

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**AMONG**

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY, SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY,  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE, and NICHOLLS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**FOR THE OPERATION OF THE  
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONSORTIUM FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
(ICMSN)**

**Preamble**

The Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) is an academic partnership among four institutions of higher learning offering advanced nursing programs with common specialties. Each institution is authorized to offer the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) through affiliation with the ICMSN. The collaborative effort supports open mobility and matriculation through the utilization and application of an agreed upon philosophical base. Students are eligible to enroll in program specific courses across the campuses of participating institutions. All courses completed within the consortium are considered resident among member institutions. The outcome generates an educational alliance that promotes teaching and research where resources are shared and quality graduate nursing education is actualized.

**Introduction**

McNeese State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Nicholls State University have agreed to cooperate in the operation of a consortium to offer graduate education in nursing. The consortia arrangement is intended to make effective use of existing resources and to meet the need for master's level nursing education in southern Louisiana. To this end, the four institutions named above and the

University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents agree to the following terms and conditions.

### **Administration**

A Council of the Intercollegiate Consortium (CINC) will assure that the policies of the consortium are reflective of the interests of the member institutions and responsive to the needs of the nursing profession. Membership on the CINC will consist of the chief academic officer, the dean, associate dean/department head of the college/school of nursing, and graduate program coordinator from each participating institution. Department heads and associate deans will not have voting privileges.

The CINC will adopt bylaws to guide its internal operations and will meet annually at participating institutions. The CINC will oversee the operation and management of the consortium. The officers of the CINC will be elected from the membership and will consist of a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary.

The CINC will be responsible for establishing and revising as necessary, policies for the operation of the consortium. The CINC may appoint whatever committees and committee membership it deems appropriate to ensure optimal functioning of the consortium. Each participating institution, using minimum criteria set by the CINC, shall have jurisdiction over its faculty and program.

The CINC may designate primary responsibility for specific functions to any of the participating institutions as needed and in accordance with consortium bylaws.

Each institution will appoint a program coordinator who shall be an approved member of the graduate faculty of the consortium. The institutional program coordinators will constitute a Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee will meet as needed, but no less than

three times a year on a rotating basis between participating institutions and will report to the deans.

### **Resources**

Monies generated by tuition, fees and formula appropriations for each course offered in the programs of study will accrue to the institution at which the student is registered. Each institution will be responsible for providing the instruction and resources necessary to assure that its contribution to the consortium is one of high quality. Collectively, the participating institutions will be responsible for providing resources sufficient to maintain the quality of its programs at the level necessary to assure receipt and maintenance of professional accreditation.

### **Faculty**

Faculty members who teach any graduate program course must be qualified to hold graduate faculty status at their home institution. Collectively these faculty will constitute the graduate faculty organization of the ICMSN.

### **Students**

A student admitted to any ICMSN program must meet the standards of admission consistent with the graduate schools of the participating institutions. Students shall be registered at their home institution and shall have a degree plan managed by the appropriate faculty at the home institution. Regardless of the institution in which the student enrolls or registers, the rules and regulations of the institution at which the student is attending class will prevail.

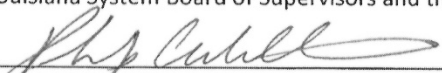
### **Curriculum and Awarding of Degrees**

**The number of course credit hours and degree requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing are agreed upon by the participating institutions with the approval of CINC. Degrees will be awarded by the student's home institution.**

The CINC will review and recommend action on any proposed changes in the mission and curricula of the consortium.

**Effective Date**


This Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective upon approval by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents.

  
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**PRESIDENT**  
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

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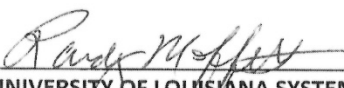
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