PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

with Respect to Applying the

Nursing Associate Degree

Towards

RN Upward Mobility

Bachelor of Science, major in Nursing

Between

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ATCC)

And

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, SD and Alexandria Technical and Community College (ATCC), Alexandria MN.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

A. have a signed agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions’ programs;
B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region;
C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students; and
D. provide Alexandria Technical and Community College students who have completed an Associate Degree in Nursing an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Nursing.

III. Academic Program

A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified below, SDSU will accept up to 60 course credits from the Associate Degree Nursing program. Students must successfully complete the A.D. Nursing degree from ATCC prior to transferring to SDSU for this agreement to apply. General education coursework completed at ATCC is included in the course credits. Students must meet all South Dakota Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

B. Requirements to be completed at SDSU to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing are outlined below.

Note: ATCC courses are listed in *italics* font, whereas SDSU courses are listed in normal font.

System General Education Graduation Requirements (SOR): minimum 30 credits required of which 21 credits are completed within the A.D in Nursing at ATCC and 9 credits are completed at ATCC or SDSU. If any of the requirements noted below as met at ATCC are not completed at ATCC, then the student will need to complete these requirements at SDSU or by transfer of approved equivalent courses.
1. Goal #1: Written Communication:
   - ENGL 101, Composition I, 3 credits (met at ATCC by completion of ENGL 1410 Composition I, 3 credits)
   - ENGL 201, Composition II, 3 credits (met at ATCC, ENGL 1420 Composition II, 3 credits)
2. Goal #2: Oral Communication: Fundamentals of Speech (at ATCC, COMM 1415, Public Speaking 3 credits)
3. Goal #3: Social Sciences/Diversity. Must complete 6 credits in 2 disciplines from the approved list in SDSU Bulletin. (met at ATCC by completion of PSYC 1405 Life-Span Psychology 3 credits and SOCI 1400, Introduction to Sociology, 3 credits)
4. Goal #4: Arts and Humanities/Diversity (partial fulfillment met at ATCC by completion of PHIL 1440 Ethics or Critical Thinking, 3 credits) Must complete 6 credits from 2 disciplines on list in SDSU Bulletin.
5. Goal #5: Mathematics: Must complete 3 credits from the approved list in SDSU Bulletin. (at ATCC, MATH 1420 College Algebra, 3 credits)
6. Goal #6: Natural Sciences (6-8 credits from approved list in SDSU Bulletin).
   a. MICR 231/231L, Microbiology and Lab, 4 credits (met at ATCC by completion of BIOL 2225, Microbiology I, 3 credits)
   b. CHEM 106/106L, Chemistry Survey and Lab, 4 credits (met at ATCC by completion of CHEM 1405, Fundamentals of Chemistry, 3 credits)
7. Advanced Writing requirement: met by completion of major requirements listed below
8. Globalization requirement: (met by completion of HSc 443, Public Health Science, 3 credits, RN-BS major requirement)

Institutional Graduation Requirements (IGR): minimum 5 credits, 3 of which can be met at ATCC.
1. IGR Goal #1: NURS 109, First Year Seminar, 2 credits
2. IGR Goal #2: Cultural Awareness and Social and Environmental Responsibility, 3 credits required, PSYC 101 General Psychology; (at ATCC PSYC 1445, General Psychology)

Additional ATCC requirements which meet RN Upward Mobility requirements, and reduce the number of SDSU nursing pre-requisite credits required.
1. BIOL 221/221L, Human Anatomy and Lab, 4 credits (met at ATCC through completion of BIOL 1417, Human Anatomy & Physiology I, 4 cr)
2. BIOL 325/325L, Physiology and Lab, 4 cr (met at ATCC by completion of BIOL 1419 Human Anatomy & Physiology II, 4 cr)

Remaining Pre-requisite and Major Course Requirements: 32
3. HSc 443, Public Health Science, 3 credits
4. NFS 315, Human Nutrition, 3 credits
5. PHA 321, Pharmacology, 3 credits
6. Select one:
   a. HSc 445, Epidemiology, 3 credits
   b. STAT 281, Introduction to Statistics, 3 credits
7. NURS 222, Transition to BS, 1 credit
8. NURS 381, Family and Communication, 3 credits
   a. NURS 280** earned by exam, 3 credits
9. NURS 385, Health Assessment and Clinical Decision Making, 5 credits
   a. NURS 265** 4 credits and NURS 325**, 6 credits, earned by exam
10. NURS 454, Nursing Leadership and Management, 3 credits  
   a. NURS 215** earned by exam, 2 credits  
11. NURS 416, Community Health, 5 credits  
   a. NURS 310** earned by exam, 4 credits.  
12. NURS 474, Nursing Research, 3 credits  

Upon completion of RN Upward Mobility nursing courses, 5 required nursing courses (19 required credits)** are earned.  

Upon admission to SDSU, the AD nursing courses are transferred to SDSU as a block.  

**Total number of credits at SDSU: 60  
Total number of credits from ATCC: 60  
Total credits required: 120  

No more than 60 credits total can be transferred from ATCC to SDSU.  

Additional requirements:  
   a. Students transferring from ATCC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Any course taken at ATCC with a grade below a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be retaken at SDSU if required for the SDSU Bachelor of Science in Nursing major.  
   b. Successful score on NCLEX, resulting in licensure as an RN.  
   c. Unencumbered license in state of practice.  
   d. in accordance with BOR policy 2:28, students must demonstrate satisfactory performance in writing, mathematics, reading and science reasoning as evidenced by receiving a passing score on all sections of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) exam. The exam must be taken during the first semester of enrollment at SDSU.  

**IV. Obligations**  
Both parties agree to confer with each other on a regular basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.  

**V. Modifications**  
This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Alexandria Technical and Community College. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of the agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementation of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.  

**VI. Effective Date of Agreement**  
This agreement will go into effect at the start of the Spring 2015 semester term at ATCC and SDSU.
VII. Acceptance of Agreement

For South Dakota State University:

Nancy Fahrenwald, Ph.D., RN
Dean, College of Nursing

Date: 11/12/14

Laurie Nichols, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 11-14-2014

For Alexandria Technical and Community College:

President, Alexandria Technical and Community College

Date: 11-21-14