MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
And
ALABAMA SOUTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This agreement is made between The University of Alabama (UA) and Alabama Southern Community College (ASCC) for the purpose of providing registered nurses with an avenue for continued quality education, with the specific opportunity to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Access to this educational experience will be conducted primarily on the Alabama Southern Community College campus, with minimal travel to The University of Alabama campus.

It is a mutually held principle that quality education is the responsibility of both of these educational institutions. It is also mutually agreed that continued quality education for the registered nurse is a critical issue, especially in the rural health care setting. It is understood that cooperation and harmony are essential if the above functions are to be carried out properly. It is therefore understood that The University of Alabama (UA) and Alabama Southern Community College (ASCC) shall each appreciate the problems of the other and shall work together in developing any part of this program not covered in this agreement.

The University of Alabama agrees to:

1. Assure the acceptance into its Educational Opportunities for Registered Nurses (EORN) Track Alabama Southern Community College (ASCC) Associate in Science - Nursing Degree graduates in accordance with the student policies and procedures outlined in this agreement.

2. Provide program information to the ASCC staff and periodically send representatives to the ASCC campus to assist prospective students in matriculation at UA.

3. Provide supplemental library and other support materials as needed for distance education, such as, videotapes, CD-ROM, etc.

4. Employ Alabama Southern Community College faculty as advisors, tutors, and mentors, as needed.

5. Courses in the EORN track will be offered through the UA College of Continuing Studies and the Capstone College of Nursing (CNN) via distance learning methods (telecourses, interactive telecommunications, World Wide Web, etc.)
Alabama Southern Community College agrees to:

1. Collaborate with area health care facilities to identify needed continued quality education for registered nurses and adequate clinical facilities in which to obtain these educational experiences.

2. Provide for all students enrolled in the EORN track access to all educational facilities and materials which ASCC currently possesses to include all material held within the learning resource center and nursing department, computer laboratories, and access to E-mail if needed.

3. Manage and distribute any materials provided by UA to students as needed.

4. Periodically send representatives to the UA campus to confer with UA representatives on specific college and school requirements for transfer students.

5. Provide nursing faculty that is willing to accept employment as advisors, tutors, and mentors, as needed.

It is mutually agreed, in regard to students:

1. ASCC students are expected to complete all prerequisite courses necessary to enroll in upper level courses at UA and must complete all major and degree requirements as specified in the UA Undergraduate Catalog in force upon their matriculation with ASCC.

2. To be admitted to UA, students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on all prerequisite courses (4.0 scale).

3. Normally, students may transfer a maximum of 64 semester hours of their ASCC course work to the UA degree plan. All ASCC credit for course work that is identified by the Alabama Articulation Program as college parallel may be considered for transfer to UA, provided the course work does not duplicate other credits and conforms to students’ UA degree plan.

It is mutually agreed:

1. The University of Alabama and ASCC will cooperate in publicizing this agreement and facilitating transfer of academic credits from ASCC to UA.

2. This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by the chief academic officers of UA and ASCC and may be terminated by either institution with not less than one year’s notice.
Memorandum of Agreement approved this ___ day of ____________, 2000.

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