

**COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AND BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE
FOR:**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING with emphasis in
NURSING EDUCATION
NURSING ADMINISTRATION**

Marshall University and Bluefield State College propose to collaboratively deliver the MU Master Of Science in Nursing degree, emphasis in Nursing Education and Nursing Administration. This agreement emerges from discussions regarding long-term goals for the BSC BSN Program, BSC administrators, and faculty and administrators at Marshall University. This master's program will also provide a response from BSC to student input regarding the need for a master's in nursing program in southern West Virginia. This program is consistent with the mission of Bluefield State College and the BSN Program: to provide students an affordable, geographically accessible opportunity for public higher education.

Marshall University, through the College of Nursing and Health Professions, currently offers the MSN degree. This proposed collaborative agreement must meet all of Marshall University's graduate program requirements. Bluefield State College will make a significant contribution through utilization of nursing faculty, staff, facilities, technological support, and other resources to make this opportunity available to professional nurses in the mission area. Bluefield State College and Marshall University will collaborate under the following conditions:

1. MU degrees will be awarded in collaboration with Bluefield State College.
2. MU admission standards, committee requirements, program requirements, and degree requirements apply.
3. All students will be admitted by MU to the MSN program; additionally, all students will be admitted to BSC for those courses offered by BSC.
4. All program faculty will be reviewed for MU graduate faculty status.
5. A MU and a BSC faculty member/administrator will be appointed coordinate the program.
6. An agreed upon number of courses will be offered by each institution. Students admitted to the program will typically enroll in one course from each institution each term as set forth in the schedule of courses. Each institution will provide the faculty member for courses assigned to it, and students will pay the tuition and fees associated with each courses as determined by each institution for all courses in the approved MSN program.
7. A minimum of 20 students is desirable for program implementation.
8. Program review and planning will be conducted on a regular basis by the coordinators and faculty from the two institutions in joint meetings.
9. All other program requirements, as identified in the proposal approved by the HEPC on August 2, 2002 are applicable.

At the end of year four, MU and BSC will determine whether to continue the collaborative program, to develop a joint Master's degree, or to seek approval for BSC to independently offer the Master's degree.