

**COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AND ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERISTY**

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the UNIVERSITY of ARKANSAS (hereinafter the CCCUA), and Arkansas Tech University (hereinafter the "University" or ATU), which have agreed to cooperate for the purpose of assisting licensed registered nurse graduates from the School to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. It is the intent of the parties by entering into this Agreement to offer students a seamless, online degree completer option to increase the number of BSN credentialed registered nurses in the State of Arkansas.

II. POINTS OF AGREEMENT

OWNERSHIP:

1. The University shall have total ownership of the RN to BSN Completer Program (hereinafter "Program"). Administration, management, and operation of the Program shall be the responsibility of the University.
2. All NURN courses included in the Program Curriculum will be taught by faculty of the University. The University shall have the exclusive right to determine and make all financial, technical and professional policies related to the NURN courses. The University shall have full and complete ownership of all NURN courses and excusive control over the administration, management and operation of those courses.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION:

3. Students will apply to the Program through the University, which has exclusive responsibility for admission to the Program.

The University reserves the right to not select an applicant to the Program based upon a deficiency in one or more admission requirements. Although the University is committed to accepting qualified applicants and will strive to adjust appropriately if the number of qualified applicants increases due to this Agreement, each party understands and agrees that academic qualification does not guarantee a student's admission to the Program. In addition to meeting the required academic qualifications, a student's admission to the Program will be contingent on whether space is available in the program for students. Space availability will be solely determined by the department head of the Arkansas Tech University Nursing Program. The criteria for making the determination of adequate space availability will be sufficient faculty to teach the course required for Program completion.

4. CCCUA graduates will be considered qualified applicants if they meet the following criteria:
 - a) Applicant must be a licensed registered nurse.
 - b) Applicant must have completed a minimum of 61 hours of general education with a 2.75 minimum grade point average in particular courses.
 - c) Applicant must present a letter from employer documenting work experience if over 12 months since graduation.
 - d) Applicant must submit all application documentation as required by the University.

GENERAL EDUCATION:

5. Program applicants have the option of taking the required general education courses at any accredited college or university. The University is committed to honoring the articulation agreement which outlines the general education courses that will be accepted through CCCUA (Addendum). The University shall have the exclusive right to determine the transferability of courses from colleges and universities other than CCCUA.
6. The School and the University are committed to student-friendly articulation practices and commit that the following CCCUA courses which are taken as part of the nursing program will fulfill the corresponding general education requirements needed to enter the Program.

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas	Credit Hours	Arkansas Tech Courses University Requirements
ENGL 1113	3	ENGL 1013: Composition I
ENGL 1123	3	ENGL 1023: Composition II
PSYC 2003	3	PSY 2003: General Psychology
PSYC 2033 (Lifespan)	3	PSY 3063 and 3163: Developmental Psychology I & II
MAS 1223: Medical Math	3	elective
BIOL 2064: Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 2014: Human Anatomy
BIOL 2074: Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 3074: Human Physiology
BIOL 2094: General Microbiology	4	BIOL 3054: Microbiology
BUS 1003: Microcomputer Applications	3	elective
BIOL 2003: Nutrition	3	Articulation credit

7. The University is committed to working with recent and future CCCUA graduates that have completed general education requirements.

THE PROGRAM:

8. The University is committed to offering the Program in a web-based format with clinical experiences in the student's home community. The University expects minimum time from students on the University campus.

III. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties to this Agreement are independent contractors, and neither parties' employees shall have the authority to exercise any control over the professional judgment or methods used by the other party in the performance of the duties set forth in this Agreement.

IV. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The two parties shall work together harmoniously and cooperatively to assure that standards are upheld and students receive the best educational experiences possible. Officials and faculty of CCCUA or the University, upon reasonable request, will have the right to visit the University or CCCUA at any time to review the curriculum and resources.

V. ACCREDITATION

The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University Department of Nursing is Accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

CCCUA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The CCCUA ARNEC Program is accredited by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

VI. ASSIGNMENT AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement may not be assigned by any party hereto without the expressed written consent of all parties.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of all parties hereto, and no other oral or written agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto. This Agreement may not be amended or otherwise modified, unless agreed to by all parties, in writing. This agreement supersedes all other agreements, contracts, understandings, representations, whether written or otherwise, between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

VII. TERM AND TERMINATION

The initial term of this Agreement shall begin _____ and end _____. Thereafter, this Agreement will be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year each unless written notice is provided to all parties prior to each _____. In order to protect the interests of the University/CCC students, this Agreement may not be terminated prior to the end of a school year by any party. In the event of termination of the Program at the end of a school year, any particular class of students enrolled in the Program at the time of termination will be guaranteed the option to complete the Program and provisions will be made for the completion of the Program in the event that the Agreement is terminated during that particular class's program of study.

This Agreement may be terminated at the end of a school year upon occurrence of any of the following events:

- (1) By written mutual agreement of the parties hereto;
- (2) Destruction or damage to the University buildings or their contents by fire, explosion, terrorism, or natural disaster;
- (3) The occurrence of any other contingency or the happening of any other event or series of events or contingencies resulting in the University being deprived of sufficient funds to enable it to operate successfully.

VIII. CHOICE OF LAW

All notices required to be sent hereunder shall be deemed sufficient if in writing and if personally delivered or if mailed by United States Mail, postage prepaid to:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Signature: *Faust G Adams* Date: 8 Sept 09

Name
Position

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Signature: *Robert C Brown* Date: 8 Sept 09

Robert C. Brown
President

ADDENDUM

General Education Requirements through Cossatot Community College

The University requires a minimum of 61 hours of general education to enter the Program. This table is designed to be a articulation guide for students who choose to enroll in general education requirements at Cossatot Community College.

Area	Course	Cr Hrs		AR Tech Course*	Completed
(6) English	Comp I	3		ENGL 1013	
	Comp II	3		ENGL 1023	
(3) Math	College Algebra	3		MATH 1113	
(19) Science	Chemistry	4		CHEM 1114	
	Human Anatomy	4		BIOL 2014	
	Human Physiology	4		BIOL 3074	
	Microbiology	4		BIOL 3054	
	Pathophysiology	3		BIOL 3803	
(3) Fine Arts	Into to Music or	3		MUS 2003	
	Into to Art or			ART 2123	
	Into to Theater or			TH 2273	
	Into to Film			ENGL 2173	
(3) Humanities	Intro to Phil or	3		PHIL 2003	
	A Literature Course			ENGL 2003 ENGL2013	
(15) Social Sciences	Intro to Sociology	3		SOC 1003	
	Psychology	3		PSY 2003	
	Life-Span Psych	3		PSY 3063	
	US History	3		HIST 2003 or 2013	
	Soc Science Elective	3		Approved electives include world history, government, political science, geography, anthropology, or economics	
(2) Activity	Physical Activity	2		Must be a physical activity, PE dept.	
(6) Electives	Recommended:				
	Computer Course,	3		COMS 1003	
	Adv Composition,	3		ENGL 2063	
	Technical Writing	3		ENGL 2053	
	Statistics		MATH 2163		
(4) Health Assessment	Health Assessment	4		NUR 3304	**

*Please note that the majority of courses are offered online at CCCUA and ATU.