



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ESTABLISHING A TRANSFER PATHWAY BETWEEN
SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) made and entered into effective the 11th day of July, 2018 (“Effective Date”), serves as an agreement between SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (“SOWELA”) and UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE (“UL Lafayette”) to facilitate transfer of students desiring to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (“RN to BSN Program”) at UL Lafayette upon completion of their Associate of Science in Nursing degree (“ASN Program”) at SOWELA.

A. Transfer Requirements. SOWELA students in the ASN Program who express interest in enrolling in the RN to BSN Program at UL Lafayette must meet the following transfer requirements:

1. SOWELA students shall only be admitted to the RN to BSN Program at UL Lafayette upon completion of all degree requirements for SOWELA’s ASN;
2. SOWELA students must meet all UL Lafayette’s admission requirements prior to enrolling in the RN to BSN Program courses at UL Lafayette, which includes (i) a minimum GPA of 2.5, (ii) obtaining a passing score on the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, and (iii) obtaining an active, unencumbered RN nursing license; and
3. Upon admittance, SOWELA students admitted to the UL Lafayette RN to BSN Program must use the catalog of record and be assigned an advisor at UL Lafayette for assistance, in accordance with policies of UL Lafayette’s College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions.

B. UL Lafayette Responsibilities. UL Lafayette shall:

1. Deliver curriculum information to SOWELA faculty and students regarding its RN to BSN Program;
2. Provide UL Lafayette advisors to participating SOWELA students in the ASN Program. Advisors will be available by telephone and email, as well as for on-site appointments at the UL Lafayette campus;
3. Communicate any and all RN to BSN Program changes to SOWELA in a timely manner;
4. Encourage SOWELA students in the ASN Program to become engaged in activities and/or events held by UL Lafayette; and
5. Provide documentation to SOWELA regarding the transferability of the ASN Program’s credits to UL Lafayette’s RN to BSN Program, which is incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

C. SOWELA Responsibilities. SOWELA shall:

1. Maintain academic files related to the progression of students that transfer to UL Lafayette pursuant to this MOU;
2. Encourage SOWELA students to pursue the transfer pathway to UL Lafayette, and advise students to progress in their coursework in a timely manner;
3. With the consent of the SOWELA transferring students, provide UL Lafayette the transcripts of the students, in order to facilitate the recording of student data at UL Lafayette and to allow for timely transfer and advising;
4. Communicate changes in the ASN Program to UL Lafayette in a timely manner;
5. Promote and market the UL Lafayette RN to BSN Program in the Lake Charles, Oakdale, and surrounding areas;
6. Coordinate the participation of students in SOWELA's ASN Program in UL Lafayette activities and/or events sponsored by the College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions; and
7. Maintain the ASN Program's active and full accreditation by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing ("ACEN").

D. Contact Information.

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E. Additional Terms.


1. The term of this MOU is for a period of five (5) years, commencing on Effective Date. This MOU may be renewed after completion of the initial five (5) year term for a five (5) year renewal term only upon the written notice signed by the parties hereto.
2. Either party may terminate the MOU at any time without cause by giving written notice no later than at the end of the semester of the notification. In the event this MOU is terminated, students who have declared their intent to participate in the RN to BSN Program will be allowed to progress through the curriculum and complete the RN to BSN Program according to the terms of this MOU.
3. Any alteration, variation, modification, or waiver of provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when it has been reduced to writing and executed by all parties hereto.
4. This MOU shall be reviewed annually, and both parties will share assessment data and meet periodically to assess the transfer pathway.
5. This MOU may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This MOU has been executed by the undersigned duly authorized representatives on the dates indicated below.


SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE:



Dr. Neil Aspinwall Date
Chancellor

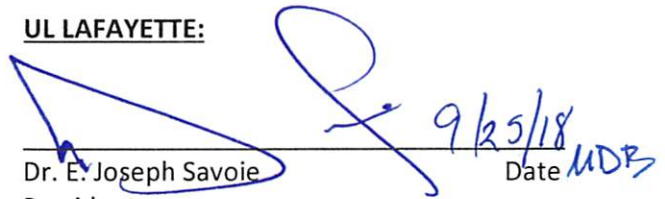


Dr. Paula Hellums Date
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Dr. Wendi Palermo Date
Dean/Professor
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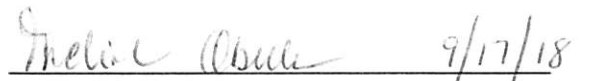
UL LAFAYETTE:



Dr. E. Joseph Savoie Date *MDP*
President



Dr. Jaimie Hebert Date
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs



Dr. Melinda Oberleitner Date
Dean
College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

EXHIBIT A

SOWELA Technical Community College Associate of Science Degree in Nursing
AND
University of Louisiana at Lafayette RN to BSN Nursing
General Education Course Articulation

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
ENGL 1010	ENGL 101
ENGL 1020	ENGL 102

MATHEMATICS

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
MATH 1100	MATH 105
MATH 2100	STAT 214

BIOLOGY

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
BIOL 2251/2253	BIOL 220/221
BIOL 2261/2263	BIOL 318
BIOL 2103	BIOL 261

ARTS

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
ARTS 1200	ART ELEC

HISTORY

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
HIST 2110/2220	HIST ELEC

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SOWELA COURSE	UL LAFAYETTE COURSE
PSYC 2235	PSYC ELEC

Required General Education Courses in the RN to BSN Option at UL Lafayette as of July 3, 2018

UL LAFAYETTE CLASSES	SOWELA CLASSES
ENGL 101	ENGL 1010
ENGL 102	ENGL 1020
BIOL 220/221	BIOL 2251/2253
BIOL 318	BIOL 2261/2263
BIOL 261	BIOL 2103
MATH 105	MATH 1100
STAT 214	MATH 2100
ART ELEC	ARTS 1200
PSY 110	PSYC 2335
HIST	HIST 2110/2220
UL Lafayette RN to BSN Program Required Courses- not in SOWELA ASN Program	
BIOL 110/121	BIOL 1010
CHEM 123	CHEM 1010
CMCN 100	SPCH 1000
BEH SCIENCE	PSYC 2010 OR ANY BEH SCIENCE
ENGL LIT	ENGL ELECTIVE

**SOWELA Nursing Courses Applicable to the RN to BSN Option at UL Lafayette
as of July 3, 2018**

SOWELA- ASN Curriculum

NURS 1100 Nursing Fundamentals	4 credits
NURS 1110 Nursing Fundamentals Lab	3 credits
NURS 1150 Pharmacology	3 credits
NURS 2200 Nursing Concepts I	4 credits
NURS 2210 Nursing Concepts Lab	3 credits
NURS 2300 Nursing Concepts II	5 credits
NURS 2310 Nursing Concepts Lab	4 credits
NURS 2400 Nursing Concepts III	5 credits
NURS 2410 Nursing Concepts Lab	5 credits
NURS 2500 Nursing Capstone	1 credit
	37 credits total