

AGREEMENT
Between
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
And
ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES
For A BS in Nursing Partnership

This Agreement for a BS in Nursing Partnership is made and entered into this *26th* day of *September* 2016, by and between the **Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University**, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, governing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on behalf of its School of Nursing, and the **Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges**, an Illinois public community college organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, governing Illinois Eastern Community Colleges on behalf of the IECC-OCC Associate Degree Nursing Program.

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) and Illinois Eastern Community College (IECC) both share a common pride and a history of serving the Southern Illinois region with high quality educational programs, offering curricula that combine various disciplines in arts and sciences with programs that prepare students for careers in various fields; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SIUE School of Nursing is to inspire our students and faculty to embody the creativity to teach, the curiosity to learn, the courage to serve, and the compassion to care for others in this diverse and complex world, forever exemplifying nursing excellence in action; and

WHEREAS, IECC's mission is to empower nurses by raising aspirations and fostering achievement through dynamic, compassionate and responsible learning experiences and advancing excellence in nursing practice and

WHEREAS, SIUE and IECC desire to enter into this Agreement to establish a non-exclusive BS in Nursing Partnership leading to a bachelor of science degree in nursing at SIUE School of Nursing to increase opportunities for student access to and success in Nursing education and the profession of nursing by mutually agreeing to clarify transfer policies and procedures that assure articulation between programs and to assist students in making a seamless transfer of IECC course work to SIUE for the completion of the baccalaureate degree in Nursing;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the institutions agree as follows:

Purpose

The purpose of this associate degree to bachelor's degree track is for IECC students to be able to obtain a bachelor's degree in Nursing at SIUE after attending IECC to complete an associate degree and the majority of the general education requirements in preparation for attending the RN/BS Program at SIUE School of Nursing. Upon completion of the requirements of both institutions, a student will qualify for an Associate in Applied Science degree from IECC first, and then a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from SIUE. Sample curricula outlining how a typical student would be able to satisfy the requirements is attached to this Agreement. The two institutions agree to inform each other of any future curriculum changes so that the basic Agreement remains in force as curriculum changes occur at either school.

II. Policies and Procedures for Operation of the BS in Nursing Partnership Track

A. Student Eligibility

A student is admissible to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville once it is determined the student meets minimum SIUE admission standards and is enrolled in the BS in Nursing Partnership track at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.

B. Admission to SIUE

A student is required to submit a BS in Nursing Partnership Application for Admission to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. A student submits the application **after the student is enrolled** in the BS in Nursing Partnership track at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Although a student will be admitted to SIUE upon receipt of the application, the student will not matriculate at SIUE until minimum admission standards have been achieved and all prerequisite coursework is completed. This should be accomplished through the successful completion of the outlined curriculum included in this Agreement.

Students identifying their interest in the program at the time of application to SIUE will be admitted to SIUE in anticipation of successful completion of the IECC curriculum. The SIUE program curriculum will remain unchanged from a student's point of admission throughout continuous enrollment and timely completion of degree requirements. A student failing to complete requirements within the timeline established by SIUE policy may be subject to new and/or revised requirements.

Prior to the student's anticipated entry term, SIUE will review the student's academic progress to ensure that admission requirements to the University have been satisfied. Students meeting requirements will be eligible to enroll at that time.

A student who is satisfactorily completing the first two semesters of the curriculum at IECC as outlined in the BS in Nursing Partnership progression plan and has completed required prerequisite coursework, will be **admitted directly to the SIUE RN/BS program** and may enroll in NURS 240R and NURS 335R during their third and fourth semester, prior to obtaining RN licensure. Once a student has successfully completed the ADN program at IECC and licensure as a registered nurse is obtained, a student may progress through the remaining RN/BS nursing courses (NURS 472R, 475R, 484R, and 480R). Upon enrollment in NURS 475R, SIUE will award 40-43 proficiency credits for nursing course work completed in the associate degree within the nursing program at IECC.

C. Academic Standing

A student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. Once admitted to SIUE, a student will be subject to standard retention requirements applicable to all SIUE students.

D. Transfer of Coursework

Upon receipt of official transcripts from IECC, SIUE will record all transfer credit to the student's record as articulated.

III. SIUE Responsibilities

- A. Designate a contact person to handle all communication with IECC that relates to the administration of the BS in Nursing Partnership.
- B. Each semester, provide IECC with a list of IECC students enrolled in the BS in Nursing Partnership program.
- C. Retain the right to make curricular changes and inform IECC in advance of any current and planned changes to the curriculum that may impact the operation of the BS in Nursing Partnership.
- D. Consult with, and obtain the approval of, the IECC Office of Media Relations prior to using IECC name and/or logo in any recruitment materials for the BS in Nursing Partnership

IV. Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Responsibilities

- A. Designate a contact at IECC to handle all communication with SIUE that relates to the administration of the BS in Nursing Partnership.
- B. Retain the right to make curricular changes and inform SIUE in advance of any current and planned changes to the curriculum that may impact the operation of the BS in Nursing Partnership.
- C. At the end of each semester, provide the SIUE Office of the Registrar with official transcripts of IECC students enrolled in the BS in Nursing Partnership program. The transcripts are to be forwarded to Box 1080, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1080.
- D. Consult with, and obtain the approval of, the SIUE Office of Marketing and Communications prior to using SIUE name and/or logo in any recruitment materials for the BS in Nursing Partnership.
- E. Admit a minimum of 8 students in the BS in Nursing Partnership program during each fall and spring admission to the ADN program.

V. Term

The term of this Agreement shall be from Fall Semester 2017 through the Spring Semester 2020. This Agreement may be renewed only by written agreement of the institutions. An institution may terminate this Agreement with 120 day written notice to the other institution. Termination, however, will not be executed without a negotiated teach-out agreement for students currently enrolled. The term of this agreement shall be in effect for students entering IECC in Fall 2017.

VI. Relationship of the Institutions

The institutions agree that they are independent institutions contracting together, and that nothing contained herein is to be construed as making the institutions partners or joint venturers. For purposes of the subject matter of this Agreement, the employees, officers and agents of one institution shall not be employees, officers, or agents of the other institution and may not hold themselves as such nor may they make any representations or commitments on behalf of the other. Both institutions, through their employees, officers, and agents, may represent such matters and understandings as are contained in this agreement.

VII. Notices

All notices pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing and will be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following designated representatives for each institution:

SIUE

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Address: RH Box 1047

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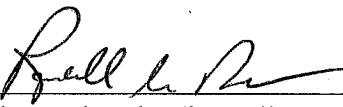
VIII. Mutual Understandings

- A. Compliance - Performance pursuant to this Agreement shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and orders. Further, each institution shall be governed by the applicable and mandatory policies, procedures, regulations established by their governing bodies, any accrediting bodies, and any other agency with oversight obligations in the implementation and interpretation of this Articulation Agreement. Students shall comply with the policies, rules, regulations and procedures of the institution of their enrollment.
- B. Non-Discrimination - The institutions hereto agree that neither institution shall in the performance of this Agreement discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, or unfavorable discharge from military service not including dishonorable discharge.
- C. Program Promotion - Each institution shall advertise the provisions of this Agreement so that it is disseminated to prospective and existing students by reasonable means, which may include but is not limited to the Internet, student catalogs, view books, program brochures, and other advertising. Advertising copy for the BS in Nursing Partnership shall be reviewed and approved in writing by each institution prior to publication. Each institution shall have a limited, non-exclusive right to use the name, trademarks, and logos of the other institution in the advertising for the BS in Nursing Partnership Program.
- D. Cooperation - Each institution shall encourage and maintain a high degree of cooperation between their support staffs in the operation of this Agreement.


- E. Waiver - Waiver by either institution of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other or all terms and provisions. To be effective, any waiver, change, discharge or termination of any provision of the Agreement shall be in writing signed by both institutions.
- F. Confidentiality of Student Education Records – Each institution shall comply fully with all provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in performance of obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Subject to FERPA, the institutions shall share student records to the extent necessary to operate the BS in Nursing Partnership Program and shall protect such records from unauthorized disclosure.
- G. Applicable Law - Questions of validity, execution, construction, and interpretation which may arise hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the state of Illinois without reference to conflict of law principles.
- H. Severability - If any clause or provision of this Agreement, or the application of any clause to a particular context or to a particular situation, circumstance or person, should be held unenforceable, invalid or in violation of law by any court, the validity and enforceability of the enforceable portion of any such provision and/or the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.
- I. Amendments - This Agreement may be amended only by written addendum signed by both institutions.
- J. Entire Agreement - This Agreement and its attachments constitute the entire agreement between the institutions pertaining to the BS in Nursing Partnership and supersedes all prior written or verbal agreements between the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.
- K. SIUE shall serve as the Home Institution and shall administer all financial aid for the student once the student has fully matriculated to SIUE and during the period of enrollment as a degree- or certificate-seeking student with SIUE. IECC shall serve as the Host Institution and shall administer all financial aid for the student during the period that the student is enrolled in and attending IECC as part of the BS in Nursing Partnership program, including for classes the student is enrolled in at SIUE and classes for which the student is enrolled at IECC but will transfer to SIUE. It is further agreed that this Agreement precludes the awarding of financial aid for such student by the Home Institution (as opposed to the Host Institution) during these periods.

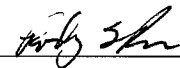
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the institutions hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first written above.

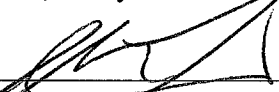
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NEW AGREEMENT:

9/20/14