

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between  
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges  
for the  
Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing  
and  
McKendree University  
for the  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

### **PURPOSE:**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and McKendree University, in order to contribute to the development of a seamless postsecondary education system for the citizens of Illinois and to promote the transfer of credits and increase educational opportunities for the students of Illinois, establish this Transfer Agreement between the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at McKendree University.

### **ACCREDITATION STATUS:**

McKendree University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and approved to award bachelor's and master's degrees, including the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) and the Master of Science Degree in Nursing (MSN). McKendree University is authorized to operate and grant degrees by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). In addition, McKendree's BSN and MSN programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Both institutions will observe HLC, IBHE, and CCNE policies and procedures, as applicable, and will adhere to requirements of reporting information to these and other accrediting agencies.

### **CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT:**

Conditions of agreement for the transfer of credit and cooperation between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and McKendree University for the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing are identified in this Memorandum of Agreement and any attachments or addenda of this agreement.

### ***Admissions Practices***

Upon completion of the attached program leading to the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges graduates who meet McKendree University's admission requirements will be selected for admission to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

### ***Dual Enrollment***

In addition, students enrolled in Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will have the opportunity for dual enrollment with McKendree University provided that these students have a 3.25 grade point average (GPA). Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students with this GPA who meet McKendree University admission requirements will be allowed to enroll in the following coursework at McKendree University prior to completion of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing and completion of nursing licensure:

NSG 315	Theoretical Models of Nursing Practice
NSG 345	Transcultural Aspects of Healthcare
NSG 370	Pathophysiology

Students who enroll in these courses will pay the McKendree University tuition rate.

***Tuition Guarantee***

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges nursing students who enroll in McKendree University's Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program will be granted a guaranteed tuition rate for five years. The tuition guarantee will be based on continuous enrollment of the student in McKendree University's Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program.

***Acceptance and Application of Credits***

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students who successfully complete the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing program and pass the NCLEX-RN are eligible for transfer of credit. Seventy hours of academic credit from the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing program will be accepted and applied toward the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program at McKendree University.

**Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing  
and McKendree University Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing  
COURSE ARTICULATION MATRIX**

McKendree University BSN Requirements	Required Credit Hours for BSN	AAS in Nursing at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges	AAS Credit Hours Transferred to McKendree	Hours to be Completed at McKendree
<b>Behavioral Sciences (6 hrs required)</b>				
Psychology	3	PSY 1101 General Psychology	3	
Sociology	3	SOC 2101 Principles of Sociology	3	
<b>Mathematics and Science (including one lab course) (16 hrs required)</b>				
Statistics	3-4			4
Computer Software	3	CIS 1101 Introduction to Computers & Their Applications	3	
Anatomy <i>and</i> Physiology, Microbiology <i>or</i> Competency, Chemistry <i>or</i> Competency	9-10	LSC 2111 Human Anatomy & Physiology I LSC 2112 Human Anatomy & Physiology II LSC 2110 General Microbiology Chemistry Competency	4 4 4	
<b>Ethics (3 hrs required)</b>				1
PHI 391 <i>or</i> NSG 405	3			3
<b>Additional General Education Requirements (18 hrs required)</b>				
Fine Arts	3	HUM 1111, ART 1105, LIT 2101, MUS 1101, PHI 2101	3	
Philosophy <i>or</i> Religion	3			3
History, Economics, <i>or</i> Political Science	3			3
Literature	3			3
English I	3	ENG 1111 Composition I	3	
English II <i>or</i> NSG 307	3	ENG 1121 Composition & Analysis	3	
<b>Additional Credit Hours Transferred From Community College</b>				
		MTH 1103 Liberal Arts Math	3	
		PSY 2109 Human Growth & Development	3	

<b>Total Nursing Specialty Courses Transferred in to McKendree University (Block Transfer with Licensure)</b>	34		34	
<b>Nursing Major Requirements (31 hrs required)</b>				
NSG 314 Nursing Research (W)	3			3
NSG 315 Theoretical Models of Nursing Practice	2			2
NSG 320 Evidence-Based Practice	2			2
NSG 345 Transcultural Nursing	3			3
NSG 350 Health Assessment	3			3
NSG 370 Pathophysiology	4			4
NSG 400 Leadership and Management	3			3
NSG 420 Family Health Nursing	3			3
NSG 450 Community Health Nursing	4			4
NSG 470 Clinical Pract. in Community Health (W)	4			4
<b>Additional Electives Needed to Reach 58 University Level Hours</b>	18			10
<b>Total Hours Required for BSN</b>	<b>128</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY:**

McKendree University will provide informational materials to Illinois Eastern Community Colleges advisors to facilitate their understanding of McKendree University's Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program upon request.

McKendree University will designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement, building the relationship, and answering any questions of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' students, faculty, and staff.

McKendree University will promote this agreement through institutional print material, web sites, and mailings designed specifically for transfer students, and in a quality consistent with promotion of other academic programs and opportunities for potential McKendree University students. Specifically, McKendree University will develop and provide a brochure specific for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges highlighting the articulation agreement and the Course Articulation Matrix.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES:**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will allow designated McKendree University personnel access to Illinois Eastern Community Colleges campuses for the purposes of recruitment at times and events that are deemed appropriate by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will provide McKendree University with access to the updated course academic catalog upon request.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will provide McKendree University with mailing lists of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students nearing graduation, as well as graduated students, to the extent permitted by law.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement, building the relationship, and answering any questions of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students, faculty, and staff.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will promote this agreement as appropriate in print material, web sites, and mailings for students in a quality consistent with the promotion of other academic programs and opportunities for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students.

**JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and McKendree University will work together to design and place promotional materials, news releases, informative brochures and paid advertising as a joint effort with costs being shared by the two institutions.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and McKendree University will design a cooperative process to support the advisement of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students and to facilitate student transfer related to this agreement.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT:**

This agreement will be considered in force when signed by both parties.

**ANNUAL EVALUATION:**

Should requirements for graduation for the McKendree University Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing or the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing change, these changes shall be communicated to the appropriate program and institution, and the conditions of this agreement reviewed.

This agreement will be reviewed by both institutions annually.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and McKendree University agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement to ensure consistency, program quality, and transferability for the students.

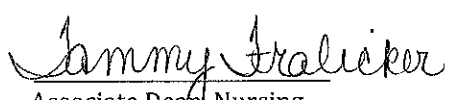
**TERM AND MODIFICATION:**

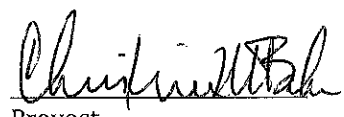
This agreement may be terminated with written notification by either institution at least one year prior to the termination date. The termination date will be based on the Implementation of the Agreement date entered into by both institutions. Should the agreement be terminated, provisions will be made to allow students who are already enrolled to complete the program in a timely manner.

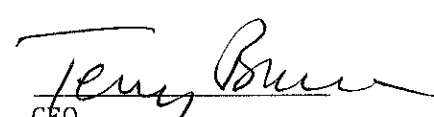
This agreement may be terminated by either party if the other party becomes in default under any of the terms and conditions herein. The non-defaulting party will give the defaulting party ten (10) days prior written notice of any default and the defaulting party shall have ten (10) days from the receipt of that notice to cure any item of default. If the default is not cured, then the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement or exercise any other remedy in law or in equity.

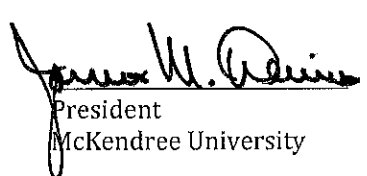
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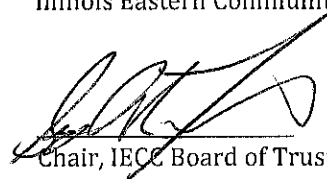
  
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