Transfer option for RN-BSN Bridge Program between The Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College and Victoria College

This agreement describes various aspects of a joint project to be implemented by the contracting participants: Alamo Colleges District – San Antonio College (SAC) and Victoria College.

This agreement is entered into by and between the governmental bodies as identified, pursuant to the authority granted and in compliance with the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

OVERALL INTENT

Senate Bill 2118 has given community colleges permission to offer Baccalaureate degrees. Accordingly, San Antonio College applied and was given approval to offer this option; an alternate pathway for a Registered Nurse to earn a Baccalaureate degree. The intent of the program is to provide an opportunity for a seamless transition upon completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing and obtaining licensure from the Texas Board of Nursing, individuals will meet eligibility for admission to attend the RN-BSN program.

Victoria College offers credentials up to an Associate Degree with courses available to areas surrounding, and within, Victoria County, leading to an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing similar to the SAC program. Victoria College offers educational opportunities for rural areas surrounding Victoria County. The SAC RN-BSN program has two program types: hybrid and online. By collaborating with Victoria College should a graduate from Victoria College decide that the SAC RN-BSN program is conducive to the learning needs then the partnership will facilitate the transfer of the student to San Antonio College.

There is an emerging need for baccalaureate prepared nurses to work in health care and learn the skills necessary to be an effective leader and address community health needs. Evidence supports that there are less errors associated with Baccalaureate prepare nurses.

As a result of discussions with Victoria College representatives, the partnership will facilitate access for students to take courses in the RN-BSN program and complete their bachelor degree.

Students will receive credit for course work completed at Victoria College, by adhering to the following specified Program Requirements below:

SAC will accept up to 60 hours for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. All courses that are a part of the Texas Common Course Numbering System and in the prerequisite list for the SAC RN-BSN program will earn transfer credit up to 30 SCH. Students must be in good social and academic standing prior to admissions.

SAC RN to BSN graduation requirements will be mapped to Victoria College offerings to ensure that students receive prior learning credit for the course work completed in the Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS). Students will receive either a substitution or equivalency for credits that are transferrable to the core. In addition, the prerequisite courses are listed and required to be completed prior to graduation. Students will have the same admission requirements as any other student.

Victoria College and Alamo Colleges District - San Antonio College will communicate with one another annually of any changes in degree requirements.

Alamo Colleges Agrees to Perform the Following Services and Functions:

- Advertise the concurrent admission process for the Alamo Colleges nursing associates degree and Victoria College nursing degree in appropriate publications, such as but not limited to the Alamo Colleges eCatalog and web page and the Associate Degree Nursing web page.
- Designate an individual within the Nursing division to serve as a liaison for students interested in attending SAC RN-BSN program.
- Notify the Nursing Program Director or the Transfer Coordinator at Victoria College within 6 months of changes in the status of the program.

Alamo Colleges District-San Antonio College and Victoria College jointly agree to perform these provisions:

- Both institutions will strive to provide students with "seamless" access to assist them in the admission into the RN-BSN program.
- Each institution will identify an operations contact person (Transfer Coordinator- Victoria College and SAC-BSN Executive Director) to assist in addressing student/advising questions, and help resolve project logistical issues that may develop.

Exchange of Data

The Alamo Colleges District-San Antonio College and Victoria College agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.

Any exchange by the parties of student record information protected by FERPA shall commit the receiving party to limit the use of such information to the purposes for which the disclosure was made, and to impose such limits on any re-disclosure, and the parties agree to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, including, without limitation 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34 and 99.35.

Limited Trademark License

The undersigned copyright owners Alamo Community College District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("Alamo Colleges") and its articulation agreement ("Agreement") counterparty signatory below (collectively, "Parties"), do hereby enter into this Limited Trademark Cross-License ("License") to one another under the following terms and conditions.

- 1. Mark Ownership. Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that it has ownership rights in the trade and service marks represented by its logos set forth at its website ("Marks").
- 2. <u>Consideration</u>. This Cross-License is made in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the mutual benefit of the authorized use herein licensed, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
- 3. Grant of Cross-License. The undersigned Parties hereby grant to one another a non-exclusive, fully paid, revocable license to use its Marks for the limited purpose publicizing the existence of the Agreement for so long as the Agreement remains in effect. Provided, however, Alamo Colleges shall obtain the prior written approval from Victoria College Office of Marketing & Communications for Alamo College's intended use of Victoria College Marks.
- 4. No Additional Rights. The Parties acknowledge that each Party shall have no further interest or rights in the intellectual property of the other Party other than the limited, revocable rights herein granted.

5. Choice of Law, Jurisdiction & Venue. This Agreement is made and is to be performed in Bexar County, Texas, and will be interpreted and governed by the Constitution and the internal laws of the State of Texas. Non-exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this agreement shall be in the state and federal courts of competent jurisdiction of Bexar County, Texas.

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Length of Term of This Agreement:

This Agreement shall be in effect on the date the signatures below are affixed, and will continue for a period of three years, at which time it will auto-renew on a 3 year term. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by 120 days' written notice by one party to the other. This agreement may be extended or amended at any time by written consent of both parties.

PERFORMING AGENCY

San Antonio College

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Attachment A San Antonio College School of Nursing/ Victoria College Transfer Degree Plan

Transfer students must be a registered nurse upon application to the program. Criteria includes a current RN License that is active and in good standing, without any restrictions or stipulations. In addition, students must meet all admission requirements based on the school's individual requirements. In the table below, there is a list of prerequisites required for the program.

Victoria College			San Antonio College				
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Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits		
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
BIOL 2420	Microbiology	4	BIOL 2420	Microbiology	4		
PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3		
PSYC 2314	Lifespan & Development	3	PSYC 2314	Lifespan and Development	3		
	No correlation		PHIL 2306	Ethics	3		
HPRS 2300	Pharmacology for Health Professions	1	RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	1		
RNSG 1523	Intro to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs	5	RNSG 1430	Health Care Concepts I	4		
			RNSG 1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I	1		
RNSG 1260	Clinical I- Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	2	RNSG 1161	Clinical- Registered Nurse	1		
			RNSG 1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II	1		
RNSG 2504	Integrated Care of the Patient with Common Health Needs	5	RNSG 1533	Health Care Concepts II	5		
RNSG 2361	Clinical II- Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	3	RNSG 2362	Clinical-RN Health Care Concepts II	3		

Victoria College			San Antonio College					
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Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits			
HPRS	Pharmacology for Health Professions	1	RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1			
RNSG 1219	Integrated Nursing Skills I	2	RNSG 1216	Professional Nursing Competencies	2			
RNSG 2514	Integrated Care of the Patient with Complex Health Needs	5	RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III	5			
RNSG 2362	Clinical III- Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	3	RNSG 2363	Clinical-RN Health Care Concepts III	3			
HPRS 2300	Pharmacology for Health Professions	1	RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1			
RNSG 2535	Integrated Patient Care Management	5	RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5			
•	No correlation		RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1			
RNSG 2363	Clinical IV	3	RNSG 2360	Clinical: RN Health Care Concepts IV	3			
То	tal Credit Hours: 57		T	otal Credit Hours: 60				

Total Victoria College AAS Credit Hours Total SAC AAS Credit Hours

57 SCH (prior learning credit) 60 SCH

SAC BSN Prerequisites				
Math 1342 or MATH 1442	Elementary Statistical Methods			
ENG 1302	English Composition			
1 Language, Culture, and Philosophy	Engl 2322, Engl 2323, Engl 2332, Engl 2333, Phil 1304, Phil 2303, Huma 1301, Huma 1302, Huma 1319, Huma 2323, Hist 2321, Hist 2322			
HIST 1301	US History I			
HIST 1302	US History II			
GOVT 2305	US Government			
GOVT 2306	Texas State and Local Government			
CHEM 1405 Or CHEM 1305 and CHEM 1105 or CHEM 1406	Intro. to Chemistry			
BIOL 1322	Nutrition Introduction			
SPCH	Any Speech course			