

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Department of Nursing
Russellville, Arkansas

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

**ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF NURSING and
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE**

do hereby agree to affiliate for the purpose of offering nursing students the opportunity to develop knowledge in the delivery of nursing care. The terms of this commitment have been developed for the purpose of clarifying the roles of the cooperating institutions.

- I. Arkansas Tech University agrees to make the following provisions:
 - A. Supervision of all students' clinical objectives while assigned to the affiliating agency by Arkansas Tech University nursing faculty.
 - B. Arkansas Tech University, Department of Nursing retains direct responsibility and control of students' educational experiences.
 - C. Student assignments will be the direct responsibility of Arkansas Tech University nursing faculty in coordination with the agency personnel.
 - D. Faculty members and students of Arkansas Tech University Department of Nursing will assume responsibility as health team members by:
 1. delivering quality-nursing care
 2. adhering to policies and procedures of the agency.
 3. utilizing the appropriate channels of communication and adhering to the organizational structures of the agency.
 4. maintaining cordial relationship with staff members.
 - E. Students will carry professional and personal liability insurance coverage when assigned to patient care experiences.
 - F. Students are not permitted to begin their clinical practicum until evidence of the following is on file in the department: current (as determined by the County Health Department criteria) polio immunizations, diphtheria immunization, tetanus boosters, HBV immunization, and a yearly t.b. skin test. A chest x-ray will be required if the skin test is positive. These may be obtained from the County Health Unit. A form will be on file if a student refuses HBV immunization.
 - G. As noted in the Arkansas Tech University catalog, the university's health service does not cover doctor, hospital, or special medical costs. Students who are not adequately covered by family group insurance policies should purchase, prior to the beginning of the fall semester, the low cost Student Health Insurance Plan. This plan was especially designed for Arkansas Tech Students and covers on-campus or off-campus accidents and illnesses, which occur within one year following the fall semester registration date.
 - H. If a student becomes ill while in a cooperating health agency, he or she will contact Arkansas Tech University nursing faculty as soon as feasible. The faculty member will make the appropriate arrangements, in accordance with the health agency's policies, for the student to receive medical attention.

- II. The cooperating agency agrees to make the following provisions for the purpose of student learning:
 - A. Will allow nursing students and Arkansas Tech University instructors to utilize any portion of existing facilities appropriate for the student learning, (if it does not

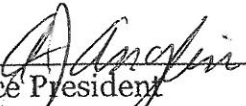
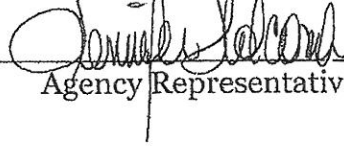
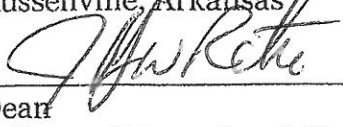
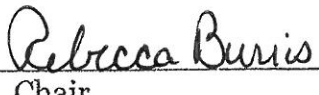
- interfere with other clinical rotations);
- B. Agency staff will participate in planning and coordination of student clinical experiences;
- C. Agency staff will serve as resource for student learning;
- D. Classroom space will be provided for conferences.

There shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, disability or veteran's status in either the selection of students for participation in the program or as to any aspect of the clinical education/applied learning experience; provided, however, that with respect to disability, the disability must not be such as would, even with reasonable accommodation, in and of itself, preclude the student's effective participation in the program.

Hospital/clinic hereby agrees to keep confidential any student educational records it may obtain unless it has otherwise obtained prior written consent of the student.

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) Department of Nursing is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. To ensure conformance with this Act, ATU provides faculty, staff and students with the information about the act and how it affects clinical practice. Students, faculty and staff sign an acknowledgement statement agreeing to ascribe to this Act. These acknowledgements are maintained in student and personnel files respectively.

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to waive the sovereign immunity of the State of Arkansas, Arkansas Tech University, its trustees, officers, employees, staff or agents. This affiliation agreement is effective **JANUARY 1, 2016**. This agreement shall automatically renew for additional terms of one year except as otherwise provided herein; either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause upon at least 60 days' prior written notice provided that all students currently enrolled in the Program at the Agency at the time of notice of termination shall be given the opportunity to complete their clinical Program at the Agency, such completion not to exceed three (3) months.

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|  Vice President Academic Affairs Arkansas Tech University Russellville, Arkansas | <u>2/1/2016</u> (Date) |  Agency Representative (Date) | Dean UAH <u>1/28/16</u> |
|  Dean College of Natural and Health Sciences Arkansas Tech University Russellville, Arkansas | <u>2016 Jan 28</u> (Date) |  Chair Department of Nursing Arkansas Tech University Russellville, Arkansas | <u>1/29/16</u> (Date) |