

TRANSFER STUDENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S LOUISE HERRINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND
McLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Background

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a relationship between Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing (LHSON) and McLennan Community College (MCC) that allows both schools to benefit mutually from their shared goals of training students for the profession of nursing. MCC students can apply to various nursing programs (including LHSON) to begin their third year, and this Agreement is to establish a relationship between the two schools in order to facilitate the transfer of those MCC students that are admitted to BU LHSON.

The LHSON is interested in enrolling qualified MCC students who can begin as nursing students on the Dallas campus in the spring only. Because of the strong and robust pool of pre-nursing students who come directly from the Baylor University Waco campus, LHSON can only guarantee admission to qualified transfer students from other campuses in the spring semester. LHSON will benefit tremendously by having a strong pool of well-prepared MCC students ready to begin the nursing program in spring. 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.

MCC has students who would benefit from a relationship with Baylor's LHSON because many MCC students want to pursue a Baccalaureate nursing degree, and it would work for their schedules to start in the spring semester. This relationship would allow MCC students a path they can follow to pursue a Baccalaureate nursing degree after completing their preliminary studies at MCC. Furthermore, a collaboration that provides registered nurses from central Texas will benefit health care institutions in McLennan County and beyond.

Purposes

- To increase the number of Baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses who are from the area in and around McLennan County
- To provide a means by which qualified MCC students can collaborate more closely with LHSON for the purpose of applying to and succeeding in the BSN program

Goals

- To provide accurate and effective advising to MCC students who are intending to apply for admission into the BU LHSON, specifically with regard to the selection of courses taken at MCC.
- To assist MCC students with the application process as they apply to the BU LHSON.

Degree Information

1. BU will offer the BSN degree to MCC students who successfully complete the program at LHSO.
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. MCC will provide advisement to pre-nursing students to ensure that pre-requisites to pursuing the BSN degree at BU LHSO has been explained to each potential applicant.
2. BU LHSO advisors will provide updated Major Academic Planners for the spring-start nursing MCC Baylor BSN program. BU LHSO advisors will collaborate with MCC advisor(s) regarding updates or revisions to admission standards and policies on a regular basis.
3. All students will be required to apply to BU when they apply to BU LHSO, and they must also meet general Baylor transfer requirements in order to be eligible for admission.
4. 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 prior to enrollment in the program.
5. All students who are admitted to BU LHSO, regardless of whether their previous work has been completed at MCC or elsewhere, must qualify for admission, which means that they must meet BU 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 BU just like all other Baylor students.
2. All students in the BU LHSO, including students who have transferred from MCC, will receive advisement each semester through the Office of Academic Affairs at BU 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. BU LHSO will maintain all academic records, oversee 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 MCC does not carry over to BU. Prospective students will 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 LHSO for information regarding LHSO Scholarships. All other assistance is processed through the BU Student Financial Aid Office on the Waco campus. There are a few MCC-specific scholarships

which will certainly be available to students transferring from MCC directly to BU LHSO. See the MCC Baylor Bound agreement for more information.

Housing – BU LHSO does not offer University housing. BU LHSO will offer a list of local apartments, recommendation and advice on housing options as needed.

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.

Student Activities – MCC students who are admitted into BU LHSO become full Baylor students. They will receive a Baylor ID card and may participate in BU events just like other Baylor students and will be subject to the same rules of conduct as other Baylor students.

Revision or Termination of Joint Agreement

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

McLennan Community College and Baylor University do hereby enter into this Agreement effective the 1st day of May, 2019.

McLennan Community College provides equal opportunities to all individuals and does not discriminate against any individual regardless of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, disability, age, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, or other legally protected category in its educational programs, activities, or employment.

<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXIV.pdf>

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