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M E M O R A N D U M

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President

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Executive Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden Technical Institute Articulation Agreement

Item Description

This item presents an agreement between Tallahassee Community College (TCC) and Gadsden Technical Institute (GTI) to enhance partnerships and career pathways.

Overview and Background

This agreement establishes an opportunity for GTI students to participate in TCC's Healthcare Professions to RN Transition program in an accelerated format. Students who have completed their Practical Nursing program (LPN) at GTI will receive 10 hours of college credit towards TCC's RN program. There is no cost for the 10 hours of college credit. The first cohort of students are expected to be admitted Summer 2020.

Funding/ Financial Implications

None

Past Actions by the Board

The Board has approved articulation agreements with Gadsden Technical Institute in the past.

Recommended Action

That the Board approve the articulation agreement with Gadsden Technical Institute.

Articulation Agreement Between

**TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
Healthcare Professions to RN
Transition Program**

**Gadsden Technical Institute
Nursing (LPN) Program**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) dated as signed between Tallahassee Community College (hereinafter referred to as “TCC”) and Gadsden Technical Institute (hereinafter referred to as “GTI”) establishes a Healthcare Professions to RN Transition program (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”) that will extend 10 hours of college credit at no cost to eligible students who have completed the Practical Nursing (LPN) program through GTI’s Gadsden Center for Health Education. Upon successful completion of all course work the 10 hours of college credit will be applied in order to satisfy requirements for graduation.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

TCC and GTI faculty and staff with responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the Nursing programs have assessed the adequacy of the documentation and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures for GTI’s Practical Nursing program meet the standards for college credit course work and that the learning outcomes are consistent with the course work in the AS degree being articulated. Furthermore, GTI’s Practical Nursing program courses are taught by faculty who have a minimum of a BS/BA degree in the required discipline area.

TRANSFER PROCESS

For admission into the Healthcare Profession to RN Transition program, students must:

- Complete all of the required Nursing program prerequisites.
- Provide documentation of an active and unencumbered Florida license as a Practical Nurse
- Meet all of the application requirements as established for the Healthcare Professions to RN Transition program in the Tallahassee Community College Catalog.

Prior to submitting the application for admission, students must complete all prerequisite courses and the Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment (HESI A2).

Applicants are awarded points based on grade point average and HESI-A2. These points are used to determine entry into the AS nursing program.

- **Grade Point Average ([GPA for Nursing](#))**. Students must earn a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course and have an overall minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.5. Points are earned by multiplying the GPA x 10. For example, a student earning a 3.2 GPA would earn 32 points towards admission (e.g., $3.2 \times 10=32$). The maximum number of points granted for GPA is 40.
- **HESI A2**. A minimum score of 75% on each subtest of the HESI A2 is required to be considered for admission. The test scores are translated into points. For example, a score of 81% provides 81 points toward admission. Only scores on the following subtests are considered for admission: reading, vocabulary, grammar, and math.

Students may earn additional points by achieving certain subtest scores. The score ranges required to earn additional points for a subtest are as follows:

- 80.0-89.99% = 3 additional points
- 90.0-100% = 5 additional points

A total of 20 additional points toward admission may be earned in this manner.

The total number of possible points = 120

The points earned from the HESI A2 and GPA are added together, and this total determines who is offered admission. The total maximum points possible = 160.

If two or more students have an equal number of points, residents of TCC's service district, veterans and students who have completed all the corequisite non-nursing courses will receive first consideration. Corequisites include one General Education [Humanities State Core](#) course, plus [MCB2004 General Microbiology](#) and [MCB2004L Microbiology Laboratory](#).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the above requirements, students must also do the following:

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and meet all admission requirements of the College.
2. Submit a completed Tallahassee Community College application for admission, satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status, including submission of all official transcripts, declare a major in the Healthcare Professions to R.N., A.S. Degree program, and be in Active Student Status.
 - Complete the Tallahassee Community College Student Orientation.
 - Submit a program application to the Healthcare Professions to RN Transition program. Students must include a current and valid copy of their LPN Certification and have an active Florida license.

- If selected for the program, student must confirm seat, complete compliance, and attend program orientation.
- Upon verifying the required documentation, the Healthcare Professions Advisor will confirm eligibility, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be awarded.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be reviewed and evaluated biannually. It shall remain in effect from March 2020 until either party identifies a need for revision or terminates this agreement with thirty days written notice.

Date	Chair, Tallahassee District Board of Trustees, Tallahassee Community College
Date	President, Tallahassee Community College
Date	Chair, School Board Gadsden County School Board
Date	Superintendent, Gadsden County School District