



3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between Mercer County Community College and William Paterson University

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) and William Paterson University (WP) recognize the need to provide Mercer County residents and others with accessible, affordable, and quality postsecondary education opportunities. In response to this need, MCCC and WP are partnering to create this 3+1 (three years of study or 90 credits through MCCC and one year of study either on the MCCC campus or at WP) Comprehensive Partnership Agreement. Under this agreement, MCCC graduates can pursue a bachelor’s degree on the MCCC campus and earn up to a total of 90 credits which are guaranteed to be transferred toward baccalaureate degrees at WP.

This innovative program is especially important to support those students and their families that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. MCCC and WP are joining forces to ensure that our students’ completion of bachelor’s degrees are not put on hold or deferred due to this unfortunate crisis. Indeed, this Agreement will make the completion of bachelor’s degrees easier and more affordable.

This 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement requires no additional articulation agreements, MOU or contractual agreement, as it is an open access program available to all MCCC students in good standing.

To be eligible for this program, students must have graduated or be eligible to graduate from a New Jersey community college after January 2005 with an AA, AS, AFA and some AAS degrees.

Under this agreement, William Paterson agrees to waive the WP application fee for all Mercer County Community College graduates.

This 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement covers baccalaureate degrees offered by WP, contingent upon individualized program mapping for each degree program. See also specifics in Course Sequence Details section of this agreement for 60-90 credits.

This agreement does not prohibit WP and MCCC from partnering with other institutions on other 2+2 or 3+1 degree specific programs that are not explicitly part of this agreement. For ones that are, such partnering may be pursued by mutual agreement.

This agreement will be reviewed annually for optimal program match and course delivery. Agreement supplements to address on-site and remote management needs, including with respect to academic and career advisement on MCCC’s campus, will be developed.

Mercer County Community College
Dr. Jianping Wang, President

William Paterson University
Dr. Richard J. Helldobler, President

Date: May 7, 2020

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Credit Sequence Details

0 to 60 Credits – Award of Associates Degree

WP and MCCC affirm their commitment to the *Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement*, commonly referred to as the Lampitt Law. This agreement ensures and protects all MCCC students' associate degrees (AA, AS, as transferable, in full (all 60 credits) in satisfaction of the general education requirements in all of WP's baccalaureate programs. Some specific AAS Degrees may transfer to a WP baccalaureate program. In these instances, general education requirements will be completed in the third year.

The mutual commitment to the *Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement* ensures that students' completing an associate degree (AA, AS,) shall be able to transfer the full 60 credits to WP without the need for degree mapping. This allows MCCC to advise students in accordance with MCCC's normal curriculum and advising process and reduces the burden of inter-institution coordination and paperwork.

When students are in the middle of their last semester before graduation at MCCC, they should apply to WP and choose the WP/MCCC 3+1 Partnership Agreement Program on the WP application. MCCC 3+1 students will be awarded a 3-year application period and their catalog year will be locked in for 3 years from the date of application to WP.

Students receive an application fee waiver at the time of application and follow all standard procedures for application, including requesting and submitting all official transcripts listing prior college credits earned from each institution they attended. WP requires all original transcripts to ensure that students obtain the maximum amount of transfer credit possible.

60 – 90 Credits

WP requires all students to complete the *WP/MCCC 3+1 Advising Form* for every term **WP/MCCC 3+1 Partnership Agreement Program students** are taking courses for the completion of their 60-90 credits at MCCC. This form guarantees that WP advisors are able to approve MCCC courses through the New Jersey Transfer Equivalency Tool ensuring degree program alignment.

WP advisors will use the New Jersey Transfer Equivalency Tool sponsored by www.njtransfer.org. This tool enables all colleges and universities within the State of New Jersey to view what courses are transferable between and among institutions of higher education in New Jersey.

Though the *WP/MCCC 3+1 Advising Form* process, WP advisors remove the burden from MCCC advisors for proper course selection as only WP degree-appropriate courses will be approved via the *WP/MCCC 3+1 Advising Form* and returned, by the student, to the MCCC advising team.

Students should provide WP with a new transcript following each completed term at MCCC.

WP has developed a blanket Financial Aid Consortium Agreement which allows MCCC to continue to process financial aid for students for their 60-90 credits being completed at MCCC.

90 Credits Completed

Once students have completed 90 credits at MCCC, they should submit their final MCCC transcript to WP.

Students will then be advised for the remaining 30 credits necessary for degree completion at WP, including credits needed to meet WP's academic residency, upper level credit requirements, and degree requirement credits in accordance with WP policies and procedures.

120 Credits Completed

Students who complete 120 credits as required by the degree and apply for graduation as part of administrative process, shall be awarded the WP Baccalaureate Degree in which they have been enrolled.

Financial Aid Consortium Agreement

In an effort to make this program as accessible as possible, WP has developed a school-to-school financial aid consortium agreement that will allow MCCC to continue managing the financial aid for each student enrolled in this program for credits 60-90 (template below).

In addition, students will continue to be advised by WP advisors for credits 60-90 to ensure degree program appropriateness using the WP/MCCC 3+1 Program Advising Form.

**William Paterson University/Mercer County Community College
3+1 FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

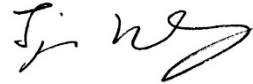
WP grants our MCCC partner in the 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement Program the permission to award aid to our students in the program for the courses offered at MCCC which are needed towards their degree completion at WP.

MCCC will be responsible for all compliance matters related to the student's eligibility for state and federal financial aid while students are taking the 90 credits allowed under this agreement. WP students will apply to the University for participation in the program, and students will have an advising form approved by a WP academic advisor each term to ensure all courses taken at MCCC are needed towards their University academic program. Once students have finished the 90 credits at MCCC, they will be allowed to take WP courses and aid will then be processed by WP. MCCC at that point will have met its obligation and authority to process aid for WP students in the 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement Program.

The undersigned officials of each school agree to the terms of this 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement Program Financial Aid Consortium Agreement.

William Paterson University

Mercer County Community College



University Official Signature

College Official Signature

Dr. Richard Helldobler _____
Typed Name

Dr. Jianping Wang _____
Typed Name

May 7, 2020 _____
Date

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Programs for Potential Inclusion

The following programs are currently envisioned to be part of this 3+1 Comprehensive Partnership Agreement, subject to final confirmation of match for inclusion. Some may be phased for launch to address unique curricular, staffing, or accreditation issues. This list would not be included as part of a press release on the agreement.

WP Bachelor's Degree	MCCC Associate Degree Plus 30 credits
Computer Science	A.S. Liberal Arts and Sciences – Computer Science plus 30 credits (tbd)
Computer Information Systems	A.S. Information Systems plus 30 credits (tbd)
Computer Science — Cybersecurity Option	A.A.S. Degree in Information Technology plus 30 credits (tbd)
Criminal Justice	A.S. in Corrections or Law Enforcement plus 30 credits (tbd)
Liberal Arts-various majors (may include Anthropology, Africana World Studies, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, History, Latin Studies, Legal Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Women Studies)	A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences plus 30 credits (tbd)
English	A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences plus 30 credits (tbd)
Health Studies	A.S. Degree in Public Health plus 30 credits (tbd)
Sports Management	A.S. in Business Administration plus 30 credits (tbd)
Public Health	A.S. Degree in Public Health plus 30 credits (tbd)
Disability Studies (online only)	A.S. in Public Health or Liberal Arts plus 30 credits (tbd)
RN to BSN Nursing (online only)	A.S. in Nursing plus 30 credits (tbd)
Exercise Science	A.S in Exercise Science (tbd)
Physical Education	A.S. in Exercise Science/A.A.S. in Health Science (tbd)
	A.S. in Business Administration plus 30 credits (tbd)
	Legal Studies (Pending state approval - New MCCC Program)
	A.S. Degree in Math (tbd)
Current MOU on-site 2+2 Programs	For discussion (i.e., Shifted to 3+1 or kept as is)
Education-Early Childhood	A.A. in Education
Liberal Studies	A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences
Psychology	A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences