

Articulation Agreement
between
Missouri Baptist Medical Center
and
the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of
the University of the Missouri- St. Louis

MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by and between the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri- St. Louis, (hereinafter referred to as “UMSL”), and Missouri Baptist Medical Center St. Louis County, Missouri, (hereinafter referred to as “MBMC”). By entering into this agreement, MBMC and UMSL express our mutual commitment to serve employees/ students in the St. Louis metropolitan area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement describes the process for Bachelor of Science in Nursing, hereafter referred to as BSN, graduates to complete the UMSL Masters of Science in Nursing- Nurse Educator Emphasis, hereafter referred to as MSN at MBMC.

PURPOSE:

The Nurse Educator Role prepares nurses to teach in basic nursing programs, staff development or community education. These two institutions seek to assist students in completing this advanced degree in Nursing. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT:

Section I: Application and Admissions Criteria for MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis

These applicants must meet the same criteria as all UMSL students and criteria are subject to change.

To apply, students must:

- Complete the Graduate School Application
- Submit a \$35.00 Application Fee
- Complete the College of Nursing Supplemental Application
- Submit official transcripts to Graduate Admission

For students to be admitted to the MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis, they must meet the following UMSL criteria:

- Admission to the University
- Graduation from a State Board approved Bachelor of Science in Nursing program
- Evidence of current licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri

- A cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- Transcripts will be reviewed for previous graduate credits in the admission

process

Section II: Matriculation

UMSL MSN students at MBMC maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as UMSL students enrolled under a specific catalogue.

MSN students who have completed the BSN and show evidence of current licensure will have to meet requirements and be accepted based on space availability into the UMSL MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis. This acceptance is contingent upon students following the guidelines of the program and conditions of this articulation agreement.

UMSL MSN students at MBMC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, advising and other student services on the same basis as UMSL students.

UMSL will apply the same academic admission, progression and graduation standards to MBMC MSN students as those applied to UMSL students.

Section III: Facilities and Course Delivery

UMSL and MBMC agree that the majority of the courses leading to the completion of the MSN will be offered face- to-face and will be taught by UMSL faculty.

UMSL and MBMC agree that the UMSL courses offered each semester will be scheduled on the same one day per week at the same site for the duration of the program.

MBMC agrees to provide the necessary classroom space each semester on a space available basis.

UMSL and MBMC agree that for the MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis program to continue there must be a minimum of 13 students continuously enrolled. Should the number of MBMC students in the aforementioned program drop below 13, MBMC can opt to financially support up to the minimum number of agreed upon students (13) to continue the program or UMSL retains the right to discontinue the program. If the program is discontinued, students who wish to continue their education at UMSL will be provided with information from UMSL staff to assist them in transitioning to an appropriate campus-based program.

MBMC employees will have priority status for admission to the program. Once MBMC enrollment requirements are met as aforementioned, MBMC agrees that any remaining seats may be filled by UMSL with students outside of MBMC.

UMSL and MBMC will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and complete the program with maximum ease.

MBMC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the opportunities available to them by participating.

MBMC and UMSL will jointly publicize the existence of this articulation agreement.

Section III: Credit Requirements

The MSN Nurse Educator Role requires a minimum of 41 credit hours. Clinical activities are focused on enactment of the role and a clinical population and involve 256 clinical hours. Students complete 12 credit hours of core course work that focus on issues and concepts critical to understanding the rapidly changing health care system.

These courses address values in health care decision making, policy and finance in health care organizations, societal issues impacting health, population-based foundations of health, theoretical foundations and research for evidence-based practice. A greater understanding of the individual role is achieved through completion of the remaining 29 credit hours.

Section IV: Termination of Student Enrollment

Upon the request of MBMC, UMSL shall immediately withdraw a student or UMSL faculty member from MBMC in the sole discretion of MBMC, with or without cause; provided, however, MBMC shall provide UMSL with written notice thereof within a reasonable time following the request for removal.

Section V: Insurance

- A. For Students affiliating with MBMC under this agreement, either (i) UMSL will require the student to obtain and maintain in full force and effect professional liability insurance in minimum amounts of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence on an occurrence basis, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) annual aggregate to cover Student's activities while on MBMC's premises; or (ii) UMSL will obtain and maintain in full force and effect for each Student's assigned to MBMC, throughout each Student's affiliation with MBMC, professional liability insurance through its self-insurance plans in minimum amounts of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence on an occurrence basis, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) annual aggregate. UMSL will also provide professional liability insurance through its self-insurance plans in amounts noted above to cover the activities of any UMSL faculty members who may be on MBMC premises during the term of this Agreement or any renewal thereof.

- B. In addition, UMSL shall obtain and keep in force, without lapse, general liability insurance through its self insurance plans for UMSL, and all its employees and faculty members participating in training programs at MBMC. The limits for general liability shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) annual aggregate, on an occurrence basis.
- C. UMSL shall also maintain through the term of this Agreement, at its sole cost and expense, workers' compensation insurance through its self-insurance plans for any employees of UMSL who are on MBMC premises during the term of this Agreement or any renewal thereof.
- D. UMSL shall furnish MBMC with proof of any applicable insurance coverage shown in Sections 5A, 5B and 5C above before the beginning date of each Student's assignment at the MBMC. In the event that Student is providing insurance coverage under Section 5A above, UMSL will require such Student to provide proof of such coverage to MBMC before the beginning date of the Student's assignment at MBMC. Such proof of insurance shall provide that MBMC shall receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to the effective date of any cancellation of such insurance.
- E. It is understood that the above-noted coverage shall be a continuing condition of this Agreement. UMSL shall be responsible for satisfying any deductible or self-insured retention required by its liability coverage.
- F. Each party to this Agreement agrees, to the extent permitted by Missouri law and without waiving sovereign immunity, to assume responsibility for any and all damages, losses, costs and expenses (except attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with claims or demands for damages arising from or caused by the that party's errors and omissions or the errors and omissions of its directors, officers, employees or students in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION:

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL COMMENCE AUGUST , 2010, PENDING PRIOR APPROVAL FROM COORDINATING BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION (CBHE) AND HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC) FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS AND SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED UPON LIKE TERMS FOR TWO (2) YEAR PERIODS THEREAFTER .

Both parties agree to meet at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term of this Agreement and annually thereafter to evaluate the program and review this Agreement.

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause at any time during a term by giving six (6) months prior written notice. The date of termination must occur on a date

between semesters. Students enrolled at MBMC shall be given an opportunity to complete their program if reasonably practicable.

Additional copies of this agreement are available upon request through the UMSL Division of Continuing Education, 121 Woods Hall, 314 -516-5708.

SIGNATURES:

Missouri Baptist Medical Center (MBMC) and University of Missouri- St. Louis (UMSL) hereby enter into this articulation agreement leading to the MSN- Nurse Educator Emphasis by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

_____ Date	OR	_____ Date
Tim Mislán Chief Nurse Executive Missouri Baptist Medical Center St. Louis, Missouri		Kathy Sturm Manager of Clinical Institute Missouri Baptist Medical Center St. Louis, Missouri
_____ Date	OR	_____ Date
Thomas F. George Chancellor University of Missouri – St. Louis		Glen Hahn Cope Provost University of Missouri-St. Louis
	AND	_____ Date
		Julianne G. Sebastian Dean, Nursing University of Missouri- St. Louis