

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

**University of South Florida
&
Hillsborough Community College**

Three-plus-One

*Associate in Science (AS) in Nursing
to
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing*

This AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate, hereinafter referred to as “USF”, and Hillsborough Community College, hereinafter referred to as “HCC”.

WHEREAS, regional hospitals have projected greater future demand for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida promotes and supports seamless transitions across two- and four-year degree programs; and

WHEREAS, USF has agreed to accept the transfer of HCC Associate in Science (AS) Nursing graduates with the specified number of courses and credits applicable to the BSN degree in a three-plus-one format;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants and agreements contained hereinafter, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do agree as follows:

I. Terms and Conditions of Agreement

1. Scope and Purpose

- A. Program: USF and HCC hereby enter the following Articulation Agreement governing the matriculation of HCC AS Nursing graduates into the USF BS in Nursing degree program.
- B. Purpose: The intent of this Agreement is to facilitate a seamless transition from the HCC AS in Nursing program to the BS in

Nursing degree program at USF through a specialized three-plus-one plan of study. This Agreement will be in effect from the date at which both parties have affixed their signatures and will continue in force without a fixed termination date. Review, revision, and termination provisions are stipulated in Part IV, Termination and Revision.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the USF College of Nursing will:
 - A. Accept HCC students who have completed the AS in Nursing degree.
 - B. Accept the general education credits earned as part of their HCC diploma, applying such credits toward equivalent lower division general education requirements in transfer to USF.
 - C. Provide appropriate registration, financial aid and academic advisement services.
 - D. Cooperate with HCC in joint marketing of this transfer program.
 - E. Cooperate with HCC through academic advising to timely inform the HCC Nursing students about:
 - 1) USF academic program requirements.
 - 2) USF admission requirements and processes.
 - 3) Turn-around times for application, transfer credit evaluation, and acceptance.
 - 4) International Student Scholar Services.
 - 5) Visa applications, processing time, and clearances.
 - 6) Tuition and fees.

3. During the term of this Agreement, HCC will:
 - A. Provide necessary support to assist USF with regular course/credit equivalency assessment, course syllabi review, and course transferability determinations.
 - B. Publicize this Articulation Agreement and provide cooperative assistance in marketing USF transfer programs to HCC students.
 - C. Cooperate with USF to facilitate students' transfer from HCC to USF as needed.

- D. Cooperate with USF through on-site academic advising to timely inform the HCC students about:
 - 1) USF academic program requirements.
 - 2) State mandated degree requirements.
 - 3) USF admission requirements and processes.
 - 4) Prerequisite requirements.
 - 5) Visa requirements and Visa application processes.
 - 6) Transfer credit evaluations and USF acceptance.
 - 7) Tuition and fees.
 - 8) Contacts for transfer student services.

- 4. During the term of this Agreement, students will:
 - A. Notify their HCC advisor of their intention to participate in this three-plus-one transfer program prior to completing 60 credit hours or the AS degree.

 - B. Formally permit the release of their student records to the USF College of Nursing to accommodate enrollment management, transfer advising, admissions and other communications directed to the HCC three-plus-one student population.

II. Program Articulation

- 1. Graduates of the HCC AS in Nursing degree admitted to the three-plus-one BS in Nursing degree program at USF will fulfill the following requirements as part of their HCC plan of study:
 - A. Complete the designated curriculum sequence at HCC required for the AS in Nursing (72 credit hours).

 - B. Complete the following State University System (SUS) prerequisites for admission to the BSN (9 credit hours):
 - 1) STA 2023 – Statistics
 - 2) HUN 2201 – Nutrition
 - 3) Any one course with prefix CHM/BSC/PCB/PHY

 - C. Complete the remaining outstanding Foundations of Knowledge and Learning (FKL)/General Education courses at HCC (9 credit hours):

1) Human Cultural Diversity In Global Context – Take one (1) course from the following:

- a) ANT 2410
- b) HUM 2420
- c) HUM 2461

2) Humanities – Take one (1) course from the following :

- a) AMH 1010
- b) EUH 1000
- c) EUH 1001
- d) HUM 2210
- e) HUM 2230
- f) PHI 1600

3) Fine Arts – Take one (1) course from the following:

- a) ARH 1000
- b) MUL 1010
- c) THE 100

- 2. Complete the USF upper-level nursing sequence at USF (30 credit hours).
- 3. In accordance with the Statewide Articulation Agreement for AS-BS nursing transitions, USF will award a minimum of 18 upper-level credit hours for licensed RN's from the HCC nursing program as determined through a portfolio assessment.
- 4. Total number of program credit hours = 120.
 - A. Associate in Science in Nursing 72 hours
 - B. State University Prerequisites 9 hours
 - C. General Education/FKL 9 hours
 - D. Upper-level Nursing Sequence 30 hours

III. Insurance and Indemnification Provisions

- 1. USF and HCC are -public body corporates of the State of Florida, and the both USF's and HCC's "self insurance" limitations are provided by law. USF and HCC provide general liability insurance with the limits of Two

Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) per person, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) per occurrence, pursuant to the terms and limitations of Florida Statutes, Section 768.28 and Florida Statutes, Chapter 284, Part II.

2. To the extent permitted by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, both parties shall indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any claim, liability, demands, expenses, proceedings, legal actions, attorneys' fees, court costs, and other fees arising from and out of the negligence of its officers, faculty, staff and employees, or agents of their successors and assigns. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed as a waiver of either party's Sovereign Immunity under Florida Law.

IV. Termination and Revision

1. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice.
 - A. Termination of this Agreement will not be executed without a written plan to "Teach Out" existing students enrolled at time of termination notice.
 - B. USF shall provide for all students enrolled into this program a reasonable opportunity to complete the degree at USF upon termination of this Agreement.
 - D. Representatives of each institution will review the substance and effectiveness of the Agreement annually.
 - E. The Agreement may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.
 - F. The Agreement may be amended through written request by either party when deemed necessary to add, delete, or significantly modify the terms. Such amendments must be in writing and may take the form of an official letter signed by both signatories of the Agreement to be attached to this Agreement as sequential amendments.

IV. Conclusion and Signatures

All parties are committed to the concept of a long-standing agreement. This Agreement between USF and HCC shall continue in full force and effect from the date of signature unless terminated by either party as set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and by testament of the signatories below.

Hillsborough Community College

[Redacted Signature]

Randall Reid
Chair, Board of Trustees

Date: 1/31/12

[Redacted Signature]

Ken Atwater
President

Date: 1/31/12

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

[Redacted Signature]

COLLEGE ATTORNEY
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

University of South Florida
University of South Florida Board of
Trustees, a Public Body Corporate of the
State of Florida

[Redacted Signature]

Ralph C. Wilcox
Provost & Executive Vice President

Date: _____

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Memorandum

To: Graham Tobin

From: Bob Sullins 

Re: Articulation Agreement with Hillsborough Community College

Date: January 10, 2012

The attached Articulation Agreement between the University of South Florida and Hillsborough Community College is a very special three-plus-one that provides opportunities for HCC graduates with the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing to complete all but 30 hours of their degree requirements at HCC and then complete the BS in Nursing from USF with 30 hours offered on-line by our College of Nursing. Dean Dianne Morrison-Beedy and her faculty have worked carefully with HCC to design this agreement, one that may lead to similar agreements with many of the members of the Florida College System.

The proposal has been reviewed and approved by our Office of the General Counsel and is now ready for the signature of the Provost. Please let me know if you have questions or need other information!

We would appreciate your having the Provost to sign the originals and then let us know when they are ready. We will then pick them up for delivery to Hillsborough Community College for signatures from officials there.

Thank you!

Attachments

cc: Dean Dianne Morrison-Beedy
Jerry Collins w/o attachments