



## 2020 Educational Partnership Agreement

### South Texas College and American Sentinel University

The following Education Partnership Agreement is made this 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020 between the following:

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#### Executive Summary

1. Provide a full complement of nursing education programs, Master's in business and technology, and Healthcare Learning Innovations' training courses for **South Texas College** affiliates that are consistent; all from one university dedicated to the healthcare industry:
  - Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program (RN to BSN)
  - Master of Science in Nursing degree program, with five specializations (MSN)
  - Accelerated RN to BS/MS in Nursing degree program (RN to BSN/MSN)
  - Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program, with four specializations (DNP)
  - Infection Prevention and Control Certificate (graduate level)
  - Business and Technology degrees at the Master level
  - Healthcare Learning Innovations training courses (60-90 minutes each)
2. Provide a special tuition structure that helps **South Texas College** affiliates utilize their tuition dollars cost-effectively and efficiently.
3. Provide **South Texas College** graduates with automatic acceptance into American Sentinel's nursing programs.
4. Provide a Tuition deferment program for **South Texas College** faculty allowing for employees, who are interested and if eligible, to take advantage of any applicable employer tuition reimbursement benefits.

5. Create and execute communication plan with senior leadership.

### Why American Sentinel University?

We are uniquely positioned to offer features that can be advantageous for **South Texas College**. These features include:

- Accredited healthcare focused university with Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) – accredited bachelor and master nursing programs.
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) - accredited DNP degree program (DNP Executive Leadership, DNP Educational Leadership, DNP Informatics Leadership, DNP Professional Leadership).
- 100% online platform (no campus or classrooms, engage weekly at student’s convenience; except in the DNP residency).
- ADN /ASN/nursing diploma provides 60 transfer credits and up to 30 hours for general education elective courses in our BSN program.
- Early Admission Program to begin the RN to BSN program prior to passing the NCLEX-RN.
- 8-week courses; classes start monthly.
- Earn MSN, or accelerated RN to BSN/MSN, in one of five high-demand specialization areas.
- Prior college and work experience can fast-track degree with transfer credits.
- MySentinel™ Student Support – unparalleled personal support from professors, student success advisors and staff geared for working adults and healthcare professionals.

### Concurrent Admissions Agreement

1. This Concurrent Admissions Agreement, also known as Dual Enrollment Agreement, is made by and between American Sentinel University and **South Texas College** in support of students attending **South Texas College**.
2. The purpose of this agreement is to provide opportunities for students attending **South Texas College** to increase the depth of study, broaden educational opportunities, and to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete their requirements of the post-secondary degree by participating in the program.
3. The Concurrent Admissions Agreement is a program that allows for the enrollment of eligible **South Texas College** students to be dually enrolled students. Students must enroll at the beginning of their third semester at **South Texas College** while obtaining an Associate degree or credits to be transferred toward an American Sentinel University baccalaureate degree program.
4. A Concurrent Admissions student is a student who is simultaneously enrolled at both **South Texas College** and American Sentinel University and the credits earned at **South Texas College** may be eligible to be transferred into the RN to BSN baccalaureate program at American Sentinel University.
5. To meet eligibility requirements for participation in the Concurrent Admissions Agreement/Dual Enrollment Agreement, associate degree eligible students must:
  - a. Provide proof of enrollment in an eligible Associate of Nursing degree program.
  - b. Have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
  - c. Must be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of coursework or completed **30** semester hours.
  - d. Have achieved good academic standing with **-South Texas College**.
6. Students who meet these requirements will receive:
  - a. A letter stating conditional acceptance into the American Sentinel University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

b. Admissions and Academic Advising.

7. While in the Concurrent Admissions/Enrollment courses, students shall be required to comply with all applicable American Sentinel University policies and procedures which normally apply to all American Sentinel University students.

**Premium Features for South Texas College Affiliates:**

**1. Accelerated admissions for nursing programs**

Graduates of **South Texas College** who meet the minimum GPA requirement for admission are automatically accepted.

Required documentation for all enrolling students includes the following:

- Application for admission (online application)
- Resumé
- Official copy of Associate and/or Bachelor of Science and/or Master of Science transcripts
- Copy of active/unencumbered RN license (nursing degree programs; except for Early Admissions Program as described in above section.

Applications will receive a 24-hour turnaround. Transcripts will be evaluated within 72 hours for additional transfer credit possibilities.

**2. Special Tuition for South Texas College**

American Sentinel University offers **South Texas College** affiliates special scholarship rates, as listed in the table below:

<b>Program</b>	<b>2019 Standard Tuition*</b>	<b>2019 South Texas College Tuition*</b>
RN to BSN	\$410/credit hour*	<b>\$360/credit hour*</b> <b>\$10,800 for BSN core courses (30 credit hours)</b>
RN to BSN Powered by SIMPath	\$3,000/16-week semester	<b>\$2800/16-week semester*</b>
RN to BSN/MSN	BSN courses: \$410/credit hour MSN courses: \$530/credit hour	<b>BSN courses: \$360/credit hour*</b> <b>MSN courses: \$450/credit hour*</b>
Master’s (MSN & MBA-course based)	\$530/credit hour	<b>\$450/credit hour*</b>
MBA Healthcare, project-based	\$3,500 per 16 weeks*	<b>\$3300 per 16 weeks* (estimate 16 weeks per comprehensive project)</b>
IPC Certificate	\$500/credit hour*	<b>\$450/credit hour*</b>
DNP Exec. & Educ. Leadership	\$730/credit hour*	<b>\$670/credit hour</b>
Healthcare Learning Innovation courses (60-90 minute courses)	\$45 per course (60 to 90 minutes)	<b>\$35 per course* (60-90 minutes/course)</b>

\* Pricing is subject to change with 30 days’ notice; tuition increases typically occur on January 17, 2020.

**3. Tuition Deferment Program**

If a tuition reimbursement program is in place at **South Texas College**, participating faculty/employees must sign a promissory note with American Sentinel University. Tuition is due thirty (30) days after

each course is completed. Tuition deferment is only available if **South Texas College** provides financial educational assistance to employees.

#### 4. **American Sentinel University Reporting to South Texas College Management**

To comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Department of Education's response to HIPAA, American Sentinel can provide student progress reporting to **South Texas College** management if each affiliate completes a third-party release form. Upon request, American Sentinel University will provide an annual progress summary of all affiliates of South Texas College.

#### 5. **Family Benefits**

To enhance the value of our educational partnership, American Sentinel University is extending **South Texas College** benefits to immediate family members including spouse and/or children of **South Texas College** affiliates.

#### 6. **Communication and Promotion**

American Sentinel University provides a comprehensive marketing approach aimed at helping meet the educational initiatives of our partners. Through cooperation with **South Texas College's** designated internal contact, a customized communication plan will be developed and executed, which may include the following:

- The creation of a special partner website describing the educational benefits and programs available to **South Texas College** affiliates (link made available to share).
- Program launch communications regarding the affiliation to share with staff and students.
- Printed and digital collateral customized for distribution to faculty and staff.
- **South Texas College** student recognition and subject matter expert features developed by American Sentinel University in the form of articles, webinars, e-books or blog posts showcasing the accomplishments of **South Texas College** affiliates.
- Content developed by American Sentinel University (career articles, webinars, etc.) made available to **South Texas College** for repurposing or utilization as desired.
- Agreed upon site-visits to **South Texas College** (meet-and-greet, education fair attendance, etc.).
- Dedicated Account Manager and Admissions Advisor ensuring optimal levels of program support.
- Regular meetings with senior leadership to evaluate program and discuss emerging needs.

#### 7. **Termination**

If this relationship terminates for any reason, American Sentinel University will maintain special tuition rates for all **South Texas College** affiliates who are students in good standing at the time of termination. Thirty (30)\_day tuition deferment, per -Section 3 above, if applicable, will cease at time of termination. Students are responsible for paying their tuition and fees.

**AGREEMENT**

**South Texas College**

**American Sentinel University**

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