the school's general education requirements, are provisionally assured admission to the RN to BS program. In addition, students must then pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) after graduating from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program, and are licensed in good standing within the U.S. as a registered nurse, to be admitted unconditionally to the TWU College of Nursing RN to BS Program.

Establish a concurrent admission process whereby pre-Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing students who, in their first and second semester of course work at North Central Texas College, declare an intent to seek a BS from TWU College of Nursing and complete a Declaration of Intent with North Central Texas College and University, are assured provisional acceptance to the RN to BS program at the University. The student will also submit an Apply Texas Application, admission fee, and University College of Nursing application & 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". The admission to the BS program is predicated upon the students meeting all other admission requirements to the RN to BS program. The students must complete the Associate Degree Nursing program at the College. The students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale for all the required courses including nursing courses. They also must meet all of the University’s admission requirements including the University and college’s general education requirements. In addition, students must have passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and are licensed in good standing as a registered nurse within the U.S. before being admitted unconditionally to the University in the RN to BS program.

Accept credit hours earned at North Central Texas College as described below;

- Up to 60-62 SCH general education/core and 28 SCH advanced placement basic nursing courses.

- Provide reasonable assistance from TWU library services and TWU online Write-Site program to aid students in their course work and research projects.

- Advertising the articulated nursing programs in appropriate publications such as but not limited to the TWU CON Catalog and the TWU CON web page.

- Provide reasonable assistance to the college for the promotion of the program.
Services and Functions Performed by the College:

Whereas North Central Texas College has an existing Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing educational program, training facilities and clinical placements, it agrees to:

- Advertise the articulated nursing programs in appropriate publications such as, but not limited to the College web page and the Associate Degree Nursing web page.
- Designate an individual within the Nursing Division to serve as a liaison for students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing from the University.

Other Provisions:

- Both institutions will strive to provide students with "seamless" access to assist them in transferring from the College to the University.
- Each institution will identify an operations contact person to assist in addressing student/advising questions, and help resolve project logistical issues that may develop.
- 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.
- 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.
- Transition to the RN-BS Program occurs with the completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree and either the Associate of Arts/Science Degree, all general education requirements, and receipt of all previous official transcripts. With the payment of fees and obtainment of the student identification cards, students will have access to various TWU Services.

Length of Term of This Agreement:

This agreement shall be in effect for the period of two (2) years, and may be extended and amended at any time by written consent of both parties.

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 North Central Texas College and Texas Woman's University.

This curriculum is designed for students who wish to complete or have already completed the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at North Central Texas College, are core complete and completed an AA or AS, they then transfer to Texas Woman’s University to complete a B.S. in Nursing. This plan includes completion of the core curriculum graduation requirements and additional nursing prerequisites at North Central Texas College and TWU graduation requirements.
Students in good standing will be provisionally admitted to the RN BS program and may take NURS 3643 (RN Introduction to Baccalaurate Nursing) and/or BIOL 4344 (Pathophysiology) prior to passing the NCLEX exam. However, they may not progress to NURS 3614 (Nursing Assessment Across the Lifespan) or any other NURS course without first passing the NCLEX exam.

Students must be core complete at North Central Texas College and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on the required non-nursing lower division courses. If students are not core complete at North Central Texas College then they will need to become core complete at TWU. See TWU Undergraduate Catalog for other requirements and deadlines.

### Lower Division Courses

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<td><strong>ENG 1013 (ENGL 1301)</strong> Composition I (10)</td>
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<td><strong>PSY 1021 (PSYC 2301)</strong> Intro to General Psych (80)</td>
<td><strong>PSY 1603 (PSYC 2314)</strong> Developmental Psychology</td>
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<td><strong>HIST 1013 (HIST 1301)</strong> U.S. History, 1492-1865 (60)</td>
<td><strong>BACT 1063/1001 (BIOL 2320/2120)</strong> Microbiology &amp; Lab (20)</td>
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<td><strong>Chemistry (any college-level, lecture &amp; lab)</strong></td>
<td><strong>ZOOL 1014/2011 (BIOL 2301/2101)</strong> Anatomy &amp; Physiology &amp; Lab (30)</td>
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<td><strong>Elective</strong></td>
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**Total Hours 15**

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<td><strong>GOV 2013 (GOVT 2305)</strong> US National Government (70)</td>
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<td><strong>ZOOL 2023/2024 (BIOL 2302/2102)</strong> Anatomy &amp; Physiology &amp; Lab</td>
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<td><strong>MATH 1703 (MATH 1342)</strong> Elementary Statistics I (20)</td>
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<td><strong>NFS 2323 (BIOL 1322)</strong> Nutrition</td>
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<td><strong>Language, Philosophy, &amp; Culture Core (40)</strong></td>
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### Semester I at Texas Woman's University

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<th>RNs receive 28 hours credit for:</th>
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<td><strong>NURS 3813 Pharmacology</strong></td>
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### Semester II at Texas Woman's University

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<td><strong>NURS 3804 RN with Families and Groups</strong></td>
<td><strong>NURS 4813 RN High Acuity Nursing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NURS 4612 Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family</strong></td>
<td><strong>NURS 4823 Competencies in RN Transition to Bacc. Nursing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NURS 4614 Community Health Competencies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NURS 4803 Leadership and Management</strong></td>
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**Total Hours 13**

### Total hours for major courses: 46

### Total hours for degree: 120
North Central Texas College

M. Gie Archer
Dean of Health and Human Sciences
Date: 3/13/16

Dr. G. Brent Wallace
President
Date: 2/16/16

Texas Woman’s University

Dr. Anita Hufft
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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