ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

FOR A TRANSFER PROGRAM BETWEEN

Miami-Dade Community College   and   Polytechnic University of the Americas

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This agreement establishes a Transfer Program in which an undergraduate student will attain an Associates in Arts (AA) degree from Miami-Dade Community College (MDCC) and then transfer to Polytechnic University of the Americas (hereinafter referred to as PUA). After completing the academic requirements of the two participating institutions, the students will have earned an AA degree from MDCC and a Bachelor's degree from PUA.

§1. Program of Study

§1.1   Participating students shall complete at MDCC

an AA degree

a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours that include all the specified courses in the Appendix with a grade of C or better in each course for the course to transfer to PUA

- and should apply in the last major term of their AA degree

§1.2   Participating students will be required to complete at PUA a program of study, which equals approximately the number of hours required in the junior and senior years of the degree program being sought.

§1.3   The total program shall satisfy all requirements for the degrees sought at MDCC and PUA.

§2. Admission

§2.1   MDCC is an open-admissions institution that assesses the holders of a high school diploma (or equivalent) wishing to enter this program and places them into courses on the basis of their academic background and/or demonstrated experience in specific courses. Applicants may be required to participate in the MDCC assessment program.

§2.2   To be admitted to PUA in this program a student must

complete the program of study in §1.1. Submit application materials for evaluation to the Office of Undergraduate Admission at Polytechnic University of the Americas; meet the requirements for admission, be accepted, and obtain a positive recommendation from the Director of the relevant School at MDCC.

- Attain a minimum overall Grade point average of 2.7 in the sixty (60) credit hours and a 3.0 in the concentration.

§3. Program Management and Reporting

So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, PUA and MDCC agree to develop, maintain, and improve continuously a program management and reporting system.

Each institution will

- publicize the articulation agreement among its students and faculty.

appoint a program coordinator to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the program.

- list the program in the appropriate publications and Web-sites of the institution.

exchange regularly updated copies of their general catalogs and any other publications, which may be helpful in advising students.

provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relate to the preparation of participating students, and

any other information that PUA and MDCC believe helpful to monitor and assure the academic success of participating students.

MDCC will

identify prospective interested student candidates as early as possible and provide a list of those students to PUA at the beginning of each academic year.

provide Polytechnic University of the Americas admission requirement information to all prospective MDCC-PUA transfer students.

§3.4   PUA will

offer Bachelor degrees in Computer Science (B.A., B.S.), Bachelor in Business Administration (B.B.A.) and a Bachelor in Computer Engineering (B.S.).

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provide a report to MDCC at the end of each term that includes the record of grades of MDCC transfer students that matriculate at PUA if the student so requests and gives permission.

provide the details of this agreement, through its Office of Undergraduate Admission to any high school applicant who applied to PUA, yet could not meet the admission standards at the time of his/her application.

- PUA will offer five tuition scholarships a year for students transferring from MDCC to PUA resulting in the cost being no more than state tuition. The scholarships will be offered to those students accepted to PUA, with a minimum overall Grade Point Average of 3.2 in the sixty (60) credit hours and a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.5 in the concentration courses specified in the Appendix.

The tuition scholarships will be provided for a period of two years (during the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer sessions). Students who wish to be considered for this scholarship must apply for financial assistance.

The program coordinators from each institution will assess the program annually in collaboration with participating faculty, advisors, and students to continuously improve the program. A report of the assessment and recommendations for improvement will be provided to the Dean, the Director of Undergraduate Admission at PUA, and the Director of the School at MDCC.

§4. Termination/Modification

§4.1 This Articulation Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the parties hereto. It is understood and agreed, however, that this Articulation Agreement may be modified unilaterally by PUA as may be necessary to bring it within the purview of and in accord with the directives of the Provost of the Polytechnic University of the Americas, the Statutes of PUA, or the policies of the Board of Trustees of Polytechnic University of the Americas.

This Articulation Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least one year in advance of such termination date. In the event that no students from MDCC are admitted to PUA for five consecutive academic years, this Articulation Agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the fifth year. However, in either case, it is understood and agreed that any student participating in the MDCC program specifically tracked for admission to PUA or already admitted to PUA due to this agreement will be allowed to complete the program notwithstanding the termination provisions above, as long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measurable progress towards the completion of a degree program.

Signatures of Responsible Authorities at the Cooperating Institutions:

MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF
THE AMERICAS

Eduardo J. Padrón   Date
President

Ernesto Vazquez-Barquet   Date
President

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