Saddleback College’s Plan for Bridging the ADN to BSN

Saddleback College is committed to promoting advanced nursing degrees for their ADN graduates. Each fall we invite programs that offer BSN completion degrees to our campus for a “transfer fair” to provide our students with opportunities to evaluate the most appropriate option for them in their quest for a BSN or higher degree. The following programs regularly attend and are a part of ongoing discussions pertaining to attaining a BSN or higher degree. Saddleback also has 3 agreements with primarily online programs – Chamberlain, Grand Canyon and USU. (There is no monetary exchange with any University) All in state programs offer the public health certificate.

- **Arizona State University**- Fully on-line RN-BSN degree, with 7 ½ week courses. Must have minimum GPA of 2.5 for undergraduate coursework, completion of English 101, Eng. 102, and statistics, an unencumbered, active RN license, and have taken the NCLEX within 12 weeks of graduation.

- **Brandman University**- 36 core nursing credits. Accept 72 credits block transfer from ADN degree. Nursing program complete in one full year; two courses per term for six 8 week terms. Will award a $50/unit scholarship for the 36 unit program=$1800 for each graduate who begin program in spring (January 2015) or fall(September 2014). **Entered into agreement March 2014.**

- **CSU Fullerton** –ADN students who have completed at least 1 semester of nursing program, and CSUF nursing prerequisites, have minimum GPA of 3.0, are eligible to jump start their BSN. CSUF will offer courses for ADN students during the summer. There is a $1000 fee paid to CSUF at time of registration.

- **Chamberlain** –The RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option- the RNs may earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree in as few as 3 semesters. Chamberlain has offered reduced tuition for Saddleback students. Saddleback graduates may transfer as many as 81 units to Chamberlain but are required to take a minimum of 32 units of core nursing courses for the BSN degree. The total units required for the BSN is 129 total units. Both the BSN and MSN programs are CCNE accredited. **Agreement was College in February 2012** for the RN to BSN or RN to MSN programs

- **Concordia** – students are allowed to dual enroll as 3rd semester students while in the ADN program. Upon completion of the ADN students take the NCLEX and attend up to 15 months full-time, or two years part-time. The program is a hybrid online and in person. Students are required to take a total of 34 units as nursing core courses from Concordia in addition to 6 units of Theology but may transfer as many as 80 units from Saddleback College. A total of 120 semester credits are required to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), which includes the transferred credits from Saddleback.

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College Nursing program. Must have a letter of good standing from Director to be admitted. Several students currently enrolled, will have an on campus cohort if enough at least 10 students enroll. Entered into agreement with Concordia in April 2012.

- **Grand Canyon University** Following completion of the ADN students enroll and complete 36 units of required core nursing course (primarily online) to complete the RN (BSN) program. GCU’s online RN to BSN has a new class of students starting every two weeks and the campus-based program begins monthly. The RN to BSN curriculum is 36 credit hours with courses being five weeks long, allowing student to complete the program in just **16 months**. Since this program is only available for registered nurses, no clinical component is required Up to 84 units of courses may transfer in to meet other nursing and GE requirements. Cost $28,000 tuition, books approximately $1600. Entered into agreement spring 2012.

- **Vanguard** – On site (at Saddleback College) one day a week ADN to RN (BSN) program starting Spring 2012 on Thursdays. BSN may be completed in **2 years** at a cost of $515/unit. 48 units of core nursing courses are required. No recency requirement on sciences, no repeating GE classes. Dual enrollment option is also available to second year students. Students must complete ADN and have their RN license for continued enrollment for the Community/public health course and thereafter. Classes are held on site at Saddleback College on Thursday evenings 6 - 10 pm year round and are open to community RN's that would like to pursue their BSN. Students complete in 1-2 years after graduation depending on time of enrollment.

- **United States University**- Following completion of the Saddleback Nursing ADN, and obtaining a valid unrestricted, unencumbered RN license from the U.S., students with 2.0 and above GPA in their ADN degree are eligible to apply. 72 semester credits of transfer will be guaranteed towards USU RN-BSN degree. Program is 100% on-line, each course is 8 weeks long. Tuition is $325/credit with a $50 Library and Technology fee per 8 week session. To complete the USU RN-BSN program, students must complete a minimum if the 33 upper division core courses to earn the bachelor’s degree. Entered into agreement May 2013.

- **Western University of Health Sciences** – Complete ADN to MSN with MSN clinical nurse leader (CNL), or administrative nurse leader (ANL) or FNP focus. English 1B, Statistics, and completion of a bridge course. Program completion takes **2 years of full time enrollment** after graduation from our ADN program for the CNL or ANL and **3 years full time for the FNP**. Entered into agreement 2010.