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Our Lady of the Lake College and Baton Rouge Community College Create Easy Transition for Students

Baton Rouge, LA – Our Lady of the Lake College (OLOL College) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a formal articulation agreement with Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). The core of the agreement is to allow graduates of BRCC who have received an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) to enroll seamlessly into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at OLOL College.

On Friday, December 9, 2011, the agreement was formalized by OLOL College President Sandra S. Harper, Ph.D. and Baton Rouge Community College Interim Chancellor James F. Horton, Jr., Ph.D. in a ceremony held at Our Lady of the Lake College. The ceremony was attended by Jim Purcell, Ed.D., Commissioner of Higher Education, who oversees the operations of the Louisiana State Board of Regents and represents the state's postsecondary education community.

Trends in healthcare show that medical facilities are increasingly interested in hiring RNs (Registered Nurses) who hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. According to a 2008 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Institute of Medicine report "nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training to respond to increasing demandspatient needs have become more complicated, and nurses need to attain requisite competencies to deliver high-quality care." OLOL College offers a wide spectrum of Nursing programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing degree.



Sandra Harper, Ph.D., President of Our Lady of the Lake College underlined the significance of the agreement. “It has been our pleasure to work with Baton Rouge Community College on this articulation agreement. It has always been our priority to offer greater educational resources for the community. We believe working with these BRCC graduates will support those who wish to further their education and will ultimately make for better trained nurses throughout the region.”

For additional information about the articulation agreement, please call Denise A. Dokey, OLOL College Director of Institutional Advancement, at 225-768-1700.

Offering master’s, baccalaureate, and associate degrees, Our Lady of the Lake College is a four-year, independent institution, providing a strong foundation in the liberal arts and continuing its highly-regarded health sciences and nursing programs. For more information about the College, go to www.ololcollege.edu.

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