

TRANSFER STUDENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S LOUISE HERRINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND
DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Background

As a form of Christian service, Nursing is of interest to students at Dallas Baptist University (DBU) and to students at Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing (LHSON). DBU, however, has not had a nursing program since 1989. DBU students can apply to various nursing programs (including LHSON) to begin during their third year, but there is currently no formal relationship between DBU and Baylor's LHSON. The purpose of this articulation agreement is to establish a relationship between these two institutions, one that allows both to benefit mutually from their shared goals.

The Louise Herrington School of Nursing admits students into the Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree during the fall and spring semesters. LHSON has an ample supply of qualified applicants for the fall semesters, primarily from the Baylor University (BU) campus. The applicant pool for spring semesters, however, is somewhat smaller. Consequently, the LHSON could benefit from a stronger applicant pool of students entering each spring. In addition, administration and faculty in the LHSON prefer student class sizes that are equal between the two semesters. This more balanced enrollment facilitates course planning and requests for clinical placements, and it also provides consistency in faculty teaching loads.

Similarly to Baylor, DBU has a cadre of students and families who choose a Christian environment for education. DBU would benefit from a relationship with the LHSON because many DBU students want a clear path to a nursing degree within a Christian environment. This relationship would provide DBU students with a path they can follow to pursue a nursing degree after having begun at DBU and then transferred to Baylor. Having a student body in the LHSON comprised predominantly of students who desire a faith-based education would both meet the personal goals of students and fulfill the missions of both universities. Furthermore, a collaboration that provides registered nurses with a Christian focus will benefit health care institutions in Dallas and beyond.

Purposes

- To increase the number of registered nurses who are educated within a Christian environment
- To provide a means by which qualified Dallas Baptist University (DBU) students can collaborate more closely with Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing (LHSON) for the purpose of applying to the BSN program

Goals

- To provide accurate and effective advising to DBU students who are intending to apply for admission into the LHSON, specifically with regard to the selection of courses taken at DBU.
- To assist DBU students with the application process as they apply to the LHSON.
- To provide recognition that, when they are properly qualified, DBU students will receive preferential admissions consideration over other non-Baylor students by the LHSON.
- To assure DBU students that, assuming they meet admissions standards, and that the applicant pool from DBU is of sufficient size, approximately 30% of students admitted to the LHSON for each spring class will be transfers from DBU.

Degree Information

1. Baylor University will offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree to DBU students who successfully complete the program at LHSON.
2. Successful completion of the BSN degree qualifies students to apply to the Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX® exam for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Admissions and Advisement

1. DBU will provide advisement to pre-nursing students to ensure that coursework prerequisite to pursuing the BSN degree at LHSON has been explained to each potential applicant.
2. LHSON advisors will collaborate with DBU advisor(s) regarding updates or revisions to admission standards and policies.
3. DBU students who apply for admission to the BSN degree will be given secondary preference, behind that afforded to Baylor University students. DBU students will, however, be given priority consideration after Baylor students have been considered. As a result, this means that the LHSON admissions committee, considering the capacity of the LHSON at the time of making admissions decisions, would first consider Baylor University (Waco) students; then DBU students; then (as space is available) transfer applicants from

other institutions. Baylor University reserves the right to extend this program to other sister Texas Baptist Universities, thereby adding additional students to the spring term pool.

4. All students will be required to apply to Baylor University when they apply to LHSO; they also must meet transfer requirements in order to be eligible for admission.
5. This agreement pertains only to applications for the traditional (four-semester) program, as opposed to the twelve-month accelerated program for students who hold a bachelor's or graduate degree.
6. Although DBU students may apply to begin at the LHSO in either the fall or spring semesters, DBU students will be advised that the likelihood of acceptance is greater when applying for the spring semester due to the fewer number of BU applicants who apply in the spring.
7. All students who are admitted to the LHSO, regardless of whether their previous work has been completed at DBU or elsewhere, must qualify for admission and meet LHSO prerequisites, including the required competitive grade point average (GPA).

Registration and Academic Records

1. Once accepted into the LHSO's BSN program, students will conduct all registration activities through Baylor University.
2. All students in the LHSO, including students who have transferred from DBU, will receive advisement each semester through the Director of Undergraduate Programs at the LHSO.
3. All nursing students must comply with requirements set forth by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas and each clinical agency. These requirements are published in program materials for review by prospective students and explained after a student has been admitted into the program.
4. Once students have begun work at LHSO, LHSO will maintain all academic records, oversee program/graduation requirements, and submit a list of graduates to the State Board of Nursing who are then eligible to apply for initial licensure.

Student Assistance

Financial Aid--Financial assistance obtained through DBU does not carry over to Baylor University. Prospective students must apply for financial assistance through Baylor. Baylor offers scholarships, grants and loan programs for those who qualify. Prospective students may contact the Financial Aid Coordinator for the LHSO for information regarding LHSO Scholarships. All other assistance is processed through the Baylor University Student Financial Aid Office on the Waco campus.

Housing--The Marquis on Gaston is the housing option offered to LHSO students. A contract with the Marquis provides students with up-to-date amenities and security at a reasonable cost. DBU students may contact the Office of Student Services in the LHSO for room and contract details. DBU students transferring to Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing who live on DBU's campus are eligible to continue to reside in DBU housing while attending the LHSO. Arrangements may be finalized by the student by signing a DBU housing or lease agreement. A DBU meal plan may also be secured if desired by the transferring student. DBU students enrolled in the Louise Herrington School of Nursing will be afforded the opportunity to participate in all University activities sponsored by DBU while in school at LHSO.

Meal Plans--LHSO does not offer a meal plan for students. Students may eat at any meal facility within the Baylor University Medical Center for a reduced rate. DBU students who have a meal plan may continue to use it (see above).

Student Activities--DBU students who are admitted into the LHSO become full Baylor students. They receive a Baylor ID card and may participate in Baylor University events alongside other Baylor students.

REVISION OR TERMINATION OF JOINT AGREEMENT

Either party may request revisions of this agreement at any time. Termination of this joint agreement may be initiated by either party. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered to the other party at least six months prior to the effective date of termination.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Dallas Baptist University and Baylor University do hereby enter into this agreement effective the 30th day of May, 2012.

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