MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGIS COLLEGE AND STONEHILL COLLEGE

Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493 ("Regis") and Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357 ("Stonehill") do hereby enter into this Affiliation Agreement ("Agreement") on the date that this Agreement is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions.

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions with a similar Liberal Arts focus and Catholic tradition. This Agreement will facilitate admission to and completion of the Master of Science in Nursing ("MS in Nursing") program at Regis for Stonehill students who meet specific requirements.

2. Two (2) qualified Stonehill students each year (applying for the fall semester) will be eligible for the MS in Nursing admission and completion benefits contained in this Agreement. If more than two (2) qualified students apply under this Agreement, the Stonehill College Pre-Allied Health Professions Advisor will make recommendations to the Regis admission contact. Regis has sole discretion in selecting the two students pursuant to this Agreement. These students are eligible for:

   i. A waiver of the MS in Nursing admission application fee;
   ii. A waiver of the Graduate Record Examination ("GRE") or Miller Analogies Test ("MAT") admission requirement;
   iii. Preferred admission into the MS in Nursing program without the competition of the rest of the applicant pool, and;
   iv. The option to delay enrolling in the MS in Nursing program for one (1) year.

3. Stonehill students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the benefits contained in this Agreement:

   i. Anticipated successful completion of a BA or BS degree from Stonehill in May of their senior year;
   ii. Completion of each of the eight (8) prerequisite undergraduate courses listed below at Stonehill with a grade of "B" or higher. A student need only have completed four (4) of the courses below at the time of application to the MS in Nursing program. Such student must complete the remaining four (4) courses prior to enrolling in the MS in Nursing program:

      1) General Chemistry I with lab
      2) General Chemistry II with lab
      3) Human Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
      4) Human Anatomy & Physiology II with lab
      5) Microbiology with lab
6) Statistics  
7) Human Development  
8) Ethics or Philosophy

iii. A minimum overall Grade Point Average ("GPA") of 3.00 at Stonehill; and
iv. Submission of all MS in Nursing admission application materials by the published Regis early admission deadline for entry to the term beginning the next fall.

4. Students who do not meet the above requirements may apply for admission to the MS in Nursing program via the standard process.

5. Potential applicants should be referred to the Regis College Nursing webpage (http://www.regiscollege.edu/academics/mstrs-department.cfm?id=Accelerated_Nurse_Practitioner_BS_MS) or the Office of Graduate Admission (781.768.7330). Individuals with questions about the MS in Nursing curriculum or degree should contact Shelagh Tomaino, Director of Graduate Admission at Shelagh.tomaino@regiscollege.edu.

6. Applicants must complete the online the MS in Nursing admission application at: http://www.regiscollege.edu/graduate_programs/apply_now.cfm.

7. As part of the MS in Nursing admission application, Stonehill students must send official transcripts directly to the Regis Office of Graduate Admission, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493.

8. A designated Stonehill faculty member will provide the names of qualified students to the Regis Graduate Admission Director before the early application deadline each year. It will be the responsibility of Stonehill to work cooperatively with Regis to promote the MS in Nursing program and this Agreement to potentially eligible Stonehill students. Stonehill should make efforts to inform appropriate academic and administrative personnel and students about this opportunity. Communication would include inserting information about this Agreement in the Hill Book and verbal, written or electronic notifications to students on a timely and regular basis. Additionally, a representative of the MS in Nursing program will make periodic visits to Stonehill to present to and speak with potential applicants about the MS in Nursing program and this Agreement.

9. The parties recognize and acknowledge that all rights and goodwill in their respective intellectual property are the exclusive property of their separate organizations. Except as stated herein, the parties agree not to use the other’s name or other trademarks in advertising, marketing or other materials without the prior written permission of the other.

10. It is agreed and understood that each party has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated in writing between the parties of this Agreement as they occur.
11. Regis and Stonehill will each adhere to its respective institution’s non-discrimination policy.

12. Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party against all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney’s fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party’s (i) breach or default under this Agreement; or (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party in fulfilling their responsibilities under this Agreement. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to and not derogation of any other rights contained in this Agreement.

13. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between Regis and Stonehill with respect to its subject matter. Either party may take the initiative to amend this Agreement by submitting suggestions in writing to the contact person designated below. No addition, modification, or deletion of this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. The amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the authorized administrative representatives of each institution.

14. All notices sent pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent via regular and electronic mail to the following contact person, unless the parties specify otherwise in writing:

For Stonehill College:
Craig A. Almeida
Dean of Academic Achievement
Stonehill College
320 Washington Street
Easton, MA 02357
(T) 508-565-1840
(F) 508-565-1119
calmeida@stonehill.edu

For Regis College:
Claudia C. Pouravelis
Associate Dean of Graduate Studies
Regis College
235 Wellesley Street
Weston, MA 02493
(T) 781-768-7058
(F) 781-768-8218
claudia.pouravelis@regiscollege.edu

15. Regis and Stonehill acknowledge that the contact persons authorized to receive notice are not authorized to change the terms of this Agreement.

16. In the event of a conflict or dispute pertaining to the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve their differences in good faith.

17. This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is signed by all authorized representatives of both parties and will remain in effect until June 1, 2018. Each party will evaluate, determine, and notify the other party no later than June 1, 2017 as to whether or not a renewal of this Agreement is desired.
18. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving written notice to the other institution at least ninety (90) days prior to the entrance of the next class MS in Nursing program students, and any such termination shall not affect students who have applications pending or have already been accepted into the MS in Nursing program. Termination shall be without penalty. If this Agreement is terminated, neither Stonehill nor Regis shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result.

19. This Agreement and any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to its conflict of law principles.

Duly authorized representatives of Regis College and Stonehill College executed this Agreement as of the day and year given below.

FOR REGIS COLLEGE:

[Signature]

Penelope Glynn, Ph.D., RN  
Dean, School of Nursing, Science and Health Professions  
Regis College  
Weston, MA  

9/30/15  
Date

FOR STONEHILL COLLEGE:

[Signature]

Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Stonehill College  
Easton, MA  

9/23/2015  
Date

[Signature]

Jeanne M. Finlayson  
Vice President for Finance and Treasurer  
Stonehill College  
Easton, MA  

9/24/2015  
Date