

Memo of Agreement Regarding Articulation

PURPOSE

The Pennsylvania State University (PSU), through Penn State Berks College and The Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) establish this Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Articulation to facilitate the matriculation of students from MCCC to Penn State Berks. The purpose of this agreement is to provide a pathway for students who have successfully completed transfer associate degree programs at MCCC to transition to parallel baccalaureate degree programs at Penn State Berks. The agreement defines admission criteria and processes, outlines program to program articulation, provides evaluation of transfer credits and stipulates academic advising services to support students in their transition from MCCC to Penn State Berks.

PROEDURES

A. Admissions Requirements

Students intending to transfer from MCCC to Penn State Berks can apply through Penn State undergraduate admissions by submitting an application and official transcripts from high school, MCCC and any other colleges or universities attended. The admissions application fee will be waived.

A MCCC student who completes an associate degree becomes a candidate for advanced standing admission, if the student has maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

This agreement will not prevent students without an associate degree from applying for advanced standing admission to Penn State Berks. Students who have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in 18 or more attempted credits may apply for advanced standing admission. Students who have attempted less than 18 credits will be evaluated as first-year students.

For the purposes of admission, the student's GPA is determined by a calculation that includes all attempted and completed courses at MCCC and all colleges/universities previously attended. The Undergraduate Admissions Office will recalculate the GPA using all courses and grades, including all repeated courses.

In addition to the required GPA, applicants must meet the minimum high school course requirements or approved course substitutes for admission to Penn State baccalaureate (four-year) degree programs. This includes one-half unit of trigonometry for students applying to business, engineering or science majors.

The Penn State majors included in terms of the agreement are the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor Science in Psychology (PYSBK_BS or PYABK_BA), Bachelor of Science in Business (BSBBK_BS), Bachelor of Arts/Science in Criminal Justice (CJABK_BA and CJSBK_BS) and Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Human Services (RHSBK_BS)

B. Evaluation of Transfer Credits

Program to program transfer guides outlining the specific course equivalencies and substitutions for each academic program are included in Appendix A of Proposal for Articulation Agreement (Program to Program Transfer Guides). The guides were developed in consultation with appropriate faculty in each discipline.

Transferability of courses not specified in the Program-to-Program Transfer guides will be reviewed by the Penn State Berks on a case-by-case basis.

The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at MCCC will be honored by Penn State Berks if the student completes an AA or AS degree program and successfully transfers to Penn State within four years of their first enrollment at MCCC, i.e., for MCCC students admitted in fall 2020, the agreement will be honored until fall 2024.

Courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs will be evaluated according to Penn State's established criteria.

Credit evaluation for Prior Learning Activity will be completed consistent with Penn State policy and through the process established by Penn State Berks.

C. Academic Advising and Transition

Penn State Berks and MCCC will maintain course equivalency information on their respective websites; in addition, admissions and course articulation information will be made available to MCCC students through the transfer advising services at MCCC.

MCCC will provide opportunities for PSU admissions/advising staff to meet with prospective students at the MCCC campus to provide academic advising support and to connect students with resources at Penn State Berks.

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

D. Update/Report/Relationship

PSU Berks and MCCC agree to review the relevant transfer course equivalencies annually and will assign individuals to serve as liaison for monitoring the terms of the agreement and the course articulation. The MCCC liaison will notify Penn State Berks liaison upon any modification of curriculum that could impact the articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of MCCC associate programs. Penn State Berks liaison will notify MCCC liaison of any modifications of curriculum that could impact articulation of equivalent courses or the requirements of Penn State Berks baccalaureate programs. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as curricula are updated by either institutional partner.

E. Amendments and Term of Effect

This document constitutes the entire agreement and terms of understanding between Penn State on behalf of Penn State Berks and MCCC and supersedes and prior agreements or understandings between the two parties. The master agreement will be reviewed every five years and will be revised as necessary. For renewal all revisions are to be reviewed and approved to by each institution's official signatories.

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This master agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.

If this agreement is terminated, the following exit strategy will apply: The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at MCCC will be honored by Penn State Berks if the student completes an AA or AS degree program and successfully transfers to Penn State Berks within four years of their first enrollment at MCCC. All other terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of two years.

Signatures



2/16/2021

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Date



2/17/2021

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