MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
And
JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This agreement is made between The University of Alabama (UA) and Jefferson State Community College (Jefferson State) 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) or Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Access to this educational experience will be conducted primarily on the Jefferson State campus, with minimal travel to the University of Alabama campus. This collaboration to provide BSN or MSN degree access to registered nurses is entitled "The University of Alabama/Jefferson State Community College RN Mobility Partnership."

It is a mutually held principle that a successful partnership requires commitment of both educational institutions. It is also mutually agreed that continued quality education for the registered nurse is a critical issue, especially in the current health care environment. 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 Jefferson State 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 academic programs of all qualified registered nurses in accordance with the student policies and procedures outlined in this agreement.

2. Provide program information to the Jefferson State staff and periodically send representatives to the Jefferson State 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. Appoint Jefferson State nursing faculty as necessary to serve as preceptors, adjunct, and clinical faculty.

5. Provide nursing courses through the UA College of Continuing Studies and the Capstone College of Nursing (CNN) via distance learning methods (videotapes, interactive telecommunications, World Wide Web, etc.)

Jefferson State agrees to:

1. Collaborate with area health care agencies to facilitate opportunities for registered nurses to complete non-nursing degree requirements.

2. Provide registered nurse students enrolled in the RN Mobility Tracks access to educational facilities and materials that Jefferson State currently possesses to include materials held within the learning resource center and nursing department and computer access if needed.
3. Manage and distribute any materials provided by UA to students as needed.

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

5. Identify and recommend to UA, Jefferson State Community College nursing faculty willing to accept appointment as preceptors, adjunct, and clinical faculty as needed ("Program Faculty"). While acting as Program Faculty for UA, all such persons shall be employees of UA and not Jefferson State.

It is mutually agreed, in regard to students:

1. Registered nurse 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.

2. To be admitted to UA, students must have earned a cumulative grade point average on all prerequisite courses of 2.5 for the RN to BSN program and 3.0 for the RN to BSN/MSN program (4.0 scale).

3. Normally, students may transfer a maximum of 64 semester hours of their Jefferson State course work to the UA degree plan. All Jefferson State 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 Jefferson State will cooperate in publicizing this agreement and facilitating transfer of academic credits from Jefferson State to UA.

2. This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by the chief academic officers of UA and Jefferson State and may be terminated by either institution with not less than one year's notice.

Memorandum of Agreement approved this First day April, 2002.

Andrew A. Sorensen, President
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