MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE COUNTY CAMPUS

AND

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

I. PURPOSE

The two institutions enter into this Agreement to provide preferential application for students from The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing for the purpose of entering bachelor of science degree programs in nursing.

II. ELIGIBILITY

1. Credentials

A student wishing to apply for such a transfer shall submit a complete application which will include the following credentials: completed application form, official transcript from The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus, secondary school transcript, and three recommendations (see II 3 below), including that from the program liaison and chief advisor (see III 1 below) and at least one other academic evaluation; the third letter may be from a supervisor of appropriate preprofessional experience. If a student has attended other institutions, official transcripts may be included with the credentials listed above or sent separately.

2. Course Requirements

The candidate must have fulfilled or be making normal progress toward fulfilling the admission course requirements of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing program for which application is being made. An overall GPA of at least 3.0 must be maintained, and a grade of “C” or better must be earned in each required prerequisite course. It is strongly recommended that required science courses be taken at The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus. Prerequisite courses will be reviewed annually by the program liaison and chief advisor at The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus and the admissions coordinator at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.
3. Recommendations

The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus may provide an official recommendation for each applicant from the program liaison and chief advisor. The recommendation must include a statement as to whether the candidate is "recommended" or "not recommended," followed by an evaluation in narrative form commenting on such things as academic performance, campus citizenship, leadership potential, and the candidate's capacity to function in a health career setting.

4. Level of Overall Academic Achievement

In order to be eligible for The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus official recommendation and to be eligible for admission to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, the candidate must have achieved an overall academic average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in courses taken at The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus.

5. Interviews

Those applicants who receive a favorable recommendation from The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus and whose credentials appear to be acceptable by admissions personnel of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing may be invited by the School of Nursing for an interview with members of the admissions staff and the faculty. Participation in such interviews is a desirable element of the admissions process.

6. Application Date

In order to ensure timely processing, a candidate's complete application should be received by the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing no later than February 1 of the intended year of transfer. It is suggested that the completed application be forwarded as soon as reasonably possible following the completion of the Fall term of the sophomore year. Candidates seeking early decision should apply by November 1 of the sophomore year.

7. Final Decision

Not withstanding the fact that a candidate meets or fulfills the above requirements, the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing reserves the right to accept or deny any candidate.
III. MAINTENANCE

1. The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus shall designate a person who will serve as program liaison and chief advisor of students who plan to transfer to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The program liaison and chief advisor will:

(a) be the responsible party for providing The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus institutional recommendation.

(b) maintain files for those students from The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County campus who intend to apply to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and at the time of application audit all necessary credentials for each applicant.

2. Both The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus and the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective institutions are made aware of the existence of the Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons at The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus will include admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, transfer coordinators and science faculty.

3. Personnel from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing will confer with appropriate faculty and administrators of The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus at least once a year. Meeting with students will also be arranged, including potential candidates who intend to transfer to the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing as well as other students who may simply wish to seek general information.

4. The faculty, staff and administration of The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus are encouraged to visit the campus of Johns Hopkins University.

5. The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing will supply The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus with promotional literature. Promotional literature created by The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus will be shared with the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing prior to distribution.

IV. EVALUATION

To serve as a basis for evaluating the program, the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing will provide to The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus statistical information regarding applications, applicant credentials, admissions decisions, and performance of those who matriculate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.
V. LENGTH OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement can be terminated on June 30 of any calendar year by either institution via written notice one year in advance.

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