

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS

Central Methodist University

AND

Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium

Associate of Science in Registered Nursing

to

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Central Methodist University (hereinafter, CMU), located at 411 Central Methodist Square, Fayette, MO 65248 and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for and on behalf of Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (hereinafter, ARNEC), located at 1558 US 371, Nashville, AR 71852.

Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium Members are as follow:

- Arkansas State University – Newport
- Black River Technical College
- Ozarka College
- South Arkansas Community College – El Dorado
- University of Arkansas Community College – Cossatot
- University of Arkansas Community College – Hope/Texarkana
- University of Arkansas Community College – Morrilton
- University of Arkansas Community College – Rich Mountain

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Science in Registered Nursing at ARNEC to the Bachelor of degree Science in Nursing at CMU. Through collaborative efforts, CMU and ARNEC desire to provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, thereby affording students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

AGREEMENT

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Science in Registered Nursing at ARNEC will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at CMU with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student will have earned the Associate of Science in Registered Nursing at ARNEC, with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, on or after the Effective Date of this Agreement.
- B. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to CMU.
- C. Degree Program admission requirement for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at CMU.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed on the following attachment:
 - i. 2+2 Degree Plan Checklist: ARNEC Associate of Science in Registered Nursing to CMU Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- B. A transfer student who has not completed all courses specified within the Associate of Science in Registered Nursing plan at ARNEC, as stipulated on the above-referenced degree checklist, before entering CMU, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completing of degree program requirements.
- C. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to CMU.
- D. CMU will accept courses that are equivalent in rigor and content to its current curriculum in which a D or higher is earned unless a higher grade is required by the Nursing Program.
- E. CMU will accept up to 80 credit hours in transfer, with a maximum of 40 hours for nursing coursework
- F. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of CMU.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with UA System policy, procedure, and guidelines.

- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis, and CMU and ARNEC will notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. CMU and ARNEC will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at Community College Short Title. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.
- E. University Short Title and Community College Short Title will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, university catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or title changes.
- B. The Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 365 calendar days written notice.
- C. If the Agreement is terminated, all students who have already been admitted to CMU, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto cause this Agreement to be executed:

Central Methodist University

**Arkansas Rural Nursing
Education Consortium**

 3/8/21

Dr. Rita Gulstad

Date

Provost

 3/8/21

Dr. Katlyn Steimel

Date

ARNEC Director