

## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**University of Delaware**

**and**

**Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing**

Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing, (hereinafter known as MRSN) and the University of Delaware, (hereinafter known as UD), collectively referred to as "the partner institutions," agree to the following as it pertains to the jointly provided four-year pathway to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree:

This Memorandum of Agreement is effective as of the date indicated on the signature page.

This Memorandum of Agreement will be reviewed annually in June or July. Minimally, appropriate representatives from the MRSN and UD College of Health Sciences (CHS) will attend, as well as the UD Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, UD Vice-President for Enrollment Management, UD University Registrar, and the UD Directors of Admissions, Student Financial Services and the Associate in Arts Program. The review will include an assessment of student success.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES**

1. To qualify for admission to this joint program, students must demonstrate preparedness for a demanding academic curriculum. At minimum, students must have graduated from high school with GPA of 2.75 and grades of at least "B-" in biology and chemistry.
2. UD will process the applications and enrollment documentation for interested students. No later than May 31 of each year, UD will inform MRSN of the number of students in the program for the upcoming fall semester. By mutual agreement, students may be admitted to the program after May 31 of each year. UD agrees to provide MRSN with the names and supporting documentation of all students accepted into the program. UD will provide MRSN with the student data in a standard format to be agreed upon by mutual consent of the partner institutions.
3. No marketing of this program by UD or MRSN on Delaware Technical Community College campuses is permitted.

### **ACADEMICS/CURRICULUM**

4. This joint curriculum, including courses provided by the UD Associate in Arts Program (AAP), MRSN, and CHS, provides a four-year pathway to the BSN degree.
5. Students entering the program are expected to complete the first three years of the program in

a cohort, taking all courses together. Failure of a course or other extenuating circumstances, agreed upon as such by the partner institutions, may result in allowing a student to take one or more selected courses out of sequence. UD must grant permission for UD courses to be taken out of sequence.

6. The tables below show the current curriculum plan for the first three years of the program by academic term, year, and the responsible offering unit. The curriculum may change by joint agreement of UD and MRSN. Courses provided by the AAP will be held along with AAP students or will be online. Courses provided by CHS will be held on the MRSN campus, the UD campus, or will be online. Courses provided by MRSN will be on the MRSN campus.

<b>Prescribed Curriculum for Year One</b>				
<b>Responsible Unit</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
AAP	ENGL110 UNIV116 MATH114 CHEM 103 BISC207	NTDT200 PSYC100	BISC276	HDFS201 SOC1201
CHS			NURS101 MEDT270 MEDT200	
<b>Prescribed Curriculum for Year Two</b>				
<b>Responsible Unit</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
AAP	A or B Group	A or B Group A or B Group	A or B Group	A or B Group A or B Group
In their 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, students complete 9 credits from each of the A group (Creative Arts & Humanities) and B group (History and Cultural Change). 3 of these credits must also fulfil the multicultural requirement.				
MRSN	Foundations of Nursing		Nursing Care of Adults	
<b>Prescribed Curriculum for Year Three</b>				
<b>Responsible Unit</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
MRSN	Nursing Care of Special Populations		Advanced Concepts in Nursing	

7. By the end of year three on this four-year pathway, students should have completed the 60 credits of UD coursework required for completion of the Associate in Arts degree and the MRSN requirements for the RN diploma. Students who have completed all of these requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who have passed the NCLEX Exam will qualify for admission to the UD RN-BSN program. Students who are admitted to the program will receive 30 credits from UD for the passage of the NCLEX Exam. Admission to the UD RN-BSN program requires a separate application and that acceptance is also based on

the number of available seats. Students must meet all UD degree requirements to be awarded the BSN degree. The curriculum for the UD RN-BSN program is displayed in the table below. Any changes to this curriculum require only the approval of UD.

Prescribed Curriculum for Year Four				
Responsible Unit	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
CHS	NURS320 NURS312 NURS325 STAT 200	NURS362 Second Writing Requirement	NURS350 NURS435 NURS443 NURS442	NURS412/414 NURS 411

### LOGISTICS AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

8. In coordination with AAP academic advisors, MRSN will provide advisement of students during the first three years of the program on the MRSN campus. MRSN shall advise students that completion of the AA degree is expected. The AAP will advise students regarding AA degree requirements until each student has completed the AA degree. UD Nursing will advise students admitted to the RN-BSN program.
9. Students will register through UD for the required UD courses. Students will register through MRSN for MRSN courses.
10. While enrolled in UD courses, students are subject to UD's Code of Conduct and have the right to due process according to normal procedures. UD reserves the right to dismiss any UD student at any time for conduct that is in violation of established roles and regulations. It is understood that such a step would be taken in consultation with MRSN and only after prior discussion with MRSN officials. While enrolled at the MRSN, students will abide by the policies of the MRSN student handbook and Nursing Honor Code. The dismissal of a student from this program shall not abrogate this agreement.

### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. UD will bill students directly for all UD program costs. MRSN will bill students directly for all MRSN program costs.

### TERMS

12. For UD to offer this program, a minimum enrollment of 12 students is required. Should the number of students in a newly admitted cohort be less than 12 students, UD is no longer bound by the terms of this agreement to start the new cohort and may terminate the program. Students who have begun this jointly provided program prior to the termination date of the agreement shall be allowed to complete their course of study at

MRSN. UD agrees to allow students who have begun the AAP under the terms of the four-year BSN pathway to complete the Associate in Arts degree with the Associate in Arts and CHS courses required for the four-year BSN pathway or an alternate UD nursing program available at the time of application to the UD School of Nursing.

13. This agreement is contingent on students in each program cohort advancing to year 2 in the AAP and graduating from the AAP at rates that are equal to or better than those for the Georgetown AAP students as a whole. If the retention and graduation rates of students in this program fall below these standards, UD is no longer bound by the terms of this agreement to start a new cohort and may terminate the program. The current rate for advancing to year 2 is 84.5% and the current graduation rate is 46.8% (2-year) and 62.7% (3-year).
14. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Agreement by giving written notification to the other party at least 6 months prior to the proposed termination date.
15. This Memorandum of Agreement does not bind either institution to any financial obligations or other commitments beyond the terms specified.
16. For conditions that arise regarding the four-year pathway that are not covered by this agreement, or for problems that arise during the course of this agreement, both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate a mutually acceptable decision.
17. Amendments to this agreement may be made at any time by an exchange of letters between the two institutions. Such agreements, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this agreement.
18. UD and MRSN hereby agree upon the above items coming into effect with the last signature date, and after that, renewing automatically each year, with the understanding that either party may terminate the agreement at any time with at least six months written notice.

#### **INDEMNITY**

Each of the parties shall indemnify and hold the other party, its trustees, directors, officers, employees and authorized agents harmless from any and all damages, claims, actions, liability and expenses (including the cost of judgments, settlements, court costs and attorney's fees), regardless of the outcome of such claims or actions, against any loss or damage arising from the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the indemnifying party or its officers, employees, and authorized agents or any failure of the indemnifying party to perform any obligation undertaken by such party hereunder.

The obligation of the indemnifying party hereunder shall apply only if the indemnified party provides prompt notification upon receipt of notice of any claim or suit, permit the indemnifying party and its attorneys and personnel to handle and control the defense of such claims or suits,

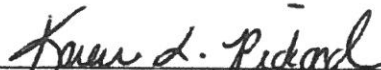
including pretrial, trial or settlement, and the indemnified party fully cooperates and assists in such defense. The indemnified party further agrees that if it settles or compromises any such claim or suit without the prior written consent of the indemnifying party, the indemnified party forfeits its right of indemnification. This Indemnification section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### SIGNATURES



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