



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 06/10/25

Item Title: Agreement o Understanding with X Action
The University of Texas at Arlington Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

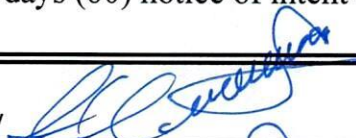
The purpose of this agreement is to establish an affiliation agreement with the University of Texas at Arlington, the campus provides academic courses with educational experience. The agreement is to help collaboration between the University of Texas at Arlington and Brownsville ISD Health Service Department in implementing the fundamental educational part of the services to students in the Baccalaureate/Graduate Nursing program. The program will be reviewed periodically by Brownsville ISD and the University of Texas at Arlington, to assure all students selected in the program are following all prerequisite for participation, to meet the curriculum requirements and the standards of the accrediting entity.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

No cost to the district

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement of understanding with Brownsville ISD and The University of Texas at Arlington. The agreement shall continue from year to year unless one party shall give the other sixty days (60) notice of intent to terminate.

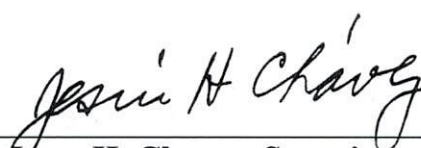
Alonso Guerrero/ 
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

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Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Miguel Salinas/ 
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Mary D. Garza/ 
Approved by: Interim Chief Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:


Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

Roxanne Eckstein

From: Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 3:52 PM
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Subject: Re: MOU Between UT Arlington and BISD

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Approved as to form.

Sincerely,
Priscilla

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Good afternoon Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached with your edits for review and final approval for the June board meeting.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

Roxy Eckstein



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The University of Texas at Arlington
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing

THIS AGREEMENT, effective the 27th day of May, 2025, is between **The University of Texas at Arlington**, on behalf of its College of Nursing and Health Innovation ("University"), a component institution of The University of Texas System ("System"), and Brownsville ISD ("Facility"), a facility having its principal office at 1900 E. Price Road, Brownsville, State of Texas.

WHEREAS, University provides academic courses with respect to and periodically desires to provide students in such courses with educational experience by utilizing appropriate facilities and personnel of third parties ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, Facility desires to cooperate with University to establish and implement from time to time one or more Programs involving the students and personnel of University and the facilities and personnel of Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, University and Facility agree that any Program established and implemented by Facility and University during the term of this Agreement shall be covered by and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Program Agreement:** To become effective, all agreements with respect to a Program ("Program Agreement") shall be reduced to writing, executed by authorized representatives of Facility and University.
2. **Conflict:** In the event of conflict between the text of Program Agreement and the text of this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern.
3. **Amendment of Program Agreement:** No amendment to a Program Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing, executed by the authorized representatives of Facility and University.
4. **Responsibility of Facility:** Except for acts to be performed by University pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, Facility will furnish the premises, personnel, services, and all other items necessary for the educational experience specified in the Program Agreement. In connection with such Program, Facility will:
 - a. comply with all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations; comply with all applicable requirements of any accreditation authority; and certify such compliance upon request by University;
 - b. permit the authority responsible for accreditation of University's curriculum to inspect the facilities, services, and other items provided by Facility for purposes of the educational experience; and
 - c. appoint a person to serve for Facility as liaison ("Facility Liaison") by the following procedure:
 - (1) Facility shall submit to University the name and professional and academic credentials of the person proposed as Facility Liaison in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the appointment is to become effective;
 - (2) University shall notify Facility of University's approval or disapproval of such person within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice;
 - (3) No person shall act as Facility Liaison without the prior written approval of University;
 - (4) In the event the Facility Liaison approved by University later becomes unacceptable and university so notifies Facility in writing, Facility will appoint another person in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 4 (c).
5. **Responsibilities of University:** University will:
 - a. furnish Facility with the names of the students assigned by University to participate in the Program;
 - b. assign only those students who have satisfactorily completed those portions of University curriculum that are prerequisite to Program participation;
 - c. obtain prior approval and acceptance of the student by Physician Preceptor; and

- d. designate a member of the University faculty ("University Representative") to coordinate the educational experience of students participating in the Program with the Facility Liaison. University shall give Facility written notice of the name of the University Representative.
6. **Notices:** All notices under this Agreement or a Program Agreement shall be in writing and delivered either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notices shall be deemed given when received by such party's designated representative.
 7. **Oral Representations:** No oral representations of any officer, agent, or employee of Facility, University, or System shall affect or modify any obligations of either party under this Agreement or any Program Agreement.
 8. **Amendment to Agreement:** No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing, signed by an authorized representative of each party.
 9. **Assignment:** Neither this Agreement nor a Program Agreement may be assigned by either party without prior written approval of the other party.
 10. **Performance:** A delay in or failure of performance of either party that is caused by occurrences beyond the control of either party shall not constitute default hereunder, or give rise to any claim for damages.
 11. **Term and Effective Date:** This Agreement shall continue in effect for an initial period ending one (1) year after the date and year stated in the first paragraph ("Term"). After such initial Term, this Agreement shall continue from year to year. Notwithstanding the forgoing, this Agreement may be terminated by either party without cause by providing sixty (60) days advance written notice of termination and it may be terminated by either party with cause by providing thirty (30) days advance written notice of termination, with the notified party having the right to cure the cause within such notice period. This Agreement may also be immediately terminated as necessary and determined at the sole discretion of Facility, for failure to adhere to Facility policies and procedures or any threat to the health or safety of employees, students or Facility operations. If the agreement is terminated without cause, Facility will work with university to allow those students enrolled and participating in the Program at the time of notice to complete the Program under the applicable terms of this Agreement.
 12. **Applicable Law:** The validity, interpretation, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement and any Program Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
 13. **FERPA.** For purposes of this Agreement, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and the Program, the University hereby designates the Facility as a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the educational records of the Students who participate in the Program to the extent that access to the records are required by the Facility to carry out the Program. Facility agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the educational records in accordance with the provisions of FERPA.
 14. **Indemnification:** To the extent authorized under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, Facility shall hold University harmless from liability resulting from Facility's acts or omissions within the terms of this Agreement provided, however, Facility shall not hold University harmless from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising in favor of any person or entity resulting directly or indirectly from negligence (whether sole, joint, concurring or otherwise) of University, its officers, agents, representatives, or employees, or any person or entity not subject to Facility's supervision or control

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15. **HIPAA.** The parties agree that:

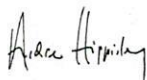
- (a) the Facility is a covered entity for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and subject to 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (“the HIPAA Privacy Regulation”);
- (b) to the extent that University students are participating in the Program and University faculty members are providing supervision at the Facility as part of the Program, such students and faculty members shall:
 - (1) be considered part of the Facility’s workforce for HIPAA compliance purposes in accordance with 42 CFR §164.103, but shall not be construed to be employees of the Facility;
 - (2) receive training by the Facility on, and subject to compliance with, all of Facility’s privacy policies adopted pursuant to the Regulations; and
 - (3) not disclose any Protected Health Information, as that term is defined by 45 CFR §160.103, to which a student has access through Program participation or a faculty member has access through the provision of supervision at the Facility that has not first been de-identified as provided in 42 CFR §164.514(a);
- (c) University will never access or request to access any Protected Health Information held or collected by or on behalf of the Facility that has not first been de-identified as provided in 42 CFR §164.514(a); and
- (d) no services are being provided to the Facility by the University pursuant to this agreement and therefore this agreement does not create a “business associate” relationship as that term is defined in 42 CFR §160.103.

16. Consideration for this agreement consists of the mutual promises contained herein. No remuneration shall be exchanged between Facility and Student.

BROWNSVILLE ISD

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____


By: _____
Andrew Hippisley, Ph.D.
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Date: **05/27/2025**

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY

SARAH BAKER
PARALEGAL
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

The University of Texas at Arlington
PROGRAM AGREEMENT
Baccalaureate/Graduate Nursing

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Arlington, on behalf of its College of Nursing and Health Innovation, ("University"), and Brownsville ISD ("Facility");
have previously executed an Affiliation Agreement effective on May 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, University and Facility desire to implement the provisions of such Affiliation Agreement by providing students enrolled in University's School of Nursing with educational experience utilizing the personnel, equipment, and facilities of Facility.

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of such Affiliation Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS:

- a. Assure that all students selected for participation in Program have satisfactorily completed all portions of the University curriculum that are a prerequisite for participation in the Program.
- b. Develop criteria for the evaluation of the performance of University students participating in the Program and provide those criteria, with appropriate reporting forms, to the Facility personnel and University personnel who are responsible for supervising those students.
- c. Assign grades to students participating in the Program on the basis of the performance evaluations submitted in the reporting forms.
- d. Inform all University students and personnel participating in the Program that they are required to comply with the rules and regulations of Facility while on premises of Facility and to comply with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations regarding the confidentiality of information in records maintained by Facility.
- e. Provide information requested by Facility related to students participating in the Program unless prohibited by federal or state law.
- f. Remove a student from the Program when the Facility determines that the student has violated the rules and regulations of the Facility; has disclosed information that is confidential by law; or has engaged in conduct that disrupts the activities carried on by the Facility or threatens the safety of Facility personnel or patients.
- g. Students assigned to Facility for clinical learning experience will have appropriate malpractice liability insurance coverage and a certificate evidencing coverage will be made available upon request.
- h. Students assigned to clinical facility will meet program criteria on the basis of criminal background checks, drug screens, PPD and Hep B vaccines and immunizations.

2. FACILITY OBLIGATIONS:

- a. Provide the equipment, supplies, qualified personnel, and supervised access to patients or clients required for the experience related activities of the Program.

- b. Obtain and maintain all licenses required for Facility and assure that all Facility personnel are appropriately licensed.
- c. Assume sole responsibility for the quality of patient or client care.
- d. Provide orientation sessions to inform University students and personnel concerning the rules and regulations of Facility.
- e. Permit representatives of the accrediting entity for the school or division of University in which students participating in the Program are enrolled to have reasonable access to premises of Facility for purposes related to the accreditation process.
- f. Cooperate fully with University in matters related to academic performance and student conduct related to the Program experience.
- g. The educational experience for students in the Program will be an integral part of the services provided by Facility and students will be under the direct supervision of University personnel, Facility personnel, and/or preceptors who are licensed or otherwise qualified to perform such services.
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3. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- a. University students and personnel will be responsible for their own transportation, meals, and health care, to include any accidental injury, while participating in the Program.
- b. This Program Agreement and the Affiliation Agreement constitute the entire agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter and no prior or contemporaneous agreement, written or oral, will be effective to vary the terms of those Agreements. No amendment to this Program Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party.
- c. The Program and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law, including but not limited to: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

BROWNSVILLE ISD

By: _____
 Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

By: Andrew Hoppisley
 Andrew Hoppisley, Ph.D.
 Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
 Date: **05/27/2025**

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY
Sarah Baker
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 PARALEGAL
 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON