



DUAL DEGREE AGREEMENT

A dual degree cooperative articulation agreement between Baptist Bible College and Cox College

This agreement ("Agreement") formally recognizes Baptist Bible College and Cox College (collectively, the "parties") are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities for future healthcare providers in Southwest Missouri. The parties entered into an Articulation Agreement for nursing students, effective August 13, 2010 ("2010 Agreement") and have been operating under the terms of such agreement since its effective date. The parties jointly desire to modify the articulation agreement for nursing students as provided herein. By signing this Agreement, the parties acknowledge and agree that, upon the effective date of this Agreement, the 2010 Agreement shall terminate and shall no longer be in effect.

The cooperative program is designed for the Baptist Bible College student who has identified nursing as a career choice but who desires, as a complement to clinical preparation for the profession, an enriching collegiate experience that allows for social and personal maturation, and a broad academic exploration leading to reflective life-long learning, collaboration, and career advancement. After successfully completing requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree from Baptist Bible College and a nursing degree from Cox College, the student will be granted both the Bachelor of Science in Intercultural Studies or a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies from Baptist Bible College, and a Bachelor of Science or Associate of Science in Nursing from Cox College.

Students in the dual degree program will complete general education coursework concurrently with the prerequisite coursework required for admission into Cox College Bachelor of Science or Associate of Science Nursing program. Also incorporated into each student's plan of study will be the content requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Intercultural Studies or a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies.

Baptist Bible College will provide Cox College on a consistent basis the names and headcount of students who are pursuing dual degrees so the timing of their entry into the nursing program can be anticipated. The dual degree student at Baptist Bible College will adhere to Cox College deadlines for application to the nursing program. Cox College will assure program admission to Baptist Bible College dual degree students who meet or exceed admission criteria for the Cox College Bachelor of Science or Associate of Science program.

While in the nursing program of the dual degree plan, students can maintain the residential, social and cultural aspects of life as a Baptist Bible College student. Baptist Bible College will remain the student's "home institution." The dual degree student will pay all tuition and fees to Baptist Bible College for all semesters of the dual degree plan. Financial Aid will continue to be awarded through Baptist Bible College, and Baptist Bible College will verify student enrollment status for such benefits as loan deferment and insurance discounts.

Note: time limitations and credit hour limitations for financial aid programs will be thoroughly communicated to each dual degree student by the Baptist Bible College financial aid administrator. Baptist Bible College will compensate Cox College in every enrollment period (semester, intersession, and/or summer) for all courses pertaining to each Baptist Bible College student's coursework and related fees. Cox College, at the beginning of each semester, shall invoice Baptist Bible College for all related tuition, fees, and bookstore charges. Tuition and fees will be based on each Academic Year's tuition and fees schedule. Reimbursement to Cox College shall be paid by Baptist Bible College within thirty days of receipt of invoice; any tuition, fees, or bookstore charges not reimbursed by Baptist Bible College shall be the responsibility of the student. Students will adhere to policies of both academic institutions and will be supported by both institutions.

Baptist Bible College will transfer coursework from Cox College needed for completion of the Bachelor of Science in Intercultural Studies or Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies the student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by each institution in order for financial aid and enrollment in the program to be continued.

Employment in nursing is always dependent upon passage of the NCLEX-RN examination. As graduates of the Baptist Bible College Bachelor of Science in Intercultural Studies or Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies, and Cox College Bachelor of Science or Associate of Science in Nursing, students are positioned for other employment opportunities and/or graduate studies. Additionally, they have all the rights and privileges of alumni of Baptist Bible College and Cox College.

Longevity of the Agreement

The initial term of this Agreement will commence on July 8, 2016, and will continue in effect until July 1, 2017 ("Initial Term"). After the Initial Term, this Agreement will automatically renew for successive one year terms (each, a "Renewal Term"), provided however that either party may terminate this Agreement upon one (1) year advanced written notice to the other party. All students already accepted by Cox College or in place at Cox College (at the time of termination of this Agreement) will continue on to the conclusion of their program of study, provided they meet all appropriate degree requirements.

Each institution is responsible for communication regarding curricular changes and requirements for student issues that arise. Details of this Agreement are subject to refinement on an on-going basis.

Institutional Responsibility

Cox College and Baptist Bible College act independently in the performance of this Agreement and shall not be considered employees, agents, affiliates, or subsidiaries of each other. Neither institution has the right to obligate the other in any way outside of this Agreement. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of Missouri.

