Articulation Agreement
Between
Pacific College of Oriental Medicine Holistic Nursing Program
And
Sullivan County Community College, SUNY
Department of Nursing

Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (PCOM) and Sullivan County Community College, SUNY (SCCC) enter into this articulation agreement to provide SCCC Associate in Applied Science Nursing graduates with a seamless transfer into the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Holistic Nursing degree program at PCOM.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program at PCOM is a unique BS Completion program focusing on the strengths, experience and educational background of incoming students and the development of a holistic approach to professional nursing practice. PCOM is an independent, for-profit institution of higher education authorized by New York State to offer programs leading to various baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees, and to confer such degrees. Its programs are registered by the New York State Education Department, and accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools And Colleges (ACCSC). PCOM is in the process of gaining Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation.

SCCC is an institution of higher education authorized to offer the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Nursing, accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and registered and approved by the New York State Education Department.

SCCC desires to expand, enhance and improve the educational opportunities for its graduates and consistent with that goal, has agreed to partner with PCOM for this purpose. PCOM is prepared to work with SCCC to assist its students in pursuing their educational objectives through enrollment in PCOM’s Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program in Holistic Nursing and acceptance of transfer credits toward the PCOM baccalaureate degree in Nursing.

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Holistic Nursing requires the completion of 120 credits, including the major, core, general education, and support course requirements. Toward that requisite, PCOM will accept all nursing credits from SCCC’s Associate in Applied Science Nursing degree and additional core, general education, and support course credits according to the transfer equivalency guide to the maximum allowed (approximately 90 credits). To graduate from PCOM, students must complete a minimum of 30 credits at PCOM. Major upper division nursing courses required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing must be completed at PCOM.
In order to qualify for the benefits of this agreement, the following apply:

Coursework

- Coursework transferred meets degree requirements
- A grade of C or better has been attained in all transferred coursework
- Coursework transferred is not classified as physical education activity, orientation, remedial/developmental, or non-degree level.
- Graduate with the Associate in Applied Science Nursing degree with a minimum grade point average of 2.75.

Student

- Be licensed as a Registered Nurse or be eligible for licensure as a Registered Nurse (but must successfully complete NCLEX-RN exam prior to the completion of one full-time semester at PCOM).
- Satisfy all other PCOM admission requirements as listed in the most current PCOM Bachelor of Science Holistic Nursing Catalog.
- Have enrolled in PCOM and paid all required PCOM fees

Terms

1. Each student will meet the academic requirements of the degree by:
   (a) Completing a SCCC associate’s degree in nursing and transferring all appropriate completed coursework from SCCC:
   (b) Completing all remaining coursework not transferrable from SCCC with PCOM or through continued transfer from a PCOM recognized source of credit.

2. SCCC will promote PCOM’s Bachelor of Science in Holistic Nursing program to its students/employees through the following:
   (a) Provide a link on SCCC’s articulation website (www.sullivan.suny.edu) to an articulation agreement page on PCOM website (www.PacificCollege.edu/BSNursing)
   (b) Place PCOM brochure/poster/materials in academic advisement, counseling offices or other areas deemed appropriate.
   (c) Advise interested SCCC students of the PCOM BS in Holistic Nursing Completion Program and PCOM program requirements.
   (d) Permit PCOM presentations and group meetings about the BS in Nursing Program to SCCC students.
3. PCOM will promote this partnership through the following:

(a) Send out a press release describing the partnership to PCOM’s list of media contacts and post such information on PCOM’s website
(b) Provide a link to SCCC on PCOM’s website
(c) List SCCC on the Articulation Agreement page of PCOM’s website
(d) Add information regarding the partnership to appropriate marketing material
(e) Produce the flyer/brochure describing the program for distribution by SCCC and PCOM
(f) Promote the partnership with PCOM through mailings to recent graduates of SCCC’s Nursing Program.

4. PCOM will support the partnership through the following:

(a) Develop transfer guides indicating how SCCC’s Associate degree in nursing fits into PCOM’s BS in Holistic Nursing Completion Program including nursing, general education, and support courses. The Guide developed under this agreement is listed in Appendix A but additions, deletions, and corrections, may be made at any time and will become effective when agreed upon by both parties.
(b) Post the Guide developed under this agreement on the PCOM website.
(c) Provide preferential pricing, consistent with the pricing schedule in Appendix B. Tuition and fees listed are subject to change annually at the sole discretion of PCOM.
(d) Provide to SCCC staff a primary contact at PCOM.
(e) Meet with SCCC students and faculty/staff to promote the partnership and PCOM’s BS in Holistic Nursing Program.
(f) Provide to SCCC reports on enrolled SCCC transfer students, and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
(g) Enter into a discussion about having an advisor at SCCC to provide more regular advising to its students on PCOM’s nursing degree if demand warrants it.
(h) Offer invitations to a select number of SCCC students, faculty and/or staff annually to PCOM educational events
(i) Offer 30 treatments per year in PCOM Clinic to a select number of SCCC students, faculty and/or staff at SCCC’s discretion.

5. The term of this agreement shall be three (3) years from the date of execution and shall continue from year to year thereafter unless terminated according to the termination clause.

6. Each institution agrees to review The Agreement and attached course-to-course Guide annually to ensure that it is up-to-date and to apprise each other of any changes to the respective programs that may necessitate a modification of this Agreement. Modifications shall be in writing and agreed to by both parties.

7. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any party for any reason with ninety (90) days written notice. Should SCCC or PCOM terminate this Agreement prior to the completion of an
academic semester, all students enrolled at that time may continue their educational experience until it would have been concluded absent the termination.

8. Each party hereto agrees to indemnify the other, and its trustees, officers, employees and agents and shall defend and hold each other harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, lawsuits, proceedings, demands, damages, judgments, liabilities, losses, penalties, fines, costs, settlements or expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and other litigation expenses incurred by any indemnitee, arising from or occurring as a result of a claim brought by a third party arising through the fault, negligence, willful misconduct or other wrongdoing of the indemniteor.

PACIFIC COLLEGE OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

By:

Malcolm Youngren, M.A., M.Ed.
Chief Operating Officer/Campus Director
Date: April 26, 2013

SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUNY

By:

Robert Schultz, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: 7/9/13

By:

Margaret Sorbner, M.S.
Director of Nursing/Associate Professor
Date: July 2, 2013