Articulation Agreement

Between

Muskingum University

And

Edison State Community College

Consistent with the philosophy and objectives of providing high quality educational programs, Muskingum University and Edison State Community College enter into this Articulation Agreement. The primary purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of credit from Edison State Community College to Muskingum University for those students intending to pursue a bachelor's degree. Through this commitment to inter-institutional cooperation Edison State Community College and Muskingum University seek to demonstrate leadership within the higher education community by removing barriers to transferability for the students and their credits. In order to advance post-secondary educational attainment in our region, Muskingum University and Edison State Community College will cooperate to facilitate transfer credit for students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree including those who have earned an associate degree.

Muskingum University (New Concord, OH) is located in east-central Ohio and is easily accessible by major east-west and north-south highways. Chartered in 1837, Muskingum University is rich in tradition and proud of its heritage dating back to the first half of the nineteenth century. Today, approximately 1,700 undergraduates and more than 1,000 graduate students study on Muskingum's beautiful 225-acre campus. Since its founding in 1837, Muskingum University has been recognized as one of the nation's leading liberal arts universities. It is ranked 7th in the Midwest in 2010 by *U.S. News and World Report* as a "Best Value" university.

Edison State Community College (Edison) was chartered in 1973 under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code as the first general and technical college in Ohio. We will celebrate our 50th year of providing learning opportunities in 2023. The main campus is located on 108 acres in Piqua, Ohio, with additional campuses located in Greenville, Troy, and Eaton. The geographic area designated to be served by Edison is made up of Darke, Miami, and Shelby Counties of Ohio. It represents urban and rural areas as well as small communities. Under its charter it is authorized to offer studies in the arts and sciences, technical education and continuing education. Its enrollment and offerings have grown steadily during its brief history, from 309 students enrolled in 30 courses in 1973 to more than 3,000 students enrolled today in about 30 technical fields, a broad range of baccalaureate transfer programs, developmental course work, and continuing education offerings.

Muskingum University agrees to the following:

Applicants for admission to Muskingum University from institutions with which Muskingum
has an articulation agreement must be in good standing, and must meet the same admission
criteria required of all transfer students. The University will recognize the system of
preparation afforded by the completion of an associate's degree, e.g. Associate of Arts (AA),

previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admission policy and standards of Muskingum University, according to catalog requirements.

5. The University will grant academic credit for coursework taken at Edison State Community College which is comparable in content, scope and depth to similar classes at Muskingum University, whether or not these courses are part of an earned associate's degree. This course equivalency will allow for credits earned to be applied as appropriate toward the student's academic major, the general education requirements, and as general elective credit applicable to the total hours required for completion of a bachelor's degree.

Program-specific articulation agreements may be developed between Muskingum University and Edison State Community College for students enrolling in specific programs. Program specific agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other pertinent information. These supplemental program articulation agreements will be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement.

- 6. Students who transfer to Muskingum University under the terms of the agreement shall retain all credits and academic standing guaranteed by the agreement until such time as they complete a bachelor's degree at Muskingum. Due to curricular structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, Muskingum cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provisions of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate within two years. All collegiate-level credit transferred from Edison State Community College shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific Muskingum courses when possible.
- 7. Collegiate level courses completed at Edison State Community College with a passing grade will be accepted for students who transfer with or without an earned associate degree. It should be noted that there could be Muskingum University programs that will not accept coursework with an earned grade below a "C". Students may retake any course in which they received a grade of "C-" where there is a higher minimum grade required for the academic program.
- 8. Muskingum University will provide Edison State Community College with course equivalent information regarding Edison State Community College courses and their Muskingum University equivalents. Updates and course changes will be provided on an ongoing basis to Edison State Community College.
- 9. As new baccalaureate programs and/or degrees are approved at Muskingum University, Edison State Community College will be given information about the programs, or degrees and their requirements.
- 10. Muskingum University will provide program-specific degree completion information to the appropriate staff at Edison State Community College for distribution to students completing an associate's degree at Marion.

Edison State Community College agrees to the following:

- 1. To provide Muskingum University any updates or changes in their course offerings on an ongoing basis.
- 2. To provide information about Muskingum University's programs and offerings to students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree.
- 3. To permit Muskingum University recruiting staff an opportunity to promote its programs on Edison State Community College's campus.
- 4. To share with appropriate staff at Muskingum University information about new associate degrees approved at Edison State Community College in order that additional course and program articulations can be evaluated.

General Provisions

- 1. This agreement will be comprehensively reviewed and updated by appropriate representatives from both institutions no later than two years from the date of the most recent signatures. The partners of this articulation agreement agree to provide individual contact information regarding the person(s) responsible for implementing and maintaining the terms of this agreement.
- 2. The partners of this agreement will allow the sharing of programmatic information on each institution's respective website. Each partner institution agrees to post on its website that an articulation agreement relationship exists between the two institutions.
- 3. Each institution shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title III of the Older American Amendments of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992, and all related regulations and executive orders, and each party assures that it does not and will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age or non-disqualifying handicap under any program or activity receiving federal or state assistance, and any state or local law pertaining to nondiscrimination in education.
- 4. Each party agrees to be responsible for any negligent acts or negligent omissions by or through itself or its agents, employees and contracted servants and each party further agrees to defend itself and themselves and pay any judgments and costs arising out of such negligent acts or negligent omissions, and nothing in this agreement shall impute or transfer any such responsibility from one to the other.
- 5. The agreement may be terminated by either party by providing official notice at least 60 days prior to the intended date of termination. Students who transferred to Muskingum University under the terms of the agreement shall retain all credits and academic standing guaranteed by the agreement until such time as they complete a bachelor's degree at Muskingum.

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