Dual Admission and Enrollment Proposal to Oklahoma City Community College

Shared Motivation

Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) and Oklahoma Christian University (OC) share the following values that provide the foundation for this proposal:

- Commitment to meet the educational needs of students
- Desire to provide clear pathways of articulation between educational institutions
- Willingness to seek innovative approaches to benefit students

Goal to Facilitate Educational Progression

OCCC recognizes that many of the courses and/or degrees completed by their students are preparation for future education. Many of their students are seeking a 4-year degree or its equivalent. OC recognizes that some students may choose to begin their educational journey at the community college and wants to provide clear pathways for these students

OCCC's graduates from their associate's degree program in nursing (ADN) will have completed prerequisite courses that fulfill OC's core curriculum requirements. They will have up to one year following graduation to pass the licensing exam and become oriented to their place of employment. The unique competency-based format of the RN to BSN pathway at OC will allow ADN graduates to move efficiently through the completion of the degree for as little as \$4,000 (average cost \$8000). They will receive a 5% discount in the subscription price each term (\$4000-\$200=\$3800).

Students in their last semester of their nursing degree plan at OCCC can apply to OC and will be considered for early acceptance into the upper-division nursing program along with OC students. OC students and the OCCC students who complete this pathway will be guaranteed a seat in the fall cohort if they meet the admission requirements of a 3.0 GPA and pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). In the case that the number of applicants for the OC nursing program exceeded the number of seats, OCCC pathway students would be considered along with the OC students prior to the admission of transfer students.

Description

Students who are seeking admission to OCCC may apply at the same time to OC, with the understanding that OCCC will provide courses to prepare the student for entry into selected programs at OC. Collaborative advising between OCCC and OC will ensure efficient use of the student's time and financial resources, including eligibility for the OC scholarships designated for pathway students. Students who do not apply to OC while they are OCCC students may apply to OC, but may not be eligible for the scholarships available through our articulation agreements.

Scope

Two groups of OCCC students will serve as participants in the first stage of this collaboration: 1) those completing their associate's degree in nursing will transition into OC's RN to BSN Program

and 2) those completing pre-baccalaureate courses will transition into OC's traditional on-campus BSN program.

Logistics

The Office of Records and Graduation at OCCC will issue the pathway students a student ID number as usual. The OC Registrar's Office will issue the pathway students a student ID number during their last semester at OCCC. OC's nursing faculty advisors will meet face-to-face or in online meetings with each OCCC student soon after they apply to OC. With the help of the OC Registrar, an individualized plan of courses will be developed for each student. The students will pay their tuition for OCCC courses to OCCC and for OC courses to OC.

Pathway for Students

OCCC and OC are excited to partner together on this pathway for students. Through this collaboration, students will have the opportunity to continue their nursing education. Both institutions are committed to providing options for students to be successful.

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