

Luzerne County Community College and Marywood University

Dual Admission Agreement

Preface

Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) and Marywood University (MU) enter into this Dual Admission Agreement to facilitate the transfer of LCCC students to MU. Under the Dual Admission Agreement, LCCC students will be guaranteed admission 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 Admission Intent" form by the beginning of their third semester at LCCC Admissions Office (or before completing 30 credits);
- Graduate from LCCC with an Associate's Degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.3; certain major programs require a higher grade point average, including education programs (3.00), nursing (3.00), science (2.50, with a 2.67 in science courses), architecture (3.00) pre-physician assistant studies (3.00), communication sciences and disorders (3.25). A portfolio is required for all students who wish to pursue a major in architecture or art.
- 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.
- Adhere to MU application deadlines. 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.
- Student must select a specific major (not "undeclared".)
- Luzerne students who are accepted under the dual admission agreement will be governed by the Marywood degree requirements in effect at the time of their Marywood matriculation.
- 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's 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, and certain five year programs.

Students who have previously been matriculated to MU are not eligible for the Dual Admission program.

In order to facilitate the transfer of Luzerne graduates to Marywood, the parties agree to the following:

MU agrees to:

- Waive the admissions application fee.
- Accept the LCCC courses for transfer with a minimum grade earned of "C" ("C+" for science courses).
- Provide qualified full-time students with an annual award of \$2,500 towards their cost of attendance. Students with a 2.50 and above will receive an additional scholarship ranging from \$5,500 to \$11,500, dependent on GPA. Students may also be eligible for other merit or need-based awards (e.g., Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, etc.).
- Transfer a maximum of 61 credits from LCCC into a degree program. Note that RN license holders may be granted additional credits in advance standing.
- Send a joint conditional letter of acceptance to all Luzerne students who are eligible for admission to Marywood under this agreement.
- Provide LCCC with "Dual Admission Intent" forms and fact sheets to distribute.
- Provide to students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program not yet matriculated at Marywood the option to register free of charge for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in courses offered by MU. These courses must be applied to the specific degree program that the student intends to pursue at Marywood, and must be approved by the Coordinator of Prior Learning Assessment at MU.

LCCC agrees to:

- Publicize this agreement to prospective and current LCCC students.
- Distribute, receive and process Dual Admission Intent forms required for participation.
- Record annual Fall and Spring cohort of eligible applicants enrolled at LCCC and provide to MU.

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 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.

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: Marywood University, Admissions Office, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18509
 - b. If to LCCC: Luzerne County Community College
1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke PA 18634
Attention: Rosana Reyes, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student DevelopmentCopy to: Luzerne County Community College, Financial/Contract Associate

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

For Luzerne County Community College:

Thomas Leary 12-17-14
President Date

For Marywood University:

Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Ph.D. 12/17/14
President Date

Designated Contact Person

For Luzerne County Community College:

Rosana Reyes, Dean of EMSD

For Marywood University:

Ann Boland-Chase, VP for Enrollment Services
and Student Success

Attachment I - Articulated Programs
LCCC to Marywood University

- Program-to-program articulations pending academic reviews at this time.

Generally, all articulated programs require a minimum grade point average of 2.3; exceptions are listed within each program agreement.