

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

Lewis-Clark State College

and

College of Western Idaho

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the terms and understanding between Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) and the College of Western Idaho (CWI) to create a seamless articulation agreement allowing CWI associate-degree nursing students to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) at LCSC at a reduced cost.

### **Background**

In 2008 the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) launched an initiative to produce an action-oriented blueprint to transform the "Future of Nursing." One of the key messages resulting from the Committee's deliberations was that nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression. Specifically, the Committee recommended that academic nurse leaders across all schools of nursing should work together to increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree from 50 to 80 percent by 2020.

### **Purpose**

This MOU will establish a partnership between LCSC and CWI to facilitate the admission and progression of CWI graduates in LCSC's BSN track.

The above goal will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- (1) CWI will provide its students' admission applications, background checks, and health histories to LCSC.
- (2) LCSC will waive all application fees and admit CWI students based on the information supplied from CWI provided such information for each student is current.
- (3) LCSC will offer CWI students a full-time (2-semester) and part-time (4-semester) option for completing the BSN.
- (4) LCSC will offer both BSN options to CWI students at a reduced tuition cost (to be determined annually).
- (5) LCSC will provide a financial aid orientation once annually. CWI students may qualify for the LCSC Transfer Scholarship and other LCSC scholarships if they complete the necessary admission and/or scholarship applications by March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to their initial fall term or by December 15<sup>th</sup> prior to their initial spring term and assuming their initial term of enrollment at LCSC is the semester immediately following completion of their CWI AS degree. Other financial aid is not guaranteed by this agreement. Students must meet the specific requirements for other financial aid resources, including application deadlines.
- (6) LCSC will provide a Program Advisor to assist with transfer advising.

**Funding**

This MOU is not a commitment of funds from either partner.

**Duration**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from LCSC and CWI. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from LCSC and CWI and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from LCSC and CWI this MOU shall end on May 31, 2018.

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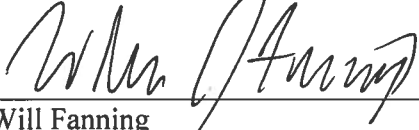
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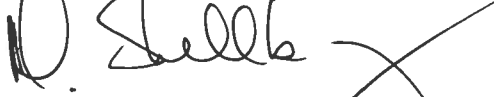
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