INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT



BETWEEN ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY MIDWEST AND



EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Antioch University Midwest and Edison Community College recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Edison Community College to Antioch University Midwest to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

Antioch University Midwest (Yellow Springs, OH) originally founded in 1988 as the McGregor School is a campus of Antioch University, a private, non-profit liberal arts institution. Antioch University Midwest nurtures in its students the knowledge, skills and habits of reflection to act as lifelong learners, democratic leaders and global citizens who live lives of meaning and purpose. Antioch University 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.

Edison Community College (Piqua, OH) Celebrating forty years of service, Edison Community College was chartered to meet a demand for high-quality, affordable college education, focused on serving the residents of Darke, Miami, and Shelby counties. As has often been the case, our region was visionary in its timing, as Edison was chartered in 1973 as the first state general and technical college in Ohio under provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The College was chartered without special local taxation as a two-year, public, coeducational, state-supported institution of higher learning with privileges of offering studies in the arts and sciences, technical education, and adult continuing education.

It is understood by the parties that Edison Community College is a state community college created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3358, and is subject to certain applicable federal, state and local laws, including the Ohio Ethics Law, R.C. 102.03 and 102.04, and the Ohio Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, et seq. Any record kept by Edison Community College that is deemed a public record is subject to release if a proper request is made. Both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this agreement.

It is further understood by the parties that Antioch University Midwest adheres to the assessment and evaluation policies of Antioch University which preclude the issuance of official letter grades or grade point averages. The evaluation of student academic performance is documented through narrative assessments that serve as official supplements of the student's academic record (i.e. the transcript). Undergraduate credit is awarded for coursework that is the equivalent of a C grade or better in a graded system, both for native students and for transfer students.

While this Agreement is active and for a period of two years after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records of all changes pertaining to this Agreement and make such records available to both parties as either may reasonably require.

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 institutional articulation agreement.

1. 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, 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.

2. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate's degree (AA/AS/AAS/AAB/ATS) degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, Antioch University Midwest will guarantee admission and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS/AAB/ATS degree from Edison Community College, provided their grade point is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

Students completing an AA, AS, AAB, AAS or ATS at Edison Community College will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements to earn a bachelor's degree from Antioch University Midwest.

Edison Community College and Antioch University Midwest will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit for all Edison Community College graduates. Students completing any Associate degree at Edison Community College will be able to transfer all eligible transfer credits required for that degree to AUM, up to a maximum of 75 semester credits in certain programs.

- 3. Students who have completed at least 24 semester credits but who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS/AAB/ATS 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 Antioch University Midwest, according to catalog requirements. Students who transfer to AUM without completing an Associate's degree may transfer all eligible credits (non-developmental courses in which students have earned a grade of at least a C or better) up to a maximum of 60 semester credits. Discipline-specific maximums will also be observed. Applicants in this category may be considered for provisional admissions, based on individual review of an applicant's academic record. The mutual goal is for students to transfer after completing their Associate degree.
- 4. Students admitted without having earned an associate's degree will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that apply to all Antioch University Midwest students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at Antioch University Midwest.
- 5. The number and type of credits transferred to Antioch University Midwest will determine the amount of time it will take for a student to graduate and the number of credits to do so. Antioch University Midwest cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from Antioch University Midwest within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at Antioch University Midwest.
- Antioch University Midwest will report the number of transfer students from Edison Community College for the previous academic year, annually no later than July 1st.
- 7. Edison Community College and Antioch University Midwest will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements 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 articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Antioch University Midwest. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of Antioch University Midwest.

8. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Edison Community College ends when the student completes their Edison Community College degree and commences progress toward a degree program at Antioch University Midwest. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at Antioch University Midwest and exercised where permissible, with Antioch University Midwest serving as the home institution.

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Antioch University Midwest Contact:

Tina Bunch, Associate Director of Financial Aid Antioch University Midwest 900 Dayton Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 <u>tbunch@antioch.edu</u>; (937) 769-1824

9. Edison Community College and Antioch University Midwest will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Edison Community College.

Edison Community College Contact:

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Antioch University Midwest Contact:

Mary Ann Short, Interim Chief Academic Officer Antioch University Midwest 900 Dayton Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 <u>mshort2@antioch.edu</u>; (937) 769-1860

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

Edison 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.

Antioch University Midwest 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 Edison Community College transfer student.

- 11. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through December 2017. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every two years 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 insure that agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.
- 12. Antioch University Midwest and Edison Community College each reserve the right to terminate this agreement provided that at least one year's notice of a process termination date is given. All students who have transferred from Edison Community College and are enrolled at Antioch University Midwest at the time of termination will be covered under the terms of the existing agreement for as long as they maintain continuous enrollment at Antioch University Midwest..

This agreement is effective as of January 1, 2015

Antioch University Midwest	Edison Community College
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Dr. Mary Ann Short Interim Chief Academic Officer	Dr. Patti A. Ross Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs
3/7/15 Date	3/2/15 Date