SUMMARY

The purpose of this memorandum is to document mutual agreements between Columbia College and Modesto Junior College concerning the Public Health Science AS-T Collaborative Award offered at Columbia College, which includes a course from the MJC curriculum.

BACKGROUND

Columbia College currently has an Allied Health AS degree under the TOP Code of 1201.00. This is the same TOP Code that has been assigned to a newly approved AS-T Degree titled Public Health Science. Per SB 440, Columbia College is required to create a transfer degree for every TMC that has a TOP code that matches one of our local degrees. There is a time limit attached to this requirement of 18 months. There is only one class required for the Public Health Science degree that Columbia does not currently have. MJC does have this missing course, HE 112, Intro to Public Health, and already offers the course in both face to face and online format.

Students at both colleges could pursue this Public Health Services degree. The requirement for earning a degree requires 12 units “in residence”. Columbia College offers online versions of numerous courses, both within the Public Health Science degree, as well as those within the GE Breadth courses, which would allow MJC students to easily complete their 12 “in residence” units at Columbia, while completing the remainder of their required courses at either college, allowing them to apply to earn this degree from Columbia.

Both Columbia College and Modesto Junior College have numerous students who are currently pursuing a Nursing pathway, but may not end up advancing into the Nursing program. We believe the Public Health Science degree would be a beneficial option for some of those students.

AGREEMENTS

Columbia College will build and gain State Chancellor’s office approval for the Public Health Science AS-T, which would include HE 112 as a required course. Anticipated Effective Date for the AS-T is Fall 2018. This process would also include approval of this MOU by the Academic Senates at both colleges, as well as appropriate Administrative approval.

Modesto Junior College would commit to offering an online section of HE112, a minimum of once per year. A two year plan of offering would be shared with Columbia College so Counselors could effectively work with students in building their Education Plans.

Modesto Junior College would anticipate enrollment of 6-8 Columbia College students in the HE112 offerings each year.

After two years of offerings under this MOU (Fall 2018 – Spring 2020), the applicable parties would review the effectiveness of the collaboration and either extend or discontinue this agreement.