University of Hawaii  
Memorandum of Agreement

Kapiʻolani Community College (KCC)  
University of Hawaii Hilo

KCC Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (RN)  
UH Hilo Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

This agreement will facilitate the pathway from the KCC Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (RN) to UH Hilo Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). This agreement accords with the UH system “Memorandum of Agreement: Transfer of General Education Core Requirements (May 2010), the UH Hilo-Kapiolani CC “Memorandum of Understanding...on a Degrees Pathways Partnership Program (2006), and catalog choice policy for UH system campuses.

The pathway enables students to complete the twenty-seven credit program in one summer session and three semesters. Appendix A specifies preconditions and prerequisites for students with the RN to enter and complete the BSN program.

Students will initially be admitted to UH Hilo as “Pre-Nursing” students (meaning Pre-BSN program) and will be reclassified as “Nursing” students upon completion of the preconditions and prerequisites.

Under the terms of this Agreement, Kapiʻolani Community College agrees to:

1. Continue to offer the ADN (RN) program
2. Identify a Student Services Advisor(s) who will partner with UH-Hilo's advisors(s) to ensure timely and accurate advising on pre-admission, admission, degree requirements and other related advising information
3. Identify a KCC faculty member who will serve as the faculty advisor to students in the Nursing program.
4. Ensure that KCC students seeking admission to the UH Hilo RN to BSN program will complete and submit the Degree Pathways application form to UH Hilo.
5. Meet with UH Hilo faculty and/or administration minimally every two years, or on an as needed basis, to discuss potential and planned curricular changes.
6. Cooperate with UH Hilo on dual enrollment processes to benefit the matriculation and transfer processes for the ADN and BSN program
7. Identify, review, and approve clinical sites and clinical supervisors on Oahu where students can complete Nurs 347L, Nurs 410L, and Nurs 457L, and notify UH Hilo so that the hiring and related processes can be completed

Under the terms of this Agreement, the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo agrees to:

1. Identify a Nursing school faculty advisor(s) at who will partner with KCC’s advisor(s) to ensure timely and accurate advising on pre-admission, admission, degree requirements and other related advising information
2. Meet with KCC faculty and/or administration minimally every two years, or on an as needed basis, to discuss potential and planned curricular changes
3. Cooperate with KCC on dual enrollment processes to benefit the matriculation and transfer processes for the ADN and BSN programs
4. Upon the recommendation of KCC, hire and pay for clinical supervisors for program students at sites identified and approved by KCC.

This Memorandum of Agreement is effective beginning spring 2011. This Agreement will be reviewed minimally every two years or as necessary, in order to support the transfer, matriculation and graduation of ADN and BSN students from both the University of Hawai‘i-Hilo and Kapi‘olani Community College. In particular, changes to the curricular requirements of either program subsequent to this agreement may require revisions to the agreement.

Should both parties agree to terminate the Agreement, UH-Hilo will honor the Agreements stipulations for students currently enrolled in the program at the time of termination.

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Appendix A

Preconditions and Prerequisites. A student that successfully completes the following requirements will have his/her status changed from Pre-Nursing to Nursing (meaning BSN student):

- KCC AS Degree in Nursing Program
- Accelerated pathway program of 2 semesters (23 credits – 7 NURS credits and 16 General Education)
- NCLEX-RN exam, and
- Obtained a current Hawai‘i RN license
- Complete natural science prerequisite courses specified below either at UH Hilo or at KCC:

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<td>a. NURS 375 (Applied Human Nutrition) Online</td>
<td>FSHN 475*</td>
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<td>b. NURS 348 (Human Pathophysiology) Online</td>
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<td>c. CHEM 141 (Survey of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry)</td>
<td>BIOC 244</td>
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<tr>
<td>d. BIO 275L (Fundamentals of Microbiology Laboratory)</td>
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*Offered at UH Manoa

Students entering UH Hilo directly from KCC in Fall 2011 have the option to adhere to the new UH Hilo General Education Core and Integrative requirements, which go into effect Fall 2011; or the previous UH Hilo General Education, Hawaii-Asia-Pacific, and Writing Intensive requirements. Students are advised to consult future UH Hilo catalogs to determine if changes have been made to any requirements.

Students must complete the following BSN core and elective courses with a grade of “C” or better. UH Hilo will offer two elective courses per year, including one in summer.

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