DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FIRE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

AND

HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY FIRE SCIENCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

This agreement is designed to facilitate the transfer to Holy Family University (HF) of Mercer County Community College (MCCC) students who have earned the Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science Technology. These graduates will enter the program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fire Science and Public Safety Administration (FSPSA) at Holy Family University (HF).

Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who completes the appropriate Fire Science Technology curriculum at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) will be assured Junior year status in Holy Family University's School of Business Administration Fire Science/Public Safety Administration program. This will allow a full-time student to complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree within four regular semesters with entry to Holy Family University in the Fall semester of each year. Admission in the Spring semester alters the program progression and will result in extending the degree completion beyond the four semester sequence.

To qualify for the advantages of this agreement, Mercer County Community College graduates must:

- 1. complete the appropriate fire science technology curriculum at MCCC including courses listed with this agreement;
- 2. meet the same deadlines for application, payment of fees, and other registration requirements as apply to other entering students at Holy Family University;
- 3. enroll at HF within one year of graduation from MCCC; and
- 4. achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 at MCCC.

Transfer credit will be awarded only for courses in which a grade of "C" or better has been earned. If a grade less than "C" is earned at MCCC in a course that is required at Holy Family University, the course must be repeated at MCCC prior to transfer or taken at Holy Family University. Courses in Fire Science Technology in which less than a "C" grade has been earned must be repeated at MCCC prior to transfer.

MCCC students who transfer will be responsible for meeting only the course requirements as outlined in this agreement and those that are in place at Holy Family University at the time of their enrollment as fire science technology majors at MCCC.

The MCCC student will sign a Dual Admission Agreement Form before completing 45 credits at MCCC. The Dual Admission Agreement Form will serve as the application form to Holy Family University and affirm the student's intention to attend Holy Family University after completion of the designated associate degree program at MCCC. This Dual Admission Agreement Form is valid for one year after degree completion at MCCC.

Students transferring under this agreement will have junior status at Holy Family University (a minimum of 54 transferable credits), and will be eligible for financial aid on the same basis as other Holy Family University students. It is possible some MCCC courses, although part of the associate degree program at MCCC, may not transfer to HF. Those who transfer with less than 54 transferable credits are not covered by this agreement. All transfer credits for these students shall be determined on an individual course basis.

A maximum of 75 credits will transfer to HF and at least 45 credits must be completed at HF including requirements in the major area of specialization, core or general education curriculum requirements. A comprehensive examination must be successfully completed.

Upon completing the Dual Admission Agreement Form the MCCC student will be required to forward all final transcripts from MCCC and all other institutions attended to Holy Family University to verify that the conditions of this agreement have been met. Transfer credits from other institutions which are accepted by MCCC will count as transfer credits if the grade is "C" or above and the courses fulfill program requirements. There is no obligation on the part of the MCCC student if the student decides not to transfer to Holy Family University. There is no fee for submitting the Dual Admission Agreement Form.

Students with a MCCC cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 and above who undertake full-time study are eligible to receive scholarships. These scholarships are renewable each year at Holy Family University contingent upon maintaining the minimum GPA required for the scholarship. Students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, and Holy Family need-based grants as well as other types of financial aid.

MCCC's Transfer Coordinator will maintain and distribute information about this agreement to students, counselors and faculty advisors. All changes to this agreement will be distributed through the MCCC Transfer Coordinator's office.

The Associate Vice President for Academic Student Services and Registrar at Holy Family University will keep appropriate staff informed of this agreement and will be responsible for distributing information concerning any changes to its staff and to appropriate staff at MCCC.

Holy Family University will provide student support services to assist transfer students through the transitional period when they enter the college.

Faculty from each institution teaching in the curriculum covered by this agreement will be encouraged to meet at least annually to discuss issues of curriculum and student development.

Holy Family University will help assess the effectiveness of the program and will provide MCCC with progress reports of those MCCC students who enroll in the FSPSA program at Holy Family University.

Both institutions will encourage MCCC students to meet with representatives of Holy Family University to discuss issues related to admissions and financial aid well in advance of their expected date of entry.

Students who apply to Holy Family University without an associate degree will not be covered by this agreement. The transfer of credits for these students shall be determined on an individual course basis.

This agreement will automatically renew unless superseded by a new agreement. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this agreement by terminated, the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Holy Family University under the terms of this agreement but not yet enrolled in classes.

The following associate degree programs at Mercer County Community College are part of the Dual Admission Agreement for corresponding degrees at Holy Family University:

Mercer County Community College

Holy Family University

A.A.S. Fire Science Technology

B.A. Fire Science and Public Safety Administration

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