

**Guaranteed Pathway Program Agreement
between Arizona College
and
ECPI University's College of Nursing
for the Master of Science in Nursing Program**

Arizona College and ECPI University's College of Nursing ("ECPI University"), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of students to pursue master degrees in nursing, resolve to adopt this Guaranteed Pathway Program Agreement (the "Agreement").

The master and bachelor degrees relevant to this Agreement and offered by ECPI University and Arizona College are described below:

- ECPI University: The Master of Science in Nursing at ECPI University (the "Program") is a program for a nurse who has:
 - 1) passed the NCLEX-RN exam administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and who has met all other licensing requirements maintained by their state's Board of Nursing (a "Registered Nurse" or "RN"); and
 - 2) earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing ("BSN") from an accredited college or university.
- Arizona College: The BSN program at Arizona College requires a minimum of 120 semester credit hours and 877 clinical hours (as of the date of this Agreement), and successful completion of all courses in the college's BSN program. The BSN program is a pre-licensure degree program; upon completion of the BSN program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the RN exam. Graduates who have passed the RN exam are then eligible to apply for a license with the Arizona State Board of Nursing or the Nevada State Board of Nursing.

I. Admission Requirements and Eligibility of Applicants for the Program:

To be eligible for guaranteed admission to the Program under this Agreement, the applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Be a graduate of the Arizona College BSN program.
2. Meet the ECPI University admission requirements outlined in the most current University Catalog.
3. Complete a personal interview with an admissions representative of ECPI University.
4. Complete a Graduate Application for Admission and Enrollment Agreement.
5. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for all coursework applied to the applicant's BSN.
6. Provide evidence of a current, unencumbered license to practice nursing as an RN in the state of the applicant's residence.
7. Provide a current resume showing RN in the past three years at the time of application for the Program.
8. Provide official transcripts for all academic work completed, including documentation of a BSN earned from Arizona College.

9. Complete a 2-week online orientation.

II. Benefits for Students Applying to the Program under this Agreement:

1. Guaranteed admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program at ECPI University, if all requirements are fully satisfied.
2. Advising from Arizona College admission counselors regarding Arizona College Nursing program requirements and advising from admissions representatives at ECPI University for Program requirements to help ensure a smooth transition between institutions.
3. Application fee for prospective students of the Program will be waived.

III. Students Admitted Under this Agreement May Expect the Following:

1. Students will be admitted into the Program following verification that all of the above requirements, as well as all other programmatic requirements, have been fully satisfied.
2. Students will be given the same consideration as native ECPI University students for registration, financial aid, student services, and any other opportunities open to native students enrolled in the Program, as permitted by applicable rules and regulations.
3. The Program is designed to provide RNs with the knowledge and skills to become effective nurse leaders, educators and practitioners.

IV. Graduation from ECPI University:

1. Students admitted under this Agreement must follow the approved curriculum outlines as identified by ECPI University.
2. Students admitted under this Agreement who complete the Program within the maximum permitted time must meet the graduation requirements as stated in the ECPI University Catalog and Student Handbook in effect at the date of submission of the Application Form (unless changes to the curriculum are required to meet state and/or accreditation guidelines).
3. Consistent with requirements for native students, students admitted under this Agreement who do not complete the Program within the maximum permitted time must meet the updated graduation requirements as stated in the updated ECPI University Catalog and Student Handbook.

V. Responsibilities of Arizona College:

1. Disseminate information to Arizona College nursing students and prospective students regarding the general conditions of this Agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed admission to ECPI University. This Agreement will be posted on the Arizona College website to be utilized by Arizona College students, prospective students, faculty and staff. Arizona College will collaborate with ECPI University to promote and market this Agreement and the Program to internal and external stakeholders.
2. Communicate with ECPI University representatives to discuss changes, as needed, which might impact or alter this Agreement.
3. Designate individuals who will be responsible for all aspects of this Agreement at

Arizona College.

VI. Responsibilities of ECPI University:

1. Admit students to the Program, as specified in this Agreement.
2. Provide academic advising services to students admitted under this Agreement to assist students in making a smooth transition from Arizona College to ECPI University.
3. Collaborate with Arizona College to promote and market this Agreement and the Program to internal and external stakeholders.
4. Designate individuals who will be responsible for all aspects of this Agreement at ECPI University.

VII. Responsibilities of Students Applying under this Agreement:

1. Know and understand the requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing program at ECPI University and available online at: <https://www.ecpi.edu/programs/nursing-master-degree>.
2. Adhere to the application and admission requirements of ECPI University and this Agreement.

VIII. General Terms Governing this Agreement:

1. Reservation of Rights. ECPI University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny admission to any applicant under this Agreement who does not meet the requirements set forth in this Agreement. ECPI University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to adjust its curriculum and admissions requirements as needed based on program outcome data, accreditation, regulatory requirements or otherwise. ECPI University will use commercially reasonable efforts to communicate such changes at least 60 days in advance to Arizona College with information about how those changes can be best accommodated or phased in for students applying and/or accepted under this Agreement.
2. Amendments or Modifications. Except for changes described in Paragraph 1 of this Section VIII, this Agreement may only be amended, modified, waived, or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by both parties. The parties will use reasonable efforts to ensure that any changes to this Agreement will not adversely affect students already enrolled pursuant to this Agreement.
3. Term. This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be given at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective termination date. For any student already enrolled pursuant to this Agreement as of the effective termination date, Sections III and IV of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect as to such student(s) for a period of two (2) years following the effective termination date.
4. General Application to the Program. Students who do not meet the admissions standards described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

In Witness Whereof, ECPI University and Arizona College cause this Guaranteed Pathway Program Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives identified below, effective as of the later signature date below.



Mark Dreyfus
President
ECPI University



Matt Calhoun
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Arizona College

2/1/17

Date

1/31/17

Date