MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

JOINT BACCALAUREATE STUDIES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

Jarvis Christian College and The University of Texas at Tyler do hereby enter into the articulation agreement attached to this signature page effective August 30, 1994.

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JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER
JOINT BACCALAUREATE STUDIES NURSING PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the program is to utilize the faculty, staff, programs, equipment, facilities, and other resources of Jarvis Christian College and The University of Texas at Tyler to provide the highest quality nursing education for the greatest number of students.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Comparable to the best traditional undergraduate nursing education.

2. Limited to nursing students who meet admissions criteria as agreed upon by both institutions.

3. Lower and upper division courses from Jarvis Christian College and upper division courses from The University of Texas at Tyler are combined for fully integrated programs culminating in baccalaureate degrees.

4. Students may enroll in courses to meet degree program requirements during any semester from either institution provided they have satisfied specific prerequisites and space is available.

5. Early counseling and academic advising by faculty from both institutions.

6. Simplified admission/transfer process integrated with financial aid programs for the entire undergraduate program.

7. Close linkage with area high schools to assure scholarship continuity and educational opportunity.

8. Coordinated procedures for payment of tuition and fees.

9. Coordinated academic calendar to facilitate taking courses from both institutions in the same term.

10. Access to clubs, performances, lecture series, and other extracurricular activities at both institutions throughout the undergraduate program.

11. Access to libraries, computers, and other support services of both institutions.

12. Faculty from both institutions share responsibility for the quality of the entire program.
III. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

1. Agreement in principle of Joint Baccalaureate Studies Nursing Programs by institutional presidents through the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement.

2. Faculty members, department chairs, advisors, and student service personnel participate in planning process.
   a. Faculty, department chairs, and advisors formulate degree program outlines.
   b. Student service personnel formulate student service opportunities for participants.
   c. Appropriate personnel formulate library, financial aid, scholarship, and registration opportunities.

3. Recommendations concerning the Joint Baccalaureate Studies Nursing Programs forwarded to the appropriate administrators for review, additional discussion, and refinement.

4. Joint Baccalaureate Studies Nursing Programs forwarded to the presidents for appropriate approvals.

5. Programs published for distribution to potential students.

6. Orientation sessions for faculty, academic advisors, and counselors.

7. Orientation sessions for prospective students each fall and spring semester.

8. Faculty members, department chairs, advisors and student service personnel participate in annual review of programs each spring semester.

IV. TERMINATION OF THE JOINT BACCALAUREATE STUDIES NURSING PROGRAM

Termination of this agreement may be initiated by either party. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered to the other party at least six months prior to the effective date of termination. Students enrolled in the program at the time of termination of this joint agreement will be given the opportunity to complete the program in its entirety.
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DUAL DEGREE OPTION

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Joint Baccalaureate Studies Dual Degree Option

Introduction

Resources are scarce in both private and public higher education. Yet, the numbers of students interested in pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree are increasing. In the last several years, there has also been an unprecedented upsurge in students wanting to pursue their college education at a historically Black college or university (HBCU). Many HBCUs do not have a nursing school. And, the costs of starting a nursing program may be prohibitive. A nursing program, however, may be available at other colleges and universities in their region. Collaboration and creativity seem to be the best solution to meeting the needs of both the institutions and the students they serve.

This is the challenge in East Texas. Jarvis Christian College (Jarvis) is a private four year liberal arts historically Black college. In the last five years, Jarvis has received an increasing number of inquiries from prospective students wishing to pursue a career in nursing. Jarvis does not award a nursing degree. Located twenty-five miles south of Jarvis is The University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler). UT Tyler is a publicly supported upper division and graduate university, which awards bachelors and masters degrees including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Nursing degrees. These two institutions share the common goal of wanting to increase the numbers of baccalaureate educated nurses delivering health care to the citizens of East Texas.

This proposal outlines a dual degree nursing option, to be offered by Jarvis and UT Tyler, to meet the needs of students in the East Texas region. The admission process, curriculum, degree requirements and graduation criteria are described. The proposal concludes with support services for students and collaborative activities for marketing, recruitment and evaluation.

Admission to the Dual Degree Option
Students who apply for admission to the dual degree option will meet the admission, GPA, progression and retention requirements of
both institutions. Although UT Tyler can not guarantee spaces because of funding and other uncertainties, experience indicates that approximately ten admissions per semester should be available for qualified students participating in the joint program. Students will apply for admission to UT Tyler, Division of Nursing one semester prior to entry and meet the established application deadlines. If the number of applications for admission to the option exceeds the number of students that can be accommodated, students will be selected on the basis of (a) cumulative grade point average; (b) grades in required courses; (c) probability of completing all requirements; and (d) number of course withdrawals. Students not admitted under the guidelines for the dual degree option may be considered in the general pool of applications for the nursing program.

Curriculum

The dual degree option will consist of three core areas - general education requirements, pre-nursing curriculum and nursing curriculum. The general education requirements and the pre-nursing curriculum will be completed at Jarvis; the nursing curriculum will be completed at UT Tyler. Appendix A (pgs. 6-7) contains courses taught at Jarvis which also meet degree requirements at UT Tyler.

General Education Requirements

Students will complete the 64 semester hours of general education courses required for graduation from Jarvis. Students pursuing the dual degree, however, will be required to take the following courses as their nine (9) semester hours of elective courses: Introduction to Sociology (3), Humanities or Foreign Language (3), and General Psychology (3). These three courses and World Literature meet the requirements for the general education core at UT Tyler.

Pre-Nursing Curriculum

The pre-nursing curriculum completed at Jarvis will consist of science and cognate courses. The science curriculum will consist of the following laboratory science courses: BIOL 3404, Anatomy and Physiology I (4); Anatomy and Physiology II (4)*, CHEM 1401, Chemistry I (4); CHEM 1402, Chemistry II (4) and BIOL 3400, Microbiology (4). Cognates to be completed by dual degree students are a developmental psychology course covering the human life span, Psychology 3303, (3) a Nutrition course* (3) and Math 3301, Statistics (3).
Two courses, indicated by an *, in the pre-nursing curriculum are currently not offered at Jarvis. It is proposed that these courses are jointly developed by Jarvis and UT Tyler.

Nursing Curriculum
When admitted to UT Tyler dual degree students will complete science support and nursing courses as described. The required science support courses are CHEM 3107, Pharmacology I (1); CHEM 3108, Pharmacology II (1); BIOL 3320, Human Physiology (3); BIOL 3121, Human Physiology Lab (1); and BIOL 3328, Pathophysiology.

The nursing major will comprise 48 semester hours of course work. Students will pursue the four semester sequence taken by all non-licensed students. Licensed students pursuing the dual degree option will complete the three semester Mobility in Nursing Education (MINE) option offered by UT Tyler.

Degree Plans
A coordinated degree plan will be developed for all students who declare an interest in the dual degree option. The degree plan will include the program of studies, entry dates to Jarvis and UT Tyler and projected graduation date(s). The degree plan will be contingent upon continuous progression, satisfactory completion of course requirements, and the institutional regulations of Jarvis and UT Tyler. The degree plan will be dated and signed by the student, Jarvis counselor and UT Tyler counselor.

If a student does not continuously progress in the dual degree option, the degree plan will be reviewed/revised in consultation with both counselors. Both degree plans will be retained in the student's file.

Suggested curriculum patterns and degree plans for non-licensed students and licensed nurses are contained in Appendices B through E (pgs. 8-13). Degree plans for students wishing to pursue a dual degree on a part-time basis will be the same, only the length of time for degree completion will vary.

Completion of Degree Requirements
The dual degree requirements can be completed in ten (10) semesters of full-time study for non-licensed students and nine (9) semesters of full-time study for licensed nurses. Part-time study is available and will require more semesters of study for completion of degree requirements.
**Graduation**

Upon successful completion of all requirements for graduation from Jarvis Christian College, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. Upon successful completion of all requirements for graduation from UT Tyler, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

**Support Services to Students**

**Academic Advising**

Any student or prospective student interested in pursuing the dual degree option is eligible for advising. Students will be advised by counselors from both Jarvis and UT Tyler. UT Tyler will hold a special advising session at least once each semester on the Jarvis campus to answer students' questions. Students will be given the telephone number and office hours of the UT Tyler advisor to call at other times. Jarvis students may also receive assistance from the Office of Admission and Student Records at UT Tyler.

**Student Services**

Students in the dual degree option will be eligible to participate in the student services and activities of both institutions. Students will be issued an identification card to give them access to both schools' general and other services as negotiated.

**Library Support**

Students will have full privileges at both schools and other regional libraries as negotiated by the institutions for all students.

**Student ID Card**

A student identification card will be issued by the school where the student is currently enrolled. Students will be expected to adhere to all policies and procedures of the schools.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Representatives from both schools will assist students to secure scholarships and financial aid to support their educational pursuits. The schools will also explore regional and national grant initiatives to support student attendance and the dual degree option.
Collaborative Activities

Student Recruitment and Retention
Jarvis and UT Tyler representatives will coordinate activities for the recruitment and retention of students. Whenever possible, a representative from each school will attend recruitment activities, career days, and open houses.

Marketing of the Dual Degree Option
Jarvis and UT Tyler will collaborate to develop, finance and disseminate brochures and other informational materials to promote the dual degree option.

Computer Accessibility
The schools will explore the potential for establishing a computer linked system to access dual degree student files.

Joint Advisory Committee
A committee of representatives from both schools will be formed to plan, recommend, and evaluate the dual degree program. The committee will meet annually, and as needed.