

## **CONSORTIUM FOR ADVANCING TO 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").

Whereas, the Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing (2011) established a goal to be reached by the year 2020 that 80% of nurses in the United States would hold a bachelor's degree in nursing, and

Whereas, associate degree nursing programs (herein referred to as "ADN") in Texas have provided a valuable pipeline of students into Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs (herein referred to as "BSN"), and

Whereas, multiple nursing groups and organizations around the State of Texas have identified barriers in the transitioning of ADN students to BSN programs, and

Whereas, 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 (hereinafter referred to as a "1+2+1 Model") and improve seamless articulation/transfer from ADN to BSN education.

Therefore, the CABNET participants agree to the following goals, 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 be reviewed every three years and will be automatically renewed for a successive three year term unless a Participant to the Agreement, at least six months prior to the end of any term, gives written notice of its intent to 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**

**A. Purpose and Goals**

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. This Agreement and its Appendices set forth:
  - a. Articulation agreement for standardized general education courses (see Appendix A - Community College Worksheet).
  - b. Identification of University preferred prerequisite courses (see Appendix B – University Worksheet).
  - c. BSN guaranteed admission to participating university to students who meet the admission criteria on a space available basis.

**B. Curriculum**

1. 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.
2. The Community College Worksheets will be shared with all university level consortium participants.
  - a. Participating universities will review each community college curriculum plan and indicate which plan(s) they will agree to accept.
  - b. If a university endorses a particular plan, they will agree not to require any further lower division general education courses.

**C. Recruitment**

1. CABNET community colleges will promote the benefits of obtaining a BSN in appropriate publications including, but not limited to, the college web sites and nursing school web pages. Each community college will designate an individual within the health sciences division to serve as a liaison for students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
2. CABNET universities will make promotional information available to community colleges and designate a liaison to assist students in making application to the BSN Program.

**D. Evaluation**

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.

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2013 – Using 2012 Core Curriculum

SIGNATURE PAGE

Name of Participating Community College: Trinity Valley Community College

H. Rail

Signature  
School of Nursing

Date: 6/19/13

[Signature]

Signature  
Authorized College Representative

Date: 6-27-13

Name of Participating University: University of Houston-Victoria

Plan(s) Endorsed: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan A  
adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Plan B  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plan C  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plan D

Kathryn Yant, Dean

Signature  
School of Nursing

Date: 6-12-2013

[Signature]

Signature  
Authorized College Representative

Date: 6/13/13

[Signature]

Signature  
University President

Date: 6/13/13

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Appendix A

Community College RN-to-BSN Pathway Worksheet

**Community College:** Trinity Valley Community College

General Education Courses - 2012 Core Curriculum

Area	CABNET Agreement Plan A	CABNET Agreement Plan B	CABNET Agreement Plan C	CABNET Agreement Plan D
<b>Standardized Courses</b>				
1. Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2401 & 2402			
2. Microbiology	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420
3. General Psychology	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301
4. Human Growth & Development	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314
5. English	ENGL 1301 & 1302			
6. Humanities	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Sophomore Literature	Religion course (PHIL)
7. Fine Arts	Select from TVCC list			
8. Government	GOVT 2305 & 2306			
9. History	HIST 1301 & 1302			
10. Math Statistics	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342
Subtotal	45	45	45	45
<b>Individualized Courses</b>				
Core curriculum req.	Speech or Spanish course			
Core curriculum req.	BCIS 1305	BCIS 1305	BCIS 1305	BCIS 1305
BSN course	SOCI 1301 or BIOL 1322	CHEM 1405 or 1411	MATH 1314	3 hours religion
			SOCI 1301	
			ENGL 2311	
Subtotal	9	10	15	9
Total	54	55	60	54
TVCC ADN Nursing	36	36	36	36
Total	90	91	96	90
Universities Approving Articulation Agreements				

TVCC Core Curriculum from 2012-2013 Catalog

<b>Component Area</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>
Communication	ENGL 1301 & 1302	6
	One course from: SPCH 1311, 1315, 1321 *FREN 1411, 1412 *SPAN 1411, 1412, 2311, 2312	3
Mathematics	One course from: MATH 1314, 1324, 1325, 1342, 1350, 1351, 2312, 2413, 2414, 2415	3
Natural Sciences	Two Laboratory Science Courses from: BIOL 1406, 1407, 2401, 2402, 2421, 2404 CHEM 1405, 1408, 1411, 1412, 2423, 2425 ENVR 1401, 1402 PHYS 1401, 1402, 1415, 1417, 2425, 2426	8
Humanities	One course from: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2326, 2332, 2333 HUMA 1301 PHIL 1301, 1304, 1316, 1317, 2303, 2306, 2307, 2316, 2321	3
Visual & Performing Arts	One course from: ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304 DRAM 1310, 2366 MUSI 1306, 1307	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences	HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2327, or 2328 (either HIST 1301 or 1302 must be taken to satisfy 3 hours of this requirement)	6
	GOVT 2305, 2306	6
	One course from: ECON 2301, 2302 GEOG 1301, 1302 PSYC 2301, 2302, 2314, 2315 SOC1 1301, 1306, 2301, 2361	3
Computer Science	BCIS 1305 **COSC 2320	3