

**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”) **Victoria College and University of Houston-Victoria.**

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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Name of Participating Community College: Victoria College

Darla Guajardo

Ms. Darla Guajardo
Director of Nursing Programs
Victoria College

Date: 7/22/14

Betsy Crane

Ms. Betsy Crane
Dean of Career, Health & Technical
Professions
Victoria College

Date: 7/22/14

Tom Butler

Dr. Tom Butler
President
Victoria College

Date: 7/22/14

Name of Participating University: University of Houston-Victoria

Plan(s) Endorsed: X Plan A

Kathryn Tart

Dr. Kathryn Tart
Dean of Nursing
University of Houston-Victoria

Date: July 28, 2014

Plan B

Raymond Morgan

Dr. Raymond Morgan
Interim President
University of Houston-Victoria

Date: 7/22/14

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Appendix A

Community College RN-to-BSN Pathway Worksheet

Community College: Victoria College

General Education Courses - 2014 Core Curriculum

Area	CABNET Agreement Plan A
Standardized Courses	
1. Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2401 & 2402
2. Microbiology	BIOL 2420
3. General Psychology	PSYC 2301
4. Human Growth & Development	PSYC 2314
5. English	ENGL 1301 & 1302
6. Language, Philosophy, & Culture	Select from Victoria College List
7. Creative Arts	Select from Victoria College list
8. Government	GOVT 2305 & 2306
9. History	HIST 1301 & 1302
10. Math Statistics	MATH 1342
Subtotal	45
Individualized Courses	
Core curriculum req.	Speech 1315 or 1318
ADN course	SOCI 1301
ADN course/Core curriculum req.	POFI 1204 or BCIS 1305 or COSC 1301
ADN course	CHEM 1406
ADN course	PHED 1101 x 2
Subtotal	15
Total	60
Victoria ADN Nursing (includes HPRS 2200)	37
Total	97
Universities Approving Articulation Agreements	

Victoria College Core Curriculum Courses

Core Component	Core #	Course Selection		Minimum Hours Required
COMMUNICATION	010	Select 1	ENGL 1301	6
		Select 1	SPCH 1315, 1318	
MATHEMATICS	020	Select 1	MATH 1314, 1316, 1324, 1332, 1342, 2312, 2413	3*
LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES	030	Select 2	BIOL 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 2306, BIOL 2404, BIOL 2420	6*
			CHEM 1406, 1411, 1412	
			ENVR 1301, GEOL 1305, 1403, 1404	
			PHYS 1315, 1401, 1402, 1410, 2425, 2426	
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE	040	Select 1	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328	3
CREATIVE ARTS	050	Select 1	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304	3
			DRAM 1310	
			MUSI 1304, 1306, 1308, 1309, 1310	
AMERICAN HISTORY	060	Select 2	HIST 1301, 1302, 2301	6
GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE	070	Select 2	GOVT 2305, 2306	6
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	080	Select 1	ECON 2301, 2302, GEOG 1303	3
			PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301	
COMPONENT AREA OPTION	090	Select 6 SCH	Any course listed above except ENGL 1301, GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306	6
			BCIS 1305 (3) or COSC 1301 (3)	
			EDUC 1300 (3)	
			ENGL 1302 (3)	

			ENGL 2311 (3)	
			MATH 1325 (3)	
			*OTHER HOURS – BIOL 1406 (1), 1407 (1), 1408 (1), 1409 (1), 2402 (1), 2420 (1), CHEM 1406 (1), 1411 (1), 1412 (1), GEOL 1403 (1), 1404 (1), MATH 2413 (1), PHYS 1401 (1), 1402 (1), 1410 (1), 2425 (1), 2426 (1)	

***Additional hours fall to Component Area Option or will fulfill degree requirements.**

**ADDENDUM TO CABNET AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA AND VICTORIA COLLEGE
DUAL DEGREE (A.A.S. and B.S.N) PARTNERSHIP**



Whereas the University of Houston-Victoria and Victoria College are committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Victoria area and assisting students enrolled at these institutions in achieving their educational goals and,

Whereas the University of Houston-Victoria and Victoria College are committed to offering quality nursing education in a cost effective and time efficient manner that provides program graduates with maximum career flexibility and increased opportunities for advancing in the profession,

Therefore this addendum establishes a cooperative partnership between these two institutions of higher education to offer a dual degree (A.A.S. and B.S.N.) nursing program in Victoria, Texas. This partnership will provide students with the opportunity to:

1. Complete courses that meet core curriculum and School of Nursing requirements for both institutions; these courses may be taken at any accredited institution of higher education including the University of Houston Victoria and Victoria College, and
2. Upon meeting all admission requirements, successfully complete the Victoria College ADN Program, and
3. Take the NCLEX-RN to become a Registered Nurse in the state of Texas and,
4. Immediately following graduation and upon meeting all University of Houston-Victoria School of Nursing admission requirements enroll in the University of Houston RN to BSN Program offered in Victoria, Texas.
5. Graduates who meet all the above outlined requirements will be accepted into the University of Houston-Victoria School of Nursing RN to BSN Program.

Individuals who sign the BSN Degree Declaration at the time they enroll in the Victoria College ADN Program will follow the University of Houston-Victoria School of Nursing BSN degree requirements and will pay the tuition rates effective at the time the agreement is signed. Once they enroll in the Victoria College ADN Program students must be continuously enrolled in nursing courses each long semester.

