

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AAS Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education
to
BA Interdisciplinary Studies

**This major program at Bloomsburg University does NOT apply to Luzerne County
 Community College students seeking to become certified as a PreK-4 teacher.**

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT LEAD TO CERTIFICATION AS A PREK-4 TEACHER.

Preface

1. Luzerne County Community College (“LCCC”) and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (“BU”) enter into this Articulation Agreement to facilitate the transfer of LCCC students into the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at BU.
2. Students who earn an AAS Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education and meet the curriculum and admission requirements as outlined in this agreement may enter the fifth semester of the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at BU.

This major program at Bloomsburg University affords the Luzerne County Community College student who no longer wishes to continue their education to become a certified teacher to pursue another academic career path to a bachelor’s degree without losing transfer credit. This program allows the student to complete their degree in an area of study created in close consultation with a faculty advisor. For more information on this exciting program visit <http://www.bloomu.edu/interdisciplinary-studies>.

Terms and Conditions of this Agreement

Student Responsibilities

1. Complete an AAS Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education at LCCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. Apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies and pay the BU application fee.
3. At the time of application, provide official high school transcripts and transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester.
4. Upon receipt of the Associate Degree from LCCC, provide a final complete official LCCC transcript to BU indicating the award of the Associate Degree.
5. Students intending to matriculate at BU for the fall semester must complete the application process by August 1st. Students intending to matriculate at BU for the spring semester must complete the application process by December 15th.

6. Once matriculated in the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, students who transfer under this agreement are responsible for meeting all requirements in their major field of study, and any other curriculum requirements applying to all BU students, that were in effect at BU at the time of the student's admission to BU.
7. Once matriculated students will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to BU students.

Obligations of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

1. To accept a transfer of 60 credits (used to satisfy LCCC's Associate Degree requirements in Early Childhood – Elementary Education) and to apply these credits to the first 60 credits of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.
2. To evaluate additional transfer courses (those not used to satisfy requirements for the LCCC Associate Degree) on a course-by-course basis. At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies must be earned at BU. At least 50% of the credits in the major discipline must be earned at BU. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will not transfer.
3. To accept a transfer of 30 General Education Points for MyCore General Education Competencies. This transfer is based on the student competencies gained at LCCC by completion of the Associate Degree.
4. To admit LCCC Associate Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education major students into the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the same rights and privileges of all other BU students.
5. To attend regularly SCHEDULED recruitment programs at LCCC and invite LCCC Early Childhood – Elementary Education major students to information meetings with BU faculty and/or staff in order to facilitate a smooth transition into the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.
6. To provide LCCC with copies of all promotional literature published about the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Obligations of Luzerne County Community College

1. To publicize this agreement to prospective and current LCCC students in its promotional literature and as part of regular student recruitment.
2. To make arrangements for BU recruiters and advisors to visit LCCC to meet with prospective and current Early Childhood – Elementary Education major students who may be interested in the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Join Obligations

1. To designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate this articulation agreement between the two institutions.
2. To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies academic requirements, and the process of transferring to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program at BU.

3. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this agreement, and to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.
4. To review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both LCCC and BU sign the revised document.
5. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
6. To provide direct links between BU and LCCC web sites.

Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

BU and Luzerne are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement. The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Luzerne County Community College into Bloomsburg University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

- a. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter and can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- b. No modifications, alternations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.
- c. This Agreement will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically for a maximum total term of five (5) years or until the agreement is formally terminated. Not later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the five (5) year period, each Party shall review and together make any changes to an updated Agreement to be considered for execution and implementation.
- d. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to the Institution under the terms of this Agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes.
- e. The Parties understand that they shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this Agreement, and shall not be considered as employees, agents, affiliates, or subsidiaries of each other. Neither Party shall have the right to bind or obligate the other in any manner inconsistent with or unrelated to this Agreement.
- f. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- g. Neither Party shall assume any liabilities as a result of this Agreement. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the Parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunities afforded Luzerne or BU by law or otherwise.
- h. Luzerne County Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For a complete copy of the LCCC non-discrimination policy, go to <http://portal.luzerne.edu/forms/dc.pdf>. Inquiries may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, John Sedlak, Dean of Human Resources, LCCC, 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, 18634, 800-377-

