

Early Admission Registered Nurse (EARN) Program

Concurrent Enrollment Articulation Agreement

Between

LSU Health Science Center at New Orleans School of Nursing and Delgado Community College Charity School of Nursing

In October 2010, the Institute of Medicine released a landmark report on the Future of Nursing initiated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A major recommendation of this report included increasing the number of baccalaureate-prepared nurses in the workforce to 80%. The report supported this large percentage change with evidence that patient outcomes improved and health care system complexity demanded nurses with higher levels of education. Settings applying for Magnet status must show that plans are in place to achieve 80% of a baccalaureate prepared RN workforce by the year 2020.

The State of Louisiana has merged technical and community colleges, therefore increasing the number of nursing graduates in need of articulation pathways to the BSN degree. The Early Admission Registered Nurse (EARN) Program will grant earlier access for students pursuing an Association of Science in Nursing at Delgado Community College Charity School of Nursing (DCCCSN) to the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans School of Nursing's RN to BSN Program to allow for:

- Streamlining of the current articulation process of awarding transfer and advanced placement credit.
- Continuity with both programs in awarding transfer and advanced placement nursing credit.
- Ease in the transfer and application process for articulation students.
- Provide a seamless progression in nursing education to meet the educational needs of the citizens of Louisiana.
- A decrease in the time required for the student to obtain the BSN degree.
- Assist in assuring a qualified healthcare workforce to obtain positive patient outcomes.

This agreement is made and entered into on this 5 date of March (the Effective date) by and between Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans School of Nursing (LSUHSC SON) located in New Orleans Louisiana, and Delgado Community College Charity School of Nursing (DCCCSN), located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Whereas, LSUHSC SON and DCCCSN wish and intend by this Agreement to establish guidelines and procedures for students to be concurrently enrolled in DCCCSN's Associate Degree in Nursing (ASN) and the LSUHSC SON Bachelor of Science in Nursing's RN to BSN Program. These students will be identified as Early Admission Registered Nurse (EARN) students.

Whereas, the Agreement is intended to streamline a qualified student's completion of both the ASN and the BSN.

Now, therefore, the parties hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. Elements of the agreement
  - a. Criteria for admission

- i. Students must complete the steps for admission as a degree-seeking student at DCCCSON before they are considered for the LSUHSC SON RN to BSN Early Admission Registered Nurse (EARN) Program.
  - ii. Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.8.
  - iii. Students must meet the definition of residency at each institution to qualify for in-state tuition.
  - iv. Students must be admitted into the DCCCSON nursing program.
  - v. Students must have successfully completed the following prerequisite coursework:
    - 1. English 101
    - 2. Math 120, 128 or 130
    - 3. Biology 141 and 143\*
    - 4. Biology 251 and 253
    - 5. General Psychology 127
    - 6. 3 hours of fine art
    - 7. 9 hours of humanities requirement
    - 8. 6 hours of elective coursework
  - vi. Students must have successfully completed the following DCCCSON Second Semester coursework:
    - 1. Biology 252 and 254
    - 2. NURS 113 Nursing 1
    - 3. NURS 117 Pharmacology 1
- b. Determination of admission
  - i. The first cohort of students will be admitted for the fall semester of 2018.
  - ii. Students are advised to be thoroughly familiar with the admission criteria and processes that are posted online for both institutions.
    - 1. DCCCSON: <http://www.dcc.edu/academics/charity-school-nursing/rn-program.aspx>
    - 2. LSUHSC SON: <http://nursing.lsuhs.edu/AcademicPrograms/Undergraduate/RN-BSN/AdmissionCriteria.html>
  - iii. Candidates for admission to the EARN Program are made collaboratively by designated representatives from both DCCCSON and LSUHSC SON.
  - iv. Students must be admitted to DCCCSON and completed all above listed prerequisite and DCCCSON second semester coursework before they can be considered for the EARN Program.
  - v. Student can be part time or full time at DCCCSON.
  - vi. Students will be considered part time at LSUHSC SON while participating in the EARN Program.
  - vii. Qualified applicants will apply to the EARN Program through LSUHSC SON.
- c. Financial considerations
  - i. Financial aid will be processed through DCCCSON as the degree seeking institution and in accordance with pages 26 – 28 of Chapter 2 of the Federal

**Student Financial Aid Handbook,**

<https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1617FSAHbkVol2Ch2.pdf>

- ii. Students will agree to pay LSUHSC directly for all tuition and fees each semester as dictated by the number of credit hours taken at LSUHSC SON. .
- d. Upon admission
  1. Each institution will notify the student of the admission decision.
  2. Each institution will develop a method of identifying students as a current student in the EARN Program.
2. Progression within the Concurrent Program
  - a. Students must maintain active enrollment status at both institutions, in the semesters they are concurrently enrolled. .
  - b. Students must adhere to the signed EARN Program plan. If a student does not follow their plan of study, they will be withdrawn from the EARN Program.
  - c. Students must comply with each institutions' policy regarding progression.
  - d. If a student achieves a grade of less than C in any course, the progression policy at the specific institution will apply.
  - e. If a student fails a course, at either DCCCSO or LSUHSC SON, the student will be withdrawn from the EARN Program.
  - f. If a student must withdraw from the EARN Program, the student will be allowed to return to LSUHSC SON and continue to progress toward the BSN degree in the RN to BSN program after completion of the ADN degree at DCCCSO.
  - g. Credits earned will be reflected on an official transcript. Courses successfully completed in the EARN Program, will be considered complete and count toward completion of the RN to BSN Program at LSUHSC SON.
  - h. Progression policies of LSUHSC SON allow students to repeat a course twice. This will be the same policy for the students in the EARN Program and the RN to BSN Program.
3. Credit Transferability
  - a. General Education courses will be accepted as noted on official transcripts from a regionally accredited college or university.
  - b. Nursing courses are pre-determined according to DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON Programs of Study, and will be accepted to count toward both the ASN and BSN degrees.
4. Coordination
  - a. Enrollment in the EARN Program terminates upon completion of DCCCSO ASN Program. The student will then petition LSUHSC SON in order to transfer to the RN to BSN Program for the remainder of the required coursework.
  - b. Both DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON will:
    - i. Collaborate in the development of content and offerings of informational sessions, web updates and published materials about the Concurrent Program.
    - ii. Collaborate in selecting qualified applicants for the EARN Program.
    - iii. Collaboratively address financial aid matters that pertain to Concurrent Program students. Communications to students and between institutions about financial aid matters will be addressed collaboratively by designated representatives.
    - iv. Identify DCCCSO as the freshman and sophomore level course provider and LSUHSC SON as the junior and senior level course provider in all joint

promotions, with the exception of HSLC 2416 Health Assessment Theory and HSLC 2417 Health Assessment Lab, which will be taught by LSUHSC SON.

- v. Notify each other concerning any planned curricular changes that would affect the future of this agreement.
- vi. Exchange any other information that DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON believe will be helpful to monitor and assure the academic success of participating students.

**5. Program Articulation**

- a. Students admitted to the EARN Program will fulfill the following requirements:
  - i. Complete the designated curriculum sequence at DCCCSO required for the ASN with a cumulative GPA of 2.8.
  - ii. Complete the following LSUHSC SON prerequisites for admission into the RN to BSN Program:
    - 1. 3 hours of chemistry
    - 2. 3 hours of humanities
    - 3. 6 hours of elective coursework
    - 4. 3 hours of sociology
  - iii. Complete any remaining outstanding general education courses at DCCCSO to satisfy the DCCCSO general education requirements.
- b. In accordance with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Model (2014) for ASN to BSN nursing transitions, LSUHSC SON will award a minimum of 30 upper level nursing didactic and clinical credit hours for licensed RN's from DCCCSO as determined through a transcript assessment.
- c. The total number of program credit hours = 120
  - i. General Education requirements 42 credit hours
  - ii. LSUHNO SON prerequisite requirements 15 credit hours
  - iii. Nursing Coursework from DCCCSO 33 credit hours
  - iv. Upper level nursing coursework from LSUHSC SON 30 credit hours

**6. Termination and revision of agreement**

- a. This agreement shall remain in force unless either party terminates the agreement. Termination of the agreement should be received by the other party in writing and include a 90 day notice. It is the intent of the parties that after any termination of this agreement, the participation of all existing students will continue until they graduate or depart from the program.
- b. Representatives of each institution will review the substance and effectiveness of the agreement annually.
- c. As both institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), good standing with this accrediting body is essential to the continuation of the agreement. If either institution is sanctioned or denied accreditation by SACS the institution, remaining in good standing may terminate this agreement with proper notice.
- d. The agreement may be amended through written request by either party when deemed necessary to add, delete, or significantly modify the terms. Such amendments must be in writing.

**7. General provisions**

- a. The parties have set forth the terms, conditions and responsibilities in the agreement in the good faith belief that they are fully in compliance with all legal and accreditation requirements generally applicable to both parties; provided, however, in the event that either party determines in its sole discretion that the performance of any obligation herein is in violation of such legal or accreditation requirement, the parties agree that such obligation shall be promptly modified to the extent necessary to secure continued compliance with such legal and accreditation requirements. In the event either party determines in its sole discretion that such obligations cannot be modified in a manner to secure continued compliance, either party can terminate this agreement effective immediately upon written notice.
- b. The parties shall not use any parties trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, brand names domain names, URL's or Logo's or any other licensed mark or intellectual property in any manner without the prior written consent from such party.
- c. The parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding the protection of data security, including, without limitation the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and to work together to facilitate the parties 'obligations under those laws and regulations.
- d. Either party shall have the authority to dismiss a student from the EARN Program if any part of the student agreement is not met as outlined in the student agreement.
- e. The parties agree to communicate and/or meet on an ongoing basis so all parties are kept apprised of issues.

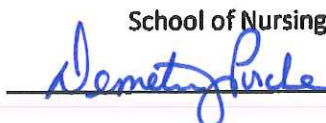
**Signatures of Responsible Authorities**

**Delgado Charity School of Nursing**

**Louisiana State University Health Science Center at New Orleans**

  
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**Dean: Cheryl Myers, PhD, RN**

**Dean: Demetrius Porche, DNS, PhD, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN**

  
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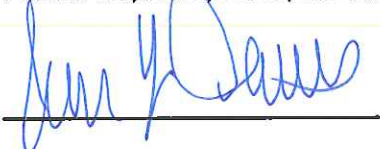
  
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**Joan Y. Davis, JD**

## EARN Program Curriculum

### First Semester: DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON Pre-requisite Requirements

Campus DCC	Course Name	Credits
DCC	English 101	3
	Biol 251 and 253	4
	Math 120, 128 or 130	3
	Psychology 127	3
	Fine Art	3
	Total	16

### Second Semester: DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON Pre-requisite Requirements

Campus DCC	Course Name	Credits
DCC and DCCCSO	Biol 252 and 254	4
	Nurs 113 Nursing 1	8
	Nurs 117 Pharmacology 1	2
	English 102	3
	Total	17

Prerequisite coursework for LSUHSC SON. Taken at any regionally accredited college or university.

Courses must be completed prior to third semester at DCCCSO below.

Campus DCC or Other Regionally Accredited College or University	Course Name	Credits
DCC	General Biology and Lab *      BIOL 141 and 143	4
	General or Intro into Chemistry      Chem 101 or 141	3
	Intro into Sociology      Soci 151	3
	Humanities Electives      Varies	6
	General Electives      Varies	6
	Total	22

\* May be required for DCCCSO.

Students are now eligible to apply to the EARN Program

Can begin the concurrent enrollment at LSUHNO SON.

**Third Semester at DCCCSO and first at LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus DCC</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON	Biol 210 or 211 Microbiology	3
	Nurs 125 Nursing II	7
	Nurs 127 Pharmacology 11	1
	Nurs 129 Special Populations I	2
	At LSUHNO SON: HLSC 3410 Pathophysiology **	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

\*\* At LSUHSC SON

**Fourth Semester at DCCCSO and second at LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus DCC</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON	Math 203 Introductory Statistics	3
	Nurs 220 Nursing III	7
	Nurs 223 Special Populations II	2
	Nurs 225 Pharmacology III	1
	At LSUHNO SON: HLSC 2416/2417 Health Assessment Theory and Lab**	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

\*\* At LSUHSC SON

**Fifth Semester at DCCCSO and third at LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus DCC</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
DCCCSO and LSUHSC SON	Third Humanities Requirement	3
	Nurs 235 Nursing IV	9
	Nurs 251 Special Populations III	1
	At LSUHNO SON: Nurs 3370 Nursing Research**	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

\*\* At LSUHSC SON

Completes and graduates from DCCCSO ASN Program. Student applies to the RN to BSN Program at LSUHSC SON. The student will have 90 days to complete the NCLEX successfully. Students will remain in the RN to BSN Program taking non-clinical coursework until RN licensure is obtained. Once the student obtains the RN licensure, the clinical experiences will begin.

**Option 1- With RN License**

**Suggested Full semester 1 LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus LSUHNO SON</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LSUHSC SON	Nurs 3375 Intro to Professional Nursing	5
	Nurs 4357 Population Focused Nursing Theory	3
	Nurs 4378 Population Focused Nursing Practicum	2
	Nurs 4380 Advanced Concepts in Professional Nursing Practice	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

**Suggested Full semester 2 LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus LSUHNO SON</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LSUHSC SON	Nurs 4279 Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems	5
	Nurs 4346 Gerontology	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

Completes the RN to BSN Program at LSUHSC SON.

**Option 2 (90 day option to obtain RN)**

**Suggested Full semester 1 LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus LSUHNO SON</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LSUHSC SON	Nurs 3375 Intro to Professional Nursing	5
	Nurs 4346 Gerontology	3
	Nurs 4380 Advanced Concepts in Professional Nursing Practice	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

**Suggested Full semester 2 LSUHSC SON**

<b>Campus LSUHNO SON</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	<b>(Clinical Coursework after RN license is granted)</b>	
LSUHSC SON	Nurs 4279 Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems	5
	Nurs 4357 Population Focused Nursing Theory	3
	Nurs 4378 Population Focused Nursing Practicum	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

Completes the RN to BSN Program at LSUHSC SON.





*Charity School of Nursing*

**Declaration of Receipt of Information and Agreement**

**Effective March 1, 2018 Early Enrollment Registered Nurse (EARN) Program**

The Early Enrollment Registered Nurse (EARN) Program is a concurrent enrollment pathway for Associate to Baccalaureate Nursing that is offered through Delgado Charity School of Nursing (DCCCSN) and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans (LSUHSC) School of Nursing (SON). This pathway is designed to enable qualified nursing students from DCCCSN to take identified nursing courses in the RN to BSN Program from LSUHSC SON, prior to graduating at DCCCSN, toward earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from LSUHSC SON.

Applicants must meet the admission criteria for LSUHSC SON as outlined in the EARN pathway, and must be endorsed by both academic representatives from DCCCSN and LSUHSC SON in order to apply to the EARN Program.

The applicant student, by signing below, agrees to the following:

- Student must complete the steps for admission as a degree-seeking student at DCCCSN before being considered for the EARN Program.
- Student must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.8.
- Student must meet the definition of residency at each institution to qualify for in-state tuition.
- Student must be admitted and progressing in good academic standing, in DCCCSN.
- Student must have successfully completed the following prerequisite coursework:
  - English 101, English 102, Math 120, 128 or 130, Biology 141 and 143, Biology 251 and 253, Biology 252 and 254, Chem 101 or 141, Sociology 151, Psychology 127, 3 hours of fine art, 6 hours of humanities, 6 hours of general elective coursework, NURS 113, NURS 117.
- In accordance with LSUHSC policy, the student agrees to pay LSUHSC directly for the hours of course work taken at LSUHSC SON by the deadline set forth by the LSUHSC Bursar.
- Student agrees to meet with the EARN Program Director for continual advising, at minimum once a semester.
- The student understands that if any difficulties occur with progression, at DCCCSN and/or LSUHSC SON, that student will be withdrawn from the EARN Program, with an option to return.

By signing below, I confirm that I have reviewed the information available on this document and on the website related to the EARN Program at LSUHSC SON, and agree to following these stipulations and process.

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Print Name

Date

Signature