Articulation Agreement RN-BSN Degree Completion for CCAC students at Chatham University Effective July 2015

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into between CHATHAM University (the "University" or "Chatham") and THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY NURSING PROGRAM ("CCAC").

WHEREAS, Chatham is a non-profit institution of higher education fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a degree-granting institution; and

WHEREAS, CCAC operates an associate degree-granting Nursing Program which is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing; and

Whereas, Chatham and CCAC wish to work together to encourage graduates of the CCAC Nursing Program to continue their education by pursuing the completion of a Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree at Chatham;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Chatham will provide guaranteed admission into its Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program (hereinafter referred to as the "BSN Completion Program") at the time of admission into CCAC's Nursing Program subject to the following condition:
 - a. CCAC shall not materially change the content of its existing curriculum (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto) and/or change the total number of credits which its students must successfully complete to graduate from CCAC without prior notification to Chatham.
- 2. In connection with the BSN Completion Program, Chatham will offer the courses listed on Exhibit B hereto, for a total of 53 credits. Chatham will not materially change this curriculum during the term of this Agreement without prior notification to CCAC.
- 3. The BSN Completion Program will be offered fully online by faculty employed by Chatham to teach the courses listed on Exhibit B. It is understood and agreed that these faculty members may be hired by Chatham as adjuncts from among the regular faculty of CCAC.
- 4. Chatham's requirements for receiving the BSN degree pursuant to the BSN Completion Program are (i) satisfactory completion of a total of 120 college-level credit hours; (ii) a cumulative Q.P.A. of at least 2.0; (iii) completion of at least 50% of the major at Chatham; and (iv) completion of a minimum of 30 credits at Chatham
- 5. BSN Completion Program for CCAC graduates offered under the terms of this agreement will be managed at the operational level by Chatham University in consultation with the CCAC Nursing Program. Academic oversight shall be provided by Chatham University.

- 6. An Advisory Council comprised of nursing professionals drawn from among the institutions participating in this RN-to-BSN articulation program and from Chatham College nursing faculty and staff shall be created to provide advice and assistance for the program. The Council shall meet once a year.
- 7. The initial term of this Agreement shall be for a period of three years, beginning in July 2015. Thereafter, the Agreement may be renewed upon terms mutually agreeable to the parties.
- 8. This agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties "related to the subject matter herein". No waiver, modification or amendment of any of the terms of the Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties. Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other.
- 9. This agreement shall become effective upon signing by the appropriate individuals at both institutions, and shall remain in effect until terminated at the will of either party. The agreement may be cancelled by either party with ninety (90) days written notice; however, the opportunity shall remain available to any student who was enrolled (and remained continuously enrolled) while the agreement was in effect.
- 10. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, exclusive of its conflict of law's provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Articulation Agreement effective as of the dates set forth below.

FOR CHATHAM UNIVERSITY:

FOR CCAC:

Esther L. Barazzone, Ph. P. President

Jenna K. Templeton, Ed.D.

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Gretchen Mullin-Sawieki, Ph.D.

Acting Provost

Date

Exhibit A: CCAC Curriculum

Course #	Course Name	Credits
BIO-161	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4
BIO-162	Anatomy & Physiology 2	4
BIO-175	Microbiology	4
ENG-101	English Composition 1	3
ENG-102	English Composition 2	3
MAT-106	Mathematics for Health Sciences	4
MAT-108	Intermediate Algebra	4
NUR-110	Foundation and Health Promotion Concepts for Nursing Practices	6
NUR-120	Health Assessment Concepts for Nursing Practice	2
NUR-130	Basic Health Concepts Nursing Practice	6
NUR-140	Evidence Based Nursing Drug Therapy	3
NUR-210	Professional Nursing Issues	2
NUR-220	Adult Health Concepts Nursing Practice	4
NUR-230	Family Health Concepts Nursing Practice	4
NUR-240	Complex Health Concepts Nursing Practice	7
NUR-250	Leadership and Management Concepts	3
PSY-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY-108	Human Growth and Development (Effective Spring 2015)	3
-	Humanities Elective	3

TOTAL CREDITS 68

Exhibit B: Chatham Curriculum

Course #	Course Name	<u>Credits</u>
BUS 105	Foundations of Business	3
IND 175	Introduction to Nursing Resources	1
NUR 402	Health Policy and Finance	. 3
NUR 403	Women's Health Nursing	3
NUR 407	Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NUR 409	Clinical Prevention, Population, and Environmental Health	3
NUR 410	Global Cultural Diversity and Specialty Population Nursing	3
NUR 411	Geriatric Nursing	3
NUR 412	Nursing Communication and Quality Improvement	3
NUR 499	Nursing Leadership and Professional Practicum	4
PSY 213	Statistics and Research Methods (Quantitative)	3
SWK 164	Diversity in Health and Illness	3
	Upper level general education (200-level and above)	9
	Mission Courses	9
TOTAL CREDITS		53