MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING (CCN)
And

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This agreement is made between The University of Alabama (UA) Capstone College of Nursing (CCN) and Southern Union State Community College for the purpose of providing registered nurses with an avenue for continued quality education, with the specific opportunities to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Access to this educational experience will be conducted through the Southern Union State Community College campus, with minimal travel to The University of Alabama campus. This collaboration to provide BSN and MSN degree access to registered nurses is entitled "The University of Alabama/Southern Union State Community College RN Mobility Partnership."

It is a mutually held principle that a successful partnership requires the 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) CCN and Southern Union State Community College shall each appreciate the strengths and challenges of the other and shall work together in developing any part of this program not covered in this agreement.

The University of Alabama CCN agrees to:

1. Assure the acceptance into its academic programs all qualified registered nurses in accordance with the student policies and procedures outlined in this agreement.

2. Provide program information to the Southern Union State Community College staff and periodically send representatives to the Southern Union State Community College 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 Southern Union State Community College faculty, as needed, as preceptors, adjunct, and clinical faculty.

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

Southern Union State Community College agrees to:

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

2. Provide access for registered nurse students enrolled in the UA CCN academic programs to educational facilities and materials which Southern Union State Community College currently possesses to include materials held within the learning resource center and nursing department and computer access if needed.
3. Manage and distribute any UA materials 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 CCN, Southern Union State Community College nursing faculty willing to accept appointment as preceptors, adjunct, and clinical faculty as needed. While acting as RN Mobility faculty, all such persons shall be employees of UA and not Southern Union State Community College.

It is mutually agreed, in regard to students:

1. Registered nurse students are expected to complete all prerequisite courses necessary to enroll in nursing 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 track and 3.0 for the RN to BSN/MSN track (4.0 scale).

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

2. This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by the Dean of UA, CCN and Southern Union State Community College and may be terminated by either institution with not less than one year’s notice.

Memorandum of Agreement approved this 16th day of April, 2009.

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The University of Alabama

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