

Luzerne County Community College and Misericordia University

Dual Admission Agreement

12/13/13

Preface

Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) and Misericordia University (MU) enter into this Dual Admission Agreement to facilitate the transfer of LCCC students to MU. Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, LCCC students will be guaranteed admissions into a parallel articulated Bachelor's Degree program (see attachment I) with third year (junior) status at MU on the condition that they do the following:

- Complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form by the beginning of their third semester at LCCC Admissions Office (or before completing 30 credits);
- Graduate from LCCC with an Associate Degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. If applying to the Nursing major at Misericordia, LCCC graduates would be required to hold a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Enroll at MU within one year of LCCC graduation.
- Do not attend another institution between the time the student graduates from LCCC and when enrollment commences at MU.
- A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to MU will be able to complete a Bachelor's Degree at MU within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program requirements at LCCC and completes and appropriately sequences their remaining required course work at MU. Exceptions to this are programs with extended internships and clinical experiences.

MU agrees to:

- Waive the admissions application fee.
- Accept the LCCC courses for transfer with a minimum grade earned of "C".
- Provide qualified full-time students with a \$2000 annual scholarship towards their cost of attendance. Students with a 3.0 or above will receive an additional scholarship of \$1,000-10,000 annually corresponding to a 3.0-4.0 grade point average.
- Transfer a maximum of 61 credits from LCCC into a degree program. Note that RN license holders are granted an additional 30 credits in advance standing.
- Send a joint conditional letter of acceptance to all Luzerne students who are eligible for admission to Misericordia under this agreement.
- Provide LCCC with "Dual Admission Intent" forms and fact sheets to distribute.

LCCC agrees to:

- To publicize this agreement to prospective and current LCCC students in its promotional literature and website.
- To provide MU with copies of all promotional literature published about the dual admission agreement.

Joint Obligations:

- Each institution will assure that all representations to current or prospective students or faculty concerning the nature of the dual admission arrangement between MU and LCCC will be consistent with this Agreement in all respects. All questions raised with one institution concerning the details of the program and courses of the other institution will be referred to that other institution.
- To keep each other informed of any changes of policy or curricula that affect this agreement. Both MU and LCCC will review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both LCCC and MU sign the revised document.
- To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, MU academic requirements, LCCC completion requirement and the process of transferring to MU.

- To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
- To facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between faculties related to this agreement.
- Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Dual Admission Agreement between the two institutions.
- The minimum number of credits a matriculated student must complete at MU to be considered a candidate for a bachelor’s degree is 30 credits.
- LCCC graduates entering MU under the terms of this agreement must complete an application for MU admission and dual admission form to be submitted to MU at least 60 days prior to the start of the desired matriculation semester.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
2. This Agreement will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will automatically renew for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
6. 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 LCCC by law or otherwise.
7. Any notices to be given hereunder by any Party to the other may be affected with by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth hereinafter, but each Party may change their address by written notice in accordance with this paragraph. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices shall be deemed communicated as of five (5) days after mailing.

a. If to MU: Misericordia University, Admission’s Office, 301 Lake St, Dallas, PA 18612

b. If to LCCC: Luzerne County Community College
1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke PA 18634
Attention: Rosana Reyes, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Development

Copy to: Luzerne County Community College, Financial/Contract Associate

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Luzerne County Community College and Misericordia University have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

For Luzerne County Community College:

For Misericordia University:

Thomas Leary Date
President

Dr. Thomas J. Botzman Date
President

Designated Contact Person

For Luzerne County Community College:

Rosana Reyes, Dean of EMSD

For Misericordia University:

Glenn Bozinski, Director of Admission

Attachment I - Articulated Programs
LCCC to Misericordia University

AA Degree in Humanities	BA Philosophy
AAS in Applied Science Degree in Journalism And Media Writing	BA Communications
AA in Humanities	BA History
AS in Social Science	BA in Government, Law and National Security
AS in Social Science	Bachelor of Social Work
AS in Social Science	BS Applied Behavioral Sciences
AS in Social Science	BA History
AS in Social Science	BA History
AS in Business Administration	BS in Business Administration
AS in Accounting	BS in Accounting
AAS in Human Services	BS in Applied Behavioral Sciences
AAS in Criminal Justice	BS in Government, Law and National Security
AS Humanities	BA English
AS Humanities	BS in Psychology
AS in Nursing*	BS in Nursing*

Additionally, all LCCC AS degrees are eligible for dual admission to MU's BS in Professional Studies

All above stated programs require a minimum grade point average of 2.0, with the exception of the BS in Nursing, which requires a minimum gpa of 3.0

*with valid RN license