PROGRAM to PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING

And

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Villanova University College of Nursing and Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) Nursing Program enter into this program to program articulation agreement in order to facilitate the progression of students with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Montgomery County Community College into the RN-BSN Gateway Program for Registered Nurses (RN-BSN Gateway Program) at Villanova University. This agreement specifies program to program admission and transfer policies for students graduating from the Nursing Program at MCCC and wishing to enroll in the RN-BSN Gateway Program at Villanova University's College of Nursing.

Terms and Conditions of Admission and Transfer to Villanova University College of Nursing

- 1. The MCCC Nursing Program is an NLNAC accredited nursing program.
- 2. Students accepted into the Nursing Program at MCCC will be guaranteed admission into the Villanova University College of Nursing RN-BSN Program upon graduation from MCCC and licensure as a registered nurse and if they meet admission requirements as specified in Paragraph 3 of this agreement.
- 3. Students graduating from the Nursing Program at MCCC must meet the following Villanova University College of Nursing admission requirements: have a GPA of 2.75 from their MCCC nursing program; have a grade of C in all transfer courses; have a grade of C+ in all nursing courses; provide one letter of reference; and possess an RN license at the time of enrollment or by completion of the first BSN nursing course (NUR 3000).
- 4. Up to sixty-one (61) transfer credits will be awarded for liberal arts and sciences prerequisite courses based on an evaluation of the equivalency of courses with those courses required by Villanova University and according to Villanova University's existing transfer policies. Students must have earned a minimum grade of C in all transferred courses.
- 5. Twenty-four (24) transfer credits will be awarded for nursing courses taken at MCCC. Students must have earned a minimum grade of C+ in all nursing courses in order to transfer nursing credits.

- 6. Students entering the RN to BSN Gateway Program must demonstrate completion of 129 credits through transfer of credits and/or completion of all elective and BSN courses at Villanova University in order to receive the BSN degree. Students must, at a minimum, complete the final 44 credit hours of the academic nursing program at Villanova University. (Twenty (20) credits are awarded through the Clinical Validation Examination and 24 credits are earned by completing Villanova University College of Nursing courses).
- 7. Students have the option of enrolling in selected MSN courses while completing BSN courses, based on the approval of the RN to BSN Gateway Program coordinator. Nine MSN credits may be used to complete BSN program requirements.
- 8. Students must meet all applicable Villanova University requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, registration and payment of tuition and fees. Students enrolled in the RN to BSN Gateway Program will receive a 30% tuition discount during their enrollment in the BSN component of the Program. Students pay the Credit by Examination fee of \$50 per credit hour for the Clinical Validation Examination. The Credit by Examination fee is subject to change on an annual basis and is published annually.
- 9. Villanova University's policies and procedures, including policies and procedures set forth from time to time in the College's Undergraduate and Graduate Student Handbooks, shall apply to students in the RN to BSN Gateway program.

Renewal, Termination and Other Provisions of this Agreement

- 1. The Villanova University College of Nursing and the MCCC Nursing Program are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other any changes in their respective courses, equivalents, requirements, or policies that affect this agreement.
- 2. This program articulation agreement is not exclusive and does not prohibit Villanova University or MCCC from entering into any similar articulation agreements with other institutions.
- 3. Villanova University and Montgomery County Community College are separate institutions under the independent management of their respective governing boards. Neither institution is an agent, partner or joint venture of the other. Neither institution shall incur any financial obligations for the other.
- 4. This agreement will be in effect as of April 1, 2012, will be reviewed at least every three (3) years by the Villanova University College of Nursing and the MCCC Nursing Program and will automatically be renewed unless superseded by a new agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate the agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to

students already enrolled in or accepted to, but not yet enrolled in the program at Villanova University.

5. This agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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