

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
AND
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Institutional Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”), effective the date last signed below (the “Effective Date”), is entered into by and between the University of Cincinnati, a state institution of higher education organized under Chapter 3361 of the Ohio Revised Code, with a primary business address at 2618 University Circle, 625 University Pavilion, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 (“UC”), and Lorain County Community College, with a primary business address at 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, Ohio 44035 (the “Community College”). UC and Community College will collectively be referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party”. The Parties agree as follows:

UC and Community College recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Community College to UC to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

UC serves the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world as a premier, public, urban research university, dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and research. UC is committed to excellence and diversity in our students, faculty, staff, and all of our activities. UC provides an inclusive environment where innovation and freedom of intellectual inquiry flourish. Through scholarship, service, partnerships, and leadership, UC creates opportunity, develops educated and engaged citizens, enhances the economy and enriches our university, city, state and global opportunity. UC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.

Lorain County Community College (Elyria, Ohio) has been supporting Lorain County for five decades by playing a vital role in preparing residents and local employers for the future. As an institution that was chartered in 1963 after an initiative led by the League of Women Voters, LCCC became the first community college in Ohio to establish a permanent campus. Remaining committed to the fact that “community” is literally our middle name, LCCC has fostered robust community partnerships in an effort to design academic programs and training options that align with employer needs - while simultaneously providing support services designed to meet students where they are and prepare them for success. Lorain County Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440).

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following Agreement, in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).

1. UC and Community College shall adhere to the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).
2. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded

the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.

3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, UC will guarantee admission to the college/university and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

UC and Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating program to program Transfer Articulation Agreements for AA / AS graduates from Community College. This includes application of general education requirements.

4. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Business (AAS/AAB) degree, UC will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS/AAB degree from Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

UC and Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating program to program Transfer Articulation Agreements for AAS/AAB graduates from Community College. This includes application of general education requirements.

5. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native UC students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at UC.
6. Students who have not completed their AA/ AS/AAS/AAB degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of UC, according to catalog requirements.
7. Under this Agreement, students of Community College will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree before transferring to UC.

Should a Community College student transfer to UC prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, Community College shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree in absentia using UC course credit. With student authorization, UC agrees to supply information to Community College in order to facilitate this reverse transfer credit.

In this interest, all course work completed at UC will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree requirements at Community College consistent with the criteria used for native Community College students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at UC.

8. Community College and UC will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific Advising Guides supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic Advising Guides must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional Agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic Advising Guides will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course

basis by UC. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of UC.

9. UC will provide Community College with course equivalent information regarding Community College courses and their UC equivalents. UC will maintain current course equivalency data in Transfer Evaluation System (TES) and Transferology.
10. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, UC cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this Agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from UC within two (2) years or by earning an additional sixty (60) semester hours at UC.
11. UC will report the number of transfer students from Community College for the previous academic year, upon request.
12. All collegiate level courses completed at Community College with a "D-" or better grade will be accepted for students who transfer with or without an earned AA/AS/AAS degree. These credits shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific UC courses whenever possible.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which student received a grade of "C or D" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native UC students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native UC students and Community College transfer students.

13. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Community College ends when the student completes their Community College degree and commences working upon a degree program at UC. Financial aid consortium Agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at UC and exercised where permissible, with UC, serving as the home institution.

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UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for aspects of the financial aid consortium.

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14. The Provost at Community College will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Community College.

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UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

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15. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Community College will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

UC will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information and afford the appropriate training, when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the Community College transfer student.

16. Community College is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the University of Cincinnati name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and UC programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

UC is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use Community College's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of marketing to the Community College student population about this Agreement and the University of Cincinnati's programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

17. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the Institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of UC with any other company.
18. This Agreement has an initial term through July 31, 2027. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every three (3) years, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this Agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established

policy will take precedent and the Agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to ensure that Agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing Agreement.

19. UC and Community College each reserve the right to terminate this Agreement provided that at least one (1) years' notice of a process terminated date is given.

This Agreement is effective as of: May 1, 2024

University of Cincinnati

Lorain County Community College

signed by UC-OGC via UC-OGC Process 5/8/2024

Jack Miner
Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

signed via UC-OGC Process 5/16/2024

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Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs &
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signed via UC-OGC Process 5/9/2024

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Vice Provost, University Partnership