

Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing

&

Fairfield University

Guaranteed Admission Program Agreement

I. Introduction

This agreement is for students enrolled in the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program who identify interest in earning the B.S. degree in Nursing at Fairfield University. Students participating in this agreement will be guaranteed enrollment in the Fairfield University B.S. degree in Nursing program upon graduation from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, and licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, provided that they satisfy conditions specified in this agreement. Admissions and advising staffs at the sending and receiving institutions will work closely together and with participating students to ensure that appropriate coursework is completed and accepted upon transfer to Fairfield University. Students participating in this agreement will enjoy benefits that include:

- A.** Early identification of interest in and preparation for advancement into the Fairfield University B.S. degree in Nursing;
- B.** Consistent, integrated academic advisement and support;
- C.** Access to Fairfield University student activities and campus facilities;
- D.** Guaranteed enrollment in the B.S. in Nursing program at Fairfield University pending completion of Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program, licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, and specified conditions; and
- E.** Smooth transition from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing to Fairfield University.

II. Guaranteed Admission Program Guidelines

A. Students may apply to Fairfield University's RN to BSN program during any spring semester of their enrollment in the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. Applicants will complete a fee-waived Fairfield University application.

B. Students participating in this agreement will be guaranteed enrollment in the B.S. in Nursing Program at Fairfield University upon completion of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program, licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, and satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (1)** Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut;
- (2)** Graduation from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing within three calendar years of beginning the program; and

(3) Enrollment at Fairfield University within two years of completing the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing program.

C. Students participating in this agreement will receive 34 Nursing credits in transfer with an earned diploma in nursing, and a minimum of 30 general education credits from an accredited community college or university that will transfer and apply toward the general education requirements at Fairfield University.

D. Students participating in this agreement will matriculate under degree and residency requirements of the Fairfield University catalog that are in effect when they are accepted into the RN to BSN Program at Fairfield University.

E. Upon enrollment into Fairfield University, students will be eligible to receive Fairfield University student identification cards and associated privileges, including participation in student activities and college events, and access to the Fairfield University library, network center, and campus facilities.

F. Students must submit proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut prior to enrollment at Fairfield University;

G. Students will no longer be eligible for the benefits described in this agreement if they withdraw or are dismissed from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, or if they transfer from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing to a college or university other than Fairfield University.

III. Institutional Commitments

A. the Responsibilities of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program are to:

1. Publicize the availability of the agreement;

2. Make Fairfield University application materials available to students interested in participating in this agreement;

3. Counsel and/or advise Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing students interested in attending the B.S. in Nursing degree program at Fairfield University;

4. Identify prospective students interested in enrolling in the RN to BSN Program and share the information with Fairfield University;

5. Designate personnel to work with staff at Fairfield University to implement an effective communication plan to interested students; and

6. Work with Fairfield University staff/faculty to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.

B. The Responsibilities of Fairfield University are to:

1. Designate the Adult Program Director to serve as the point of contact for students interested in, and admitted to, the RN to BSN Program at Fairfield University;
2. Develop a fee-waived application for Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing students interested in the RN to BSN Program;
3. Designate the faculty advisor and other personnel to be the points of contact for the agreement;
4. Ensure that the Fairfield University faculty advisor and staff provide planned advisement sessions and;
5. Work with Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing personnel to coordinate information sessions for prospective students.

C. The Joint Responsibilities of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program and Fairfield University are to:

1. Conduct forums/workshops for counselors, admissions representatives, department chairs and other identified staff from both institutions to discuss expectations, review program requirements, develop promotional materials, and discuss curriculum and course equivalencies; and
2. Make available system-to-system informational/marketing materials for the agreement.

The Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program and Fairfield University agree that in the performance of this agreement, they will not discriminate nor permit discrimination against any person or groups of persons on the basis of race, color, marital status, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, criminal record, sex, ancestry or age in any manner prohibited by federal or state law and regulations, and further, that they will make their programs available to qualified disabled persons consistent with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

IV. Implementation and Terms of Agreement

- A. When in conflict, this agreement takes precedence over previous agreements between Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and Fairfield University;
- B. Fairfield University reserves the right to cap enrollment and will provide Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing with one year's notice if a cap is needed;
- C. This agreement will be reviewed every three years, and may be amended as needed by mutual agreement between Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and Fairfield University;

- D. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to limit Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing's ability to enter into similar arrangements with other schools and universities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

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