

## **DUAL DEGREE AGREEMENT**

## A cooperative agreement between Drury University and Cox College

This agreement ("Agreement") formally recognizes that Drury University 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 a Dual Degree Agreement for nursing students, effective October 30, 2009 ("2009 Agreement") and have been operating under the terms of such agreement since its effective date. The parties jointly desire to modify the dual degree program for nursing students as provided herein. By signing this Agreement, the parties acknowledge and agree that, upon the effective date of this Agreement, the 2009 Agreement shall terminate and shall no longer be in effect.

The dual degree cooperative program is designed for the day school 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 biology degree from Drury University and a nursing degree at Cox College, the student will be granted both the Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Drury University and a Bachelor 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 Nursing Entry program. Also incorporated into each student's plan of study will be the content requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

Drury University will provide Cox College on a consistent basis the names aryd headcount of students who are pursing dual degrees so the timing of their entry into the nursing program can be anticipated. The dual degree student at Drury will adhere to Cox College deadlines for application to the nursing program. Cox College will assure program admission to Drury dual degree students who meet or exceed admission criteria for the Cox College BSN program.

While in the nursing program of the dual degree plan, students can maintain the residential, social and cultural aspects of life as a Drury student. Drury University will remain the student's "home institution." The dual degree student will pay all tuition and fees to Drury University for all semesters of the dual degree plan. Financial Aid will continue to be awarded through Drury, and Drury 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 Drury financial aid administrator. Drury University will compensate Cox College in every enrollment period (semester, intersession and/or summer) for all courses pertaining to each Drury student's coursework and related fees. Cox College, at the beginning of each semester, shall invoice Drury University 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 Drury within thirty days of receipt of invoice; any tuition, fees, or bookstore charges not reimbursed by Drury shall be the responsibility of the student. Students will adhere to policies of both academic institutions and will be supported by both institutions.

Drury University will transfer coursework from Cox College needed for completion of the B.A. in Biology and 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 Drury Bachelor of Arts and Cox College Bachelor of Science program they are also positioned for other employment opportunities and/or graduate studies. Additionally, they have all the rights and privileges of Drury University and Cox College.

## **Longevity of the Agreement**

The initial term of this Agreement will commence on February 15, 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 Drury University 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.