The Connecticut Community Colleges (CCC) and the Yale University School of Nursing (YSN), mindful of the increasing demand for nursing in the state and desiring to support the educational advancement of nurses, do hereby enter into this

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

to describe the process by which graduates of the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) can become eligible for admission into the Master's Program at the YSN.

- CT-CCNP graduates must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. A
 course in statistics and research methods is recommended but not required.
- CT-CCNP graduates must be licensed to practice nursing in at least one U.S. state. If the graduate
 is in the process of becoming licensed to practice nursing, the process must be completed by
 November 1st of the year the applicant enters the program.
- 3. CT-CCNP graduates are required to take a community health course in order to be enrolled in the YSN master's degree program. The course can be taken during the student's first year at YSN. Students must also complete a community health related project that can be part of course work. YSN will accept an online course entitled "Public/Community Health Nursing Orientation" (www.elearnonline.net/coursedesc.aspx?ClassID=372&s=67) offered by the New York State Nurses Association.
- 4. CT-CCNP graduates that apply to the YSN will have their application fee of \$65 waived by YSN.
- All parties of the MOU agree to share information about student academic performance on a
 periodic basis to ensure that the provisions of the MOU continue to benefit students and to
 identify issues that need to be addressed or course content that may need to be modified.
- 6. Both the CT-CCNP and the YSN agree to make information about this agreement and the process by which students may benefit from it available in appropriate venues, including printed materials and their system websites.
- 7. All parties to the MOU agree that in the performance of this MOU 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, physical handicap, 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 handicapped persons consistent with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- 8. This MOU commences with students graduating from the CT-CCNP beginning in spring 2010 and shall remain in effect indefinitely; individual consideration to graduates of any CT Community College nursing program prior to spring 2010 will be given. Its terms may be amended in writing by the consent of all parties. Representatives of the parties shall meet at least once every year or more often if necessary to review the operation of the MOU and suggest any additions or changes that may be necessary.

Signed this 29th day of June, 2011.

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