#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (on Behalf of UW Oshkosh)

Dept: College of Nursing 800 Algoma Boulevard Oshkosh, WI 54901

and

Northcentral Technical College of Nursing
1000 W. Campus Dr
Wausau WI 54401

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Northcentral Technical College of Nursing (hereinafter referred to as "Agency") and The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (on Behalf of UW Oshkosh, hereinafter referred to as "University).

## Section 1. Background (Provide detail why partnership is needed or utilized):

In 2010, the Institute of Medicine called for 80% of nurses to be BSN prepared by 2020. According to the Wisconsin Center for Nursing, there is a shortage of BSN prepared Registered Nurses in Wisconsin. The intent of this MOU is to build a seamless educational pathway for students with strong educational potential to move from the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in an efficient, timely manner.

#### Section 2. Purpose and Goals (State purpose and goals of partnership):

Purpose: This MOU builds on the UW System Articulation Agreement for the Collaborative Nursing Program BSN@Home. The intent of this collaborative initiative is to provide a seamless educational path for students with strong educational potential to complete a BSN degree in a timely manner.

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#### Section 3.

The student will complete general education courses through NTC or UWO during their first year in the program. The student will complete the Associate Degree in Nursing at NTC during their second and third year in the program. The final step of the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing will be completed by taking completing upper-division nursing courses offered by UWO along with any remaining general education requirements.

 Admission process: NTC ADN program and UWO CNP BSN@Home students will apply to each institution following the institutions' application process, deadlines and rules. UWO and NTC will follow a dual admission process according to each institution's application deadlines and rules. Contacts will be identified at each institution to work with students throughout the admission

- process. Students must meet NTC entrance requirements and UWO CNP BSN@Home entrance requirements.
- Students will sign a release of information when they declare themselves UW Oshkosh Collaborative Nursing (CNP) Program NTC Partnership BSN@Home students. This release allows collaborating colleges and the university to share information for the purpose of admission decisions and planning for the continuing progress of admitted students.
- Students will meet the admission, progression, code of conduct, and standards of the institutions in which they are enrolled. Partnering institutions will support the prospective institutional policies and practices when communicating with students. Major breaches in the policies in one institution may affect the student's standing in the other institution.
- See college websites for application details:
  - For NTC: <a href="https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/programs/all/associate-degree/nursing">https://www.ntc.edu/academics-training/programs/all/associate-degree/nursing</a>
  - For UWO: https://uwosh.edu/con/undergraduate/bsnhome/admissions/
- Advising: Students enrolled in the ADN program at NTC will be advised by NTC advisors.
   Students enrolled in the CNP BSN@Home-Program at UW Oshkosh will be advised by Online and Continuing Education (OCE) academic advisors and College of Nursing faculty advisors.
- Financial Aid: Generally, students receive financial aid through the institution granting the degree. Students who are admitted as pre-program or matriculated into the ADN program at NTC who are enrolled in all courses at NTC will receive financial aid from NTC. Students who are enrolled in two institutions who intend to receive degrees at both colleges will be awarded financial aid through UW Oshkosh. If the student is enrolled at both colleges in a given semester, financial aid will only be awarded for the NTC courses that transfer to UW Oshkosh. The student will be responsible for paying tuition and fees to NTC for courses that do not transfer.
- Registration: Students will follow the registration process per policy at each partner institution.
- Plan of Study: Students complete general education coursework in their ADN program with NTC or UWO. Students who successfully complete the second semester of the ADN full-time program with at least a 3.0 GPA may complete BSN@Home courses N324 Orientation to Major, and core or nursing elective courses.
- After students graduate with their ADN at NTC they will take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Students must show proof of ADN degree conferral, passing NCLEX-RN, and 2.5 GPA to be eligible to take the remaining CNP BSN@Home courses. Students must maintain at least a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 and a C in pre-requisite and core nursing courses to stay in the CNP BSN@Home program.
- Marketing and Promotion of the Program: NTC and UWO agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program through advertisement and dissemination of information. Both institutions agree to market and promote the program in their respective marketing and recruitment activities.

**Section 4. Term:** This MOU between the University and Agency is for mutual collaborative work and shall be in force from <u>12/1/2022</u>. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of signatory officials at both partnering entities listed above. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the signatory officials at both entities. This MOU will be reviewed by 12/1/2023.

**Section 5. Termination:** This MOU may be terminated for any reason, by either party, upon a 30-day written notification to the other party.

**Section 6. Indemnification:** Each party to this agreement shall be solely responsible for any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings brought against it as a result of the alleged negligence, misconduct, error or omission of any of its employees, officers or agents. Neither party is obliged to indemnify the other party or to hold the other party harmless from costs or expenses incurred as a result of such claims; and each shall continue to enjoy all rights, claims and defenses available to it under State of Wisconsin law.

**Section 7. Funding:** This MOU represents no commitment of funds from either party to any of the listed duties or deliverables.

**Section 8. Billing:** This MOU represents no commitment of funds and therefore no billing requirements are needed.

**Section 9. Governing Law**: This Agreement is made in accordance with and shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

**Section 10. Independent Inquiry:** Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to limit the freedom of participants in this Agreement, whether paid or not, from engaging in similar inquiries made independently under other MOUs, grants, contracts or agreements with parties other than those listed above

**Section 11. Publication:** The University and its employees shall have the right, at their discretion, to release information or to publish any data, writings, or material resulting from the Research or to use such in any way for its educational and research purposes.

# Accepted and agreed upon by the parties:

Partner and UW Approvals:

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