



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA) BETWEEN SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AND MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

The objective of the collaborative partnership between Santa Monica College (hereinafter referred to as "SMC") and Mount Saint Mary's University (hereinafter referred to as "MSMU") described in this Agreement is to assist SMC nursing students in obtaining access to the baccalaureate degree in nursing program offered by MSMU.

MSMU is a degree granting educational institution that provides baccalaureate degree programs. SMC is a degree granting educational institution that provides associate degree programs and/or courses that can be transferred to baccalaureate degree programs. Establishment of the nursing baccalaureate degree program delivered by MSMU at the SMC campus will enhance the overall educational experience and geographic convenience for students residing in the SMC service area, will increase enrollment in the MSMU nursing baccalaureate degree program, and will complement the educational offerings of both institutions.

The parties hereby enter into this Educational Partnership Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "EPA") upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein:

i. MSMU General Responsibilities

- a. MSMU will deliver the following degree program online: RN to Bachelor of Science - Nursing Online Beginning with the fall 2022 semester, MSMU will offer, online, the courses required to complete the nursing baccalaureate degree program. Once a cohort of students for such program begins, MSMU agrees to make available to the students who remain enrolled in the cohort all of the courses required to complete the degree program, regardless of the fact that the number of students in the cohort may decline.**
- b. In the future the parties may agree in writing to expand this EPA to include other Bachelor degrees offered by MSMU. Such agreement shall be evidenced by an amendment to this EPA.**

- c. **SMC agrees to assist MSMU in identifying and utilizing clinical sites currently used by the SMC Associate Degree in Nursing program for use in the MSMU-SMC RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.**
- d. **MSMU administrative and professional personnel will visit the SMC campus on a regular basis to provide transfer advisement information to SMC students, faculty, and staff with respect to the SMC associate degree curriculum, and to collaborate with SMC faculty and staff on issues that involve the opportunities for SMC students to take advantage of the nursing baccalaureate degree program delivered by MSMU online.**
- e. **MSMU-SMC RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program students will receive a special rate of \$500 per unit for nursing and general education courses.**

II. MSMU Academic Responsibilities

- a. **Tenets set out in this EPA are based upon the governing policies as stated in the MSMU catalog as it appears on the date of execution of this EPA. However, it is understood and agreed that the articulation of academic requirements is subject to change by MSMU in accordance with changes adopted in subsequent catalogs.**
- b. **Said changes will be addressed in the annual collaborative review required in paragraph VII of this EPA.**
- c. **MSMU will provide all faculty and administrative support required to provide the degree program offered under this EPA.**
- d. **MSMU will continue to abide by the existing Articulation Agreement with SMC and will provide a Transfer Plan to SMC students, which they can use to select SMC courses that will transfer to MSMU. Mount Saint Mary's University accepts completion of either the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) to fulfill the LACE- Liberal Arts Core Education (MSMU General Education Requirements) with the exception of the upper division Integrative Scholarship (6 units) and the Capstone (1-3 units) which may be fulfilled by the major Capstone requirement. MSMU will accept seventy (70) units of transfer credit from the SMC Associate Degree in Nursing program upon completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing, proof of RN licensure (indicating NCLEX-RN pass) and admission to MSMU's RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, the SMC student will be awarded twenty- three (23) units of MSMU upper division nursing credit toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The remaining thirty-one (31) of the one hundred twenty four (124) units required for the Bachelor of**

students' educational progress and experience. In addition, MSMU will assist those students enrolled in the program in transferring to one of the MSMU campuses to complete their degrees.

VII. Amendment(s) to Educational Partnership Agreement

It is expressly understood and agreed that there shall be an annual collaborative review of this EPA. Any amendments or revisions to this Agreement must be mutually agreed upon, prepared as an amendment to this EPA, executed by duly authorized officers of MSMU and SMC, and made a part of the EPA in its entirety.

VIII. Non-Discrimination

SMC and MSMU do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, medical condition, mental or physical disability, marital status, sexual orientation or veteran status in its acceptance, assignment, treatment, or evaluation of students, faculty or staff who participate in or otherwise support their respective academic programs and operations.

IX. SMC and MSMU agree to abide by current federal and state guidelines for avoidance of sexual harassment, as those guidelines may be amended, modified or supplemented during the term hereof.

X. FERPA Compliance

SMC & MSMU abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended, and as it may hereafter be amended.

XI. Entire Agreement

This EPA, including appendices and amendments duly countersigned, represents the entire agreement between the parties, and expressly replaces, supersedes, and cancels any prior oral or written agreement or communication on this subject matter and it may not be changed orally or by an agreement between the parties unless in writing, signed and acknowledged by both parties.

XII. Notices

Any notices shall be sent to the addresses set forth above by certified mail, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid. Neither party shall be responsible for any failure to perform due to unforeseen acts of God, law, regulation, or major disruption of commerce beyond its control.

Science in Nursing degree, will be completed in residence with MSMU. The program will be organized such that the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree can be to be capable of being completed in a consecutive twelve (12) month period.

III. MSMU Program Administration

The administrative responsibility for MSMU programs delivered at the SMC Campus will be undertaken by MSMU located at the following address

Leah FitzGerald

Dean of Nursing

Mount Saint Mary's University 10 Chester Place Los

Angeles, CA 90007

213-477-2185

IV. Joint Responsibilities

SMC and MSMU shall cooperate in the assembly of a comprehensive schedule of classes for the nursing RN to baccalaureate degree program delivered by MSMU at the SMC campus, and where at all possible, will work together to develop an extended (forecasted) schedule of classes for future semesters. These schedules shall be made available at each party's respective campus location.

V. SMC Program Administration

Estela Narrie, M.S.

Articulation Officer/Counseling Faculty

Santa Monica College 1900

Pico Blvd, Santa Monica,

CA 90405

Phone Number

Email

VI. Term and Termination

- a. This EPA shall commence on the date hereinafter noted and continue three (3) years with an annual review until such time as either of the parties to this EPA gives notice to the other of its intention not to continue. Said notice shall be in writing and delivered not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of termination and addressed to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested, and postage paid.
- b. Should the effective date of the EPA termination occur during a scheduled course or courses, the remaining class sessions of the course will continue to be offered at SMC so as not to interfere with the

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Educational Partnership Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of this 9th day of May, 2023

Signatures

Mount Saint Mary's University:




Daniel Prosterman, Interim Provost

5/3/2023

(Date)

Santa Monica College:



Estela Narrie, M.S.
Articulation Officer/Counseling
Faculty

5/9/23

(Date)