

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In reference to the method by which Associate in Applied Science, Advanced-Level Respiratory Care Practitioner degree graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System may transfer a block of academic credit toward the Bellarmine University Bachelor of Health Science Program in Respiratory Care

There is a need for a well-educated populace in Kentucky in the area of respiratory care that will be addressed through a cooperative transfer agreement between Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and Bellarmine University.

The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 mandates a seamless system of postsecondary education that can only be achieved by promoting ease of transfer for learners between Kentucky institutions.

In order to promote the transfer of credits between KCTCS and Bellarmine University and thereby increase educational opportunities for students in the service area, Bellarmine University and KCTCS establish this transfer agreement leading to the Bachelor of Health Science degree in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care) offered by the Donna and Alan Lansing School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Bellarmine University.

This transfer agreement stipulates that graduates completing the course of study leading to an Associate in Applied Science, Advanced Level-Respiratory Care Practitioner (AAS) degree through KCTCS may transfer that curriculum's coursework to Bellarmine University in the form of a block of credit to be applied toward requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care) program. The transfer block consists of the 74-77 credit hours specified in the 2002-03 KCTCS catalog, or its successor document. The attached BHS curriculum specifies the additional 60 semester hours of Bellarmine University coursework that will culminate in the Bachelor of Health Science in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care).

Upon completion of the KCTCS AAS, Advanced Level-Respiratory Care Practitioner program, graduates will be selected for admission based on competitive admission and Bellarmine University's academic admission standards into the Bachelor of Health Science in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care) Program.

KCTCS and Bellarmine University agree to advise each other of changes in course requirements for any course listed in the transfer agreement in order to ensure continued compatibility between the courses offered by the faculty at each institution.

KCTCS and Bellarmine University agree to renegotiate this agreement as necessary due to the changes in course requirements or graduation requirements at either institution.

KCTCS colleges will designate a person to serve as an academic advisor to students enrolled in this cooperative program. This person will recruit students for the program and encourage students to submit an application.

Bellarmino University will employ a qualified faculty member in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care) who will work with KCTCS advisors and serve as the Bellarmine University academic advisor to students enrolled in the program.

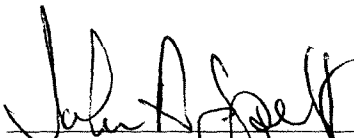
KCTCS and Bellarmine University will work together to design and place promotional materials, news releases, and informational brochures.

Bellarmino University and KCTCS will establish a joint program advisory committee consisting of representation from the two institutions. The Dean of the Donna and Allen Lansing School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Bellarmine University and the Chancellor of KCTCS will appoint members.


Both institutions will observe SACS and CPE guidelines and rules and will adhere to the requirements of reporting information for the completion of CPE reports related to transfer and other requirements.

In the event that Bellarmine University determines that it will no longer offer the Bachelor of Health Science in Cardiopulmonary Science (Respiratory Care), Bellarmine University will provide one-year written notice of the termination of the degree program. Students enrolled in the program, either at a KCTCS college or Bellarmine University will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete degree requirements.

Signed:



John A. Oppelt, Provost
Bellarmine University



Keith Bird, Chancellor
Kentucky Community and Technical
College System

1/9/2003

Date Signed

1-22-03

Date Signed

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

Cardiopulmonary Science Program

Transfer Curriculum for Kentucky Community and Technical College System graduates
with an Associate in Applied Science, Advanced-Level Respiratory Care Practitioner

| COURSE NUMBER | CREDIT HOURS | COURSE TITLE |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Philosophy 160 | 3 | Introduction to Philosophy |
| History 116 or 117 | 3 | The Western World I or II |
| English 200 | 3 | Reading Literature |
| Math 205 | 4 | Elementary Statistics |
| Fine Arts | 3 | Any approved fine arts course |
| Philosophy 301 | 3 | Ethics |
| Theology 200 | 3 | Ultimate Questions |
| Interdisciplinary Course 301 | 3 | Transcultural Experience |
| Biology 300 | 4 | Pathophysiology |
| Cardiopulmonary Science 420 | 3 | Respiratory Therapy Science III |
| Business Elective | 3 | Elective |
| Cardiopulmonary Science 440 | 3 | Cardiopulmonary Science Monitoring |
| Nursing 312 | 2 | Health Care Research |
| Interdisciplinary Course 401 | 3 | Senior Seminar |
| Theology Elective | 3 | Any approved theology course |
| Cardiopulmonary Science 410 | 3 | Advanced Physiologic Testing |
| Elective | 6 | Elective |
| Cardiopulmonary Science 490 | 3 | Seminar |
| Cardiopulmonary Science 455 | 2 | ACLS |
| TOTAL HOURS | 60 hours | |