

BPCC and ULM expand on 2+2 agreement

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In 2010, Bossier Parish Community College signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Louisiana at Monroe to offer a unique opportunity for students seeking four-year degrees in health care management.

At 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, on the BPCC campus, the two schools will sign a new MOU that expands on the 2010 agreement, allowing for an even larger collaboration between the two institutions.

The initial 2010 agreement enables students to earn a two-year Associate of Science in Health Care Management at BPCC and then transfer to ULM's two-year online Healthcare Management and Marketing program, which results in a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management and Marketing.

The new amendment to the standing agreement will add the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Students who obtain an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant at BPCC will be able to continue their education at ULM and complete the program with a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies. With the Occupational Therapy Assistant A.S. and the B.S. in Health Studies, students will qualify for admissions into ULM's graduate program in Occupational Therapy.

BPCC Chancellor Dr. Jim Henderson welcomes the expansion to the schools' partnership. "This agreement between Bossier Parish Community College and University of Louisiana-Monroe continues the rich partnership that has existed for years," said Chancellor Henderson. "Our colleges share a commitment to improving lives through education. The leveraging of resources resulting from this agreement will enable us to expand access to students across this region."

ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno also looks forward to the agreement expansion. "I am pleased that ULM has the opportunity to work with BPCC on the development of this MOU," said ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno. "It is our goal to partner with institutions of higher education in order to provide the citizens of Louisiana more opportunities to secure four year degrees if they so choose. We support the mission of the community colleges and stand prepared to partner whenever practical."

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Attending the signing from the University of Louisiana at Monroe is President Bruno, Dr. Eric Pani (VPAA), Dr. Denny Ryman (Dean, College of Health Sciences), Dr. Judy Fellows (Associate Dean, COHS) and Dr. Jessica Dolecheck (Department Chair, Health Studies, COHS).

BPCC faculty and staff attending in addition to Chancellor Henderson include Dr. Stan Wilkins (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), Carolyn Burroughs (Dean, Division of Science, Nursing and Allied Health), Kelly Brandon (BPCC Science, Nursing & Allied Health OTA instructor) Beth Gleason (BPCC Science, Nursing & Allied Health OTA instructor) and BPCC OTA students.