

**Memo of Agreement Regarding Articulation  
Between Penn State Abington and  
Montgomery County Community College**

**PURPOSE**

The Pennsylvania State University, on behalf of Penn State Abington, and Montgomery County Community College establish this Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Articulation to facilitate the matriculation of students from Montgomery County Community College to Penn State Abington of The Pennsylvania State University. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a pathway for students who have successfully completed an associate degree program at Montgomery County Community College to transition to a parallel baccalaureate degree program at Penn State Abington. The agreement defines admission criteria and processes, evaluation of transfer credits and academic advising services to support students in their transition from Montgomery County Community College to Penn State Abington.

**PROCEDURES**

**A. Admissions Requirements**

Students apply to Penn State by submitting the Penn State undergraduate admissions application and official transcripts from Montgomery County Community College and any other colleges or universities attended. The admissions application fee will be waived if a Letter of Intent is submitted to Penn State Abington.

Students must complete an AA, AS, AAS or AFA transfer degree program that corresponds to a Penn State Abington major as shown in the attached transfer charts, be in good standing, free of probation, and have a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 to be eligible for admission to Penn State Abington. Criteria for transfer admission may also include successful completion of specific course requirements.

GPA is calculated from all attempted and completed courses from Montgomery County Community College and from all colleges/universities previously attended. The GPA will be calculated using all courses and grades, including repeated courses.

The Penn State majors included in the terms of the agreement are detailed in Attachment A. In addition, the agreement will include a specific program-to-program articulation for RN to BSN (NURN), authorized for delivery at Penn State Abington by the College of Nursing.

Majors not specified in Attachment A, including majors at other Penn State colleges and campuses, are not covered by the terms of this agreement. Therefore, students admitted under this agreement who seek to enter a major at another Penn State college/campus would be evaluated based on the advanced standing admissions criteria of that college and campus.

## **B. Evaluation of Transfer Credits**

Montgomery County Community College courses, evaluated as equivalent to Penn State courses or approved as general credit within a discipline and transferred with grades of C (2.0) or higher, will be added to the student's Penn State academic transcript by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. To earn a Penn State degree, a student must earn 36 of the last 60 credits from Penn State.

Transferability of courses not specified in the attached guides will be reviewed following Penn State's established process on a case-by-case basis.

Program-to-program transfer guides outlining the specific course equivalencies and approved substitutions for each academic program are included in the agreement as Attachment B. The guides were developed in consultation with Montgomery County Community College, Penn State Abington discipline-specific faculty, and the College of Nursing Associate Dean and were subsequently approved by Penn State Abington's Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

Credit evaluation for other prior learning activity, for example military educational experience and credit by portfolio, will be assessed according to Penn State policy through the process established by Penn State Abington.

## **C. Academic Advising and Transition**

Penn State Abington and Montgomery County Community College will maintain course equivalency information on their respective websites, and admissions and course articulation information will be made available to students through the transfer advising services at Montgomery County Community College.

Students who intend to transfer to Penn State Abington may complete a Letter of Intent form. This form outlines guidelines and benefits for Montgomery County Community College students should they enter into an agreement to attend Penn State Abington. (Letter of Intent Forms attached.)

Penn State Abington will award renewable, merit-based scholarships to eligible students who have signed a Letter of Intent and have graduated from Montgomery County Community College. These scholarships cannot be transferred to other Penn State campuses. The students' merit will be determined by their GPA as calculated by Penn State.

Penn State Abington will offer an academic orientation to transferring students for the purpose of providing academic advising and orientation to academic and technology resources, student life, career services, financial aid, and billing information.

## **D. Update/Report/Relationship**

Penn State Abington and Montgomery County Community College agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually and will each assign an

individual to serve as liaisons for the purpose of monitoring and updating the agreement.

This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific course or program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement.

#### **E. Amendments and Term of Effect**

This document constitutes the entire agreement and terms of understanding between The Pennsylvania State University, on behalf of Penn State Abington, and Montgomery County Community College, and supersedes any other prior agreements or understandings between the two parties.

The master agreement will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary. All revisions are to be approved by each institution's official signatories. This Agreement will have a term of one (1) year starting from the last date provided below and will automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms, not to exceed (5) years.

This master agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 360 days prior to the intended date of termination.

In the event that this agreement is terminated, curriculum transfer guides, in effect at the time a student first enrolls at the Montgomery County Community College, will be honored for students who complete an AA, AS, AAS or AFA degree program and successfully transfers to Penn State Abington within four years of their first enrollment at the Montgomery County Community College.

For The Pennsylvania State University:

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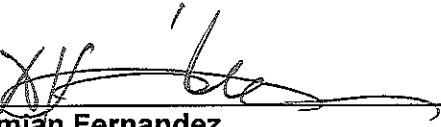
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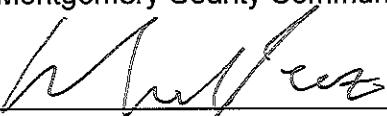
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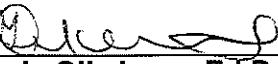


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## **Attachment A**

The Penn State majors included in the terms of the agreement are:

Bachelor of Science in Accounting (ACCAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Arts in American Studies (AMSAB\_BA)  
Bachelor of Arts in Art (ARTAB\_BA)  
Bachelor of Science in Biology (BIOAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication (CCBA\_BA)  
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (CJAAB\_BA/CJSAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Arts in English (ENGAB\_BA)  
Bachelor of Science in Finance (FNCE\_BS)  
Bachelor of Arts in History (HSTBA\_BA)  
Bachelor of Science in Information, Science & Technology (ISSAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Arts (IARAB\_BA)  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (NURN\_BSN)\*  
Bachelor of Arts in Letters, Arts & Sciences (LASAB\_BA)  
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Psychological & Social Sciences  
(PSSBA\_BA/PSSBS\_BS)  
Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation & Human Services (RHSAB\_BS)  
Bachelor of Science in Science (SCIAB\_BS)

\*The specific program-to-program course articulations for the RN to BS Nursing degree (NURN) were coordinated and authorized by the College of Nursing.

