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November 19, 2012

Dr. Belle Wheelan, President  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission on Colleges that Texas Woman's University plans to engage in a partnered agreement with the University of Dallas that will enable participating students to earn two degrees: the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the University of Dallas and the Bachelor's degree in Nursing (BSN) from Texas Woman's University. The public-private partnership will produce liberally educated nurses to meet the critical need for health care professionals in Texas.

A transfer articulation agreement has been developed that will enable students beginning their studies at the University of Dallas to take classes meeting general education (Texas core curriculum) and TWU Nursing program prerequisites at the University of Dallas prior to transfer to Texas Woman's University. Students will apply to the TWU College of Nursing during their sophomore year. The partner universities reached agreement on course equivalencies and application processes in spring 2012. Students will be admitted to the program in fall 2013 pending SACS-COC acknowledgement of our notification. A copy of the signed agreement is included.

The teaching locations for the cooperative degree program are the main campus of University of Dallas and the Dallas campus of Texas Woman's University:

**Texas Woman's University**

T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center 1845  
5500 Southwestern Medical Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75235

**The University of Dallas**

East Northgate Drive  
Irving, TX 75062

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Sincerely,

Ann Stuart, Ph.D.  
Chancellor and President

Enclosure

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Dr. Charles W. Eaker

*DUAL DEGREE PLAN*  
*AGREEMENT*

*TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY*  
COLLEGE OF NURSING

AND

*UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS*  
CONSTANTIN COLLEGE



## *I. PURPOSE:*

This agreement establishes a public-private partnership that unites the resources of one of the finest nursing programs in the country, that of Texas Woman's University (TWU), with those of one of the country's best liberal arts colleges, the University of Dallas (UD). The University of Dallas students will earn two degrees: the Bachelor of Arts (BA), or the Bachelor of Science (BS), degree in Biology from UD and the BS degree in Nursing from TWU and do so in an integrated program that can be completed in five years. The total number of credit hours in the suggested curriculum is 174, with 100 credit hours taken at UD and 74 credit hours at TWU. Students, in short, will get the benefit of two worlds. The State of Texas in turn will profit from this initiative, which will produce additional liberally-educated health care professionals and do so at a lower cost to state taxpayers than could be done without this public-private partnership.

## *II. ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCESS:*

- A. A student admitted to the University of Dallas who wishes to participate must notify the chair of the Biology Department and complete a Self-Assessment form for pre-health students.
- B. The student satisfies the following requirements for acceptance into the TWU Nursing Program:
  - 1. The student gets approval from the UD Chair of Biology.
  - 2. The student applies to the TWU Nursing Program, usually during the sophomore year, after having successfully completed the required pre-requisite courses.

## *III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:*

- A. The student enters the curriculum designed by UD that shall include the minimal course requirements as outlined below by the TWU College of Nursing. The student is encouraged to take as many courses in the sciences as possible but should realize that a strong liberal arts background is important for the development of well-rounded and successful health professions students and practitioners.
- B. Participants in the early admissions program will be assigned an advisor at TWU to provide the student with a personal contact during the initial course of study at UD. The advisor will also aid the student in the timely completion of processes, such as completing TWU College of Nursing admissions procedures.
- C. Following successful completion of the initial pre-requisite courses and enrollment in the final set of pre-requisite courses at UD and TWU, the student will apply for admission to the TWU Nursing Program by February 1 (or the date specified by TWU), normally during the sophomore year.
- D. Students admitted to the TWU Nursing Program will be notified by June 1 (or a date specified by TWU).

- E. For the determination of tuition, fees, room and board costs, and financial aid, students in this program are considered full-time students at UD during years one through three and full-time students at TWU during years four and five. Tuition and fees for students taking classes at TWU during years one through three and at UD for years four and five will be based on the per course rates. The institution in which the student has full-time enrollment is responsible for calculating financial aid, disbursing aid, monitoring satisfactory progress and other student eligibility requirements, keeping records, and returning funds in the event of withdrawal from the program.
- F. Normally at the end of the fifth year upon the completion of all of the core and major degree requirements at UD and the completion of all of the degree requirements at TWU, students will be granted a BS or BA degree in Biology from UD and a BS degree in Nursing from TWU. Students who withdraw from this program and who have completed the undergraduate degree requirements at UD will be granted a BS or BA degree in Biology.
- G. Students who do not fulfill the requirements of this early admissions program are in no way precluded from applying to the Nursing Program at TWU through the usual process.

*IV. EFFECTIVE DATES:*

This agreement shall be effective on April 1, 2012 and expire on August 31, 2022. If notice of termination is not received before this expiration date, as specified in paragraph IV, this agreement shall be automatically renewed for a subsequent five-year term, after review and signature by both parties.

*V. NOTICE OF TERMINATION:*

- A. Either party may initiate termination of this joint agreement. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered by:
  - 1. TWU to the Dean of Constantin College, UD; or
  - 2. UD to the Dean of the College of Nursing, TWU.
- B. This written notice must be delivered at least 180 days prior to the effective date of termination.
- C. Students enrolled in this early admissions program at the time of termination of this joint agreement will be given the opportunity to complete the program in its entirety.



# TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

## *Bachelor of Science Nursing Program*

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This transfer guide is based on the degree requirements of the TWU Undergraduate Catalog 2011-2013 and is subject to change. Equivalent courses listed below are the recommended guidelines to satisfy TWU prerequisites; alternate courses may be acceptable. It is the responsibility of the student to verify the applicability of this information with both institutions.

TWU-Nursing Prerequisites	Credit Hours	UD Equivalent	UD Description
American History-2 courses	6	HIS-1311 & 1312	Am Civilization I & II
U.S. Government-1 course	3	POL-1311	Principles of Am Politics
Texas Government (GOVT 2023)	3	Taken at TWU	
Psychology-1 course	3	PSY-2313	Intro to General Psychology
Statistics- 1 course	3	MATH 2305	Statistics
Nutrition (NFS 2323)	3	Taken at TWU	
Chemistry- 1 course of general chemistry for science majors, with laboratory	4	CHE 1303, 1304	General Chemistry 1 w/ lab
Bacteriology- 1 course with lab	4	BIO-3327, 3127	Microbiology w/lab
Anatomy & Physiology- 2 course with laboratories	8	BIO-3323, 3123 BIO-3331, 3131	Anatomy w/lab Physiology w/lab

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR NURSING

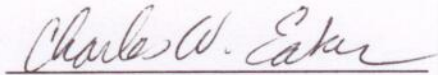
In an effort to offer educational opportunities within the field of nursing for University of Dallas students, this early admissions agreement between University of Dallas and Texas Woman's University is being implemented as a formal agreement maximizing the educational strengths of both institutions.

The College of Nursing will accept the degree plan set forth by UD for early admissions to the Nursing Program assuming all the prerequisite hours are met. UD will accept course work taken at TWU through this program for completion of the BS or BA degree in Biology.

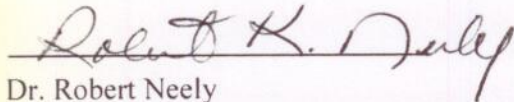
Listed above are the courses accepted as pre-requisite courses from UD to the Nursing Program at TWU. Given in the appendix to this agreement is a suggested five-year degree plan.



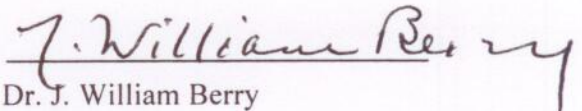
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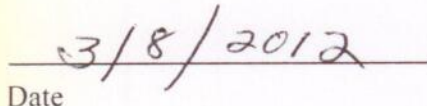
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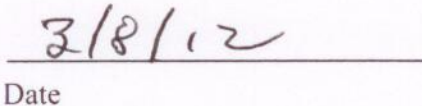
Dr. Robert Neely  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Texas Woman's University



Dr. J. William Berry  
Provost  
University of Dallas



Date



Date



## **3-2 NURSING PROGRAM**

### **Suggested 5-Year Curriculum BS in Nursing from TWU BA in Biology from UD**

<b>Fall 1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
ENG 1301 Literary Traditions I	English 1013 Composition I	3
BIO 1311/1111 Gen Bio I & Lab		4
CHE 1303/1103 Gen Chem I & Lab	General Chemistry Lecture & Lab	4
PHI-1301 Phil & Ethical Life	Literature or Philosophy (Humanities core)	3
LANG 2311 Intermediate I		3
Total Semester Hours		17
<b>Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
ENG 1302 Literary Traditions II		3
BIO 1312/1112 Gen Bio I & Lab		4
CHE 1304/1104 Gen Chem I & Lab		4
THE-1310 Understanding the Bible		3
LANG 2312/2112 Intermediate II		3
Total Semester Hours		17

<b>Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
BIO 3327/3127 Microbiology & Lab	Bacteriology 1011/1013 Microbio & Lab	4
HIS 1311 American Civilization I	History 1013 US 1492-1865	3
	Math 1013 Quantitative Literacy	3
POL 1311 Principles of Am Politics	Government 2013 US National	3
PSY 2313 General Psychology	Psychology 1013 Introduction	3
ECO 1311 Fundamentals of Economics <sup>1</sup>		3 <sup>1</sup>
Total Semester Hours		19
<b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Year (Rome)</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
ENG 2311 Literary Traditions III	English 1023 Composition II	3
HIS 2301 Western Civilization I		3
PHI 2323 Philosophy of Man		3
THE 2311 Western Theological Traditions		3
ART 2311 Art & Architecture of Rome	Visual/Performing Arts	3
Total Semester Hours		15

<sup>1</sup>Recommend taking ECO 1311 as an interterm or summer class.



Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
BIO 3323/3123 Anatomy	Zoology 2013/2011 Anat/Physiology I & Lab	4
CHE 3321/3121 Organic Chem I & Lab		4
PHY 2305/2105 Gen Phys I & Lab (Trig)		4
PHI 3311 Philosophy of Being		3
Biology Elective	Nutrition 2323	3
Total Semester Hours		18
Spring 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
BIO 3331/3131 Physiology	Zoology 2023/2021 Anat/Physiology II & Lab	4
MAT 2305 Intro to Stats	Math 1703 Statistics	3
BIO 3326/3126 Ecology & Lab		3
HIS 1312 American Civilization II <sup>1</sup>	History 1023 US 1865-present	3 <sup>1</sup>
PHY 2306/2106 Gen Phys II & Lab (Trig)		4
	Psychology 1603 Developmental-Life Span	3
Total Semester Hours		20

<sup>1</sup>Recommend taking HIS 1312 as an interterm or summer class.

**Feb. 1**—UD students apply to TWU (This is an earlier “special” admission as UD students will not satisfy TWU nursing pre-req’s until the end of the spring semester.)

**June 1**—TWU notifies UD students who are admitted to nursing program

Fall 4 <sup>th</sup> Year		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
HIS 2302 Western Civilization II <sup>1</sup>		3 <sup>1</sup>
	Nursing 3005 Concepts and Clinical Comp	5
	Nursing 3614 Nursing Assessment	4
Chemistry Elective	Nursing 3813 Pharmacology	3
Biology Elective	Biology 4344 Pathophysiology	4
Total Semester Hours		19
Spring 4 <sup>th</sup> Year		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
	Nursing 3025 Women’s Health & Family	5
	Nursing 3035 Adult Health Competencies I	5
	Nursing 3612 Introduction to Research	2
	Nursing 4602 Experience with Groups	2
	Nursing 4612 Aging Family	2
Total Semester Hours		16

<sup>1</sup>Recommend taking HIS 2302 as an interterm or summer class.



<b>Fall 5<sup>th</sup> Year</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
	Nursing 4045 Adult Health Competencies II	5
	Nursing 4055 Child Health Competencies	5
	Nursing 4615 Mental Health Competencies	5
	Nursing elective	2
Total Semester Hours		17
<b>Spring 5<sup>th</sup> Year</b>		
UD Course	TWU Course	Sem Hours
	Nursing 4026 Critical Comp Integration	6
	Nursing 4614 Community Health Comp	4
	Nursing 4803 Leadership & Management	3
	Comprehensive Exam	0
	Government 2023 Texas	3
Total Semester Hours		16

TWU classes to be taken during the summer:

Multicultural Women's Study (MCWS)

Computer Literacy Competency (can be met by proficiency exam)

Core Area	UD Core Classes
English	Literary Traditions I, II, & III
History	Western Civilization I & II; American Civilization I & II (req'd by TWU)
Theology	Understanding the Bible; Western Theological Traditions
Mathematics	Math 1013 Quantitative Literacy (TWU)
Politics	Principles of American Politics
Economics	Fundamentals of Economics
Language	Intermediate I & II; Elementary I & II if needed, but would have to be done in summer.
Philosophy	Philosophy and the Ethical Life; Philosophy of Man; Philosophy of Being
Physical Science	General Chemistry I & II; General Physics I & II
Biological Science	General Biology I & II

UD Biology Courses – Need 33 for a BA		
Semester	Courses at UD	Hours
Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	General Biology I & Lab	4
Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	General Biology II & Lab	4
Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Microbiology & Lab	4
Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	In Rome	0
Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Anatomy, Nutrition <sup>1</sup>	7
Spring 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Physiology	4
	Biostatistics	3
	Ecology	4
Fall 4 <sup>th</sup> Year	Pathophysiology <sup>1</sup>	3
Total		33

<sup>1</sup>Taken at TWU



Courses taken at TWU		
Semester	Courses at TWU	Hours
Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Math 1013 Quantitative Literacy	3
Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Nutrition 2323	3
Spring 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Psychology 1603 Developmental-Life Span	3
Fall 4 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nursing 3005 Concepts and Clinical Comp	5
	Nursing 3614 Nursing Assessment	4
	Nursing 3813 Pharmacology	3
	Biology 4344 Pathophysiology	4
Spring 4 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nursing 3025 Women's Health & Family	5
	Nursing 3035 Adult Health Competencies I	5
	Nursing 3612 Introduction to Research	2
	Nursing 4602 Experience with Groups	2
	Nursing 4612 Aging Family	2
Fall 5 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nursing 4045 Adult Health Competencies II	5
	Nursing 4055 Child Health Competencies	5
	Nursing 4615 Mental Health Competencies	5
	Nursing elective	2
	Nursing 4045 Adult Health Competencies II	5
Spring 5 <sup>th</sup> Year	Nursing 4026 Critical Comp Integration	6
	Nursing 4614 Community Health Comp	4
	Nursing 4803 Leadership & Management	3
	Comprehensive Exam	0
	Government 2023 Texas	3
Total		79

**Additional Comments:**

- 1) Students must complete the comprehensive examination from the University of Dallas.
- 2) The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years could be completed entirely at the Dallas campus of TWU.
- 3) The above curriculum assumes students place at the Intermediate Language level on entering UD. Additional semesters or summer work will be needed if this is not true.
- 4) AP or IB credit will be accessed according to the UD code. Students may place out of some of the above classes with appropriate scores on AP and IB examinations.
- 5) Total Number of Hours = 174 semester hours.