

**CONSORTIUM FOR ADVANCING BACCALAUREATE NURSING EDUCATION IN TEXAS ("CABNET")
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the following universities and community colleges (also referred to herein "CABNET Participants" or "Participants").

The Consortium for Advancing to Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas (hereinafter referred to as "CABNET") has been established for nursing schools to provide a seamless ADN to BSN curriculum, with ADN exit, that reduces barriers and duplication in a "1+2+1 Model" and improves seamless articulation/transfer from ADN to BSN education to help meet the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendation that 80% of nurses will have a bachelor's degree or higher by 2020. The CABNET participants agree to the following terms, and conditions:

ARTICLE I - ORIGINAL TERM, AMENDMENT, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall become effective as to each participating university and community college upon execution of this Agreement.
2. Amendments to this Agreement and its Appendices must be in writing and approved by the designated representatives of each CABNET participant.
3. Any Participant to this Agreement may terminate its participation in this Agreement with any other Participant by providing six (6) months prior written notice to the other Participant. A termination under this paragraph shall not terminate a Participant's participation in this Agreement with the other CABNET Participants to the Agreement.
4. This Agreement shall continue for an initial term of three years and will be automatically renewed for up to two additional three year terms (a total of 9 years) unless a Participant to the Agreement, at least six months prior to the end of any term, gives written notice of its intent to amend the agreement or terminate its participation in this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination under either paragraph 3 or 4 of this section, enrolled students shall be permitted to complete their current program at the terminating Party's option.

ARTICLE II - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

1. Each participating community college will award the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in nursing and each participating university will award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.
2. Each community college will create a one-page Community College Worksheet with one or more curricula for transfer to a RN-to-BSN program that contains as close to 54 semester credit hours as possible, meets their Texas Common Core curriculum and includes the standardized 45 semester credit hours approved by the Texas Association of Deans & Directors of Professional Nursing Programs in January of 2012 (see Appendix A), any other courses required to meet local requirements such as pre-requisites for any of the courses in the set 45 hours. At least one curriculum plan will include chemistry.
3. Participating universities will review each community college curriculum plan and indicate which plan(s) they will agree to accept and not require any further lower division general education courses.
4. CABNET participants agree to share evaluation and outcome data as requested by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ("THECB") to a central repository. In compliance with Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") regulations, Federal Regulations Title 34, Part 99, data will be released in the composite unless student consent is obtained to release personal information.

ARTICLE III - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Relationships: CABNET participant intend that each Party's relationship to any other at all times and for all purposes under this Agreement is to be that of an independent contractor. No Party is considered an agent or employee of any other Party for any purpose, and no Party, nor any of its agents, employees, or students is entitled to any of the benefits that other Parties provides its employees, unless specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement. This Agreement shall not create any rights in any third parties, specifically any students participating in the program. The only Parties to this agreement are CABNET participants.

ARTICLE IV - LIABILITY

Liability: Each Party will be responsible for its tortious acts and those of its officers, employees or agents except to the extent that Texas law limits liability of a public institution, its officers, agents and employees.

ARTICLE V - SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, the invalidity of that section shall not affect the validity of any other section of this agreement provided that any invalid provision is not material to the overall purpose and operations of this Agreement. The remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

ARTICLE VI - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Dispute Resolution: The CABNET participants agree that they will attempt to resolve any dispute between them arising out of or related to this Agreement at the lowest appropriate level of administration possible. If a dispute continues to be unresolved, the Deans for each affected party shall be advised of the issue and shall meet to negotiate an acceptable resolution within 60 days of notice of the dispute.

Name of Participating Community College: Houston Community College

Donna Spivey

Donna Spivey, DNP, RN
Dean of Nursing

Date: 2/21/2019

Philip Nicotera

Philip Nicotera, MD, MS, Ed
Coleman College President

Date: 2/22/19

Cesar Maldonado

Cesar Maldonado, PhD, P.E.
Chancellor

Date: 2-16-19

Name of Participating University: University of Houston

Plan(s) Endorsed: X Plan A

Kathryn Tart, RN

Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
College of Nursing, Dean

Date: 4-25-2019

Paula M. Short

Paula M. Short, PhD
Senior VP for Academic Affairs

Date: 5-28-19

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

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Sabrina Hassumani

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Associate Provost, Finance & Administration

CABNET Agreement**Appendix A****Community College Worksheet**

Community College participants are to complete and submit along with the signed CABNET agreement and a copy of the college's core curriculum.

Community College: Houston Community College 2018-19 Core Curriculum
<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/catalog/hcc-core-curriculum/>

Area	CABNET Agreement Plan A
Standardized Courses	
1. Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2301 & 2101 2302 & 2102 (8)
2. Microbiology	BIOL 2320 & 2102 (4)
3. General Psychology	PSYC 2301 (3)
4. Human Growth & Development	PSYC 2314 (3)
5. English	ENGL 1301 & 1302 (6)
6. Language, Philosophy & Culture	Select from HCC list (3)
7. Creative Arts	Select from HCC list (3)
8. Government	GOVT 2305 & 2306 (6)
9. History	HIST 1301 & 1302 (6)
10. Math Statistics	MATH 1342 (3)
Subtotal	45
Individualized Courses	
Core Curriculum Courses	SPCH 1315 or 1318 (3)
Pre-requisite Courses	Math 1314 (3)
BSN required Courses	BIOL 1322 (3) CHEM 1405 (4)
Subtotal	13
Total	58
Nursing Hours - Houston Community College RN Advance Placement Hours	32
Total	90