

Transfer Articulation Agreement

between

William Paterson University

College of Education

and

Mercer County Community College

for the

Associate of Arts Degrees in Liberal Arts – Education

and

Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Education

The intent of this articulation agreement is to define the procedures for a transfer articulation between William Paterson University College of Education and Mercer County Community College. Both entities agree to mutual cooperation in establishing and maintaining articulation for their respective programs for the Associate of Arts degrees in Liberal Arts-Education transferable to Bachelor of Arts degrees in Education at William Paterson University College of Education. The principal beneficiaries of this agreement are students seeking a major in Education whose progress toward their degrees is best assured when they are provided with current information about courses and programs. Firm arrangements between departments and institutions provide the opportunity for these students to plan a total baccalaureate degree through program to program agreement at the outset of their college education.

William Paterson University agrees to accept all the general education credits included in this agreement. Per its transfer credit policy, William Paterson University agrees to accept up to half of the credits required for the major. Course equivalencies for Education prerequisites and major courses will also be accepted (see Appendix A for specific course requirements) and will serve as the basis for equivalencies.

This agreement will become effective immediately upon the signatures of both parties. Immediately thereafter, William Paterson University will provide information packets for transfer admission, special transfer days, and other recruitment services. In turn, Mercer County Community College will make available to its students all information, including the list of course equivalencies pertaining to this agreement. The agreement and equivalencies will be reviewed on a regular basis.

PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENT

COMPLETION OF PROGRAMS

Mercer County Community College transfer students will be required to meet all graduation requirements as listed for William Paterson University students.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The determination of major program requirements for a baccalaureate degree in the College of Education shall be the responsibility of William Paterson University.

ELIGIBILITY

A. Grade point average (GPA) requirement

For admission to William Paterson University College of Education and for students to take 3000 level education courses, students will be required to earn at least a 3.0 overall average on a four-point scale. In addition to needing the 3.0 cumulative grade point average to begin the education major, candidates must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 every semester and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in their education major.

In addition to having a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA before taking education courses, students must also pass the *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core).

B. Course equivalencies and/or area requirements. (See Appendix A)

Students with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts-Education

Students who earn an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts-Education at Mercer County Community College are guaranteed junior status admission to William Paterson University conditional upon meeting the prerequisites of the minimum requirements for admission to the College of Education. Associate of Arts degree students will be provided with individual evaluations of coursework based on course equivalencies articulated between Mercer County Community College and William Paterson University.

FINANCIAL AID

College students transferring into William Paterson University will be treated the same as native William Paterson University students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid and in the award and distribution of funds.

AGREEMENT REVIEW AND UPDATE

Mercer County Community College will assign a staff member to serve as a liaison to assure maintenance of communication between the two institutions. As necessary, Mercer County Community College and William Paterson University faculty shall meet to discuss academic programs, especially with regard to any changes being contemplated. William Paterson University and Mercer County Community College representatives will consult whenever changes in policy or curricula are articulated

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which will affect students transferring under the terms of this agreement. Representatives from both institutions shall also facilitate support, consultation, and collaboration between their faculties in matters related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, education certification, and other academic matters.

Appendix A

Mercer County Community College Associate of Arts degrees in Liberal Arts – Education

to

William Paterson University College of Education Bachelor of Arts degrees in Education

Program	Credits	Courses at Mercer County Community College	William Paterson University
<i>Early Childhood P-3 and Elementary Education K-6</i>	3	EDU 109 (with 20 hours observation)	CIED 2030 Teaching as a Profession
	3	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	PSY 1100 General Psychology
	3	PSY 206 Child Development	PSY 2100 Developmental Psychology
	3	Directed Math Elective	MATH 1100 Contemporary Mathematics
	3	Directed Math Elective	MATH 1100 or Higher
	3	SOC 104 Sociology of Education	ANTH 2020 Diversity and Justice in Schools
	3	Directed diversity and global studies elective	Non-Western course requirement
	6	Humanities elective or General Education elective	Foreign language requirement
	3	EDU 102 Introduction to Exceptional Children.	CIEC 3100 Inclusion, ELL, Diff. Learn

Notes:

1. Students planning to enroll in the P-3 and K-6 programs at WPU should take 2 math courses, 2 history courses, (one American), 2 sequential foreign language courses (two semesters of American Sign Language can also fulfill the foreign language requirement), and 2 science classes (one with a lab).
2. William Paterson University will accept all associate degree credits under this program-to-program articulation agreement, including up to half of the William Paterson University major required credits, from New Jersey community college students who enroll at William Paterson University Fall 2015 and beyond.