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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (Draft: 05/03/2010)

between

Union Institute & University (UI&U)

and

Berkshire Community College

Consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the Berkshire Community College to provide quality educational programs for students, Berkshire Community College enters into this Articulation Agreement with Union Institute & University in order to provide Bachelor's level degree completion opportunities for their graduates.

Union Institute & University (Cincinnati, OH) is an accredited, private, international university that has, since 1964, redefined higher education by placing learners at the center of their own education. UI&U's main campus is located in Cincinnati, OH, with Academic Centers in Massachusetts, Florida, and California. UI&U currently enrolls 2,500 learners from all 50 states and 10 countries, with over 15,500 alumni worldwide. Union Institute & University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., #2400, Chicago, IL 60602) and is recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Berkshire Community College (Pittsfield, MA) is committed to access, academic excellence, student success, and leadership in the community as a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary schools through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction. More than 2,200 students enroll in day or evening credit courses at the main campus, off-campus sites, and/or online. Additionally, more than 1,400 people enrolled in various noncredit and workforce development offerings. Berkshire Community College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools (209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201, Bedford, MA 017301433).

Union Institute & University and Berkshire Community College seek to demonstrate leadership within the regional and national higher education distance learning communities by removing barriers to transferability for students and their credits, and in the management of resources to enhance educational opportunities.

Union Institute & University and the Berkshire Community College agree to the following:

Qualifying Academic Conditions

1. Application & Review Procedures - Berkshire Community College graduates who hold an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science from the Berkshire Community College will be considered for admission to Union Institute & University's undergraduate degree program upon completion of:
 - the Application for Admissions form with essay
 - the receipt of all official transcripts from Berkshire Community College as well as any other college/university attended

Note: Acceptance into the Bachelors program of Union Institute & University is not guaranteed to holders of the associate's degree from Berkshire Community College but is contingent on successful completion of the application process and acceptance of the application by the admissions committee at UI&U.

Specific Bachelor of Arts concentrations in Liberal Studies include:

- Arts
- Historical, Social and Cultural Studies
- Education Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Women's Studies/Gender Studies
- Psychology and Human Development
- Religion, Spirituality and Holistic Studies
- Thematic Studies
- Literature and Writing

Specific Bachelor of Science majors include:

- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Early Childhood Studies
- Emergency Services Management
- Leadership
- Maternal Child Health: Lactation Consulting
- Psychology
- Social Work

2. Credit Review - All Berkshire Community College graduates from selected programs may transfer appropriate course work taken at Berkshire Community College with a grade of "C-" or better and including "life experience" assessment credits or "prior learning" assessment as long as these credits are achieved through the institution's own academic policies and procedures. Courses to be transferred will be evaluated on a course by course basis for application towards degree requirements at Union Institute & University. For the purpose of this condition, the Massachusetts State Colleges assessment of prior learning process is recognized as a policy and procedure of the Berkshire Community College.
3. Union Institute & University's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs reserve the right to assign credits to its own degree graduation criteria, major or concentration requirements, or electives where it sees fit. Once approved, specific courses will be summarized on a table showing credit awards by UI&U.

Assuming at least 60 semester hours are required for the associate's degree, the applicant shall receive at least 60 transfer credits (semester hours) toward the Bachelor of Arts or

Bachelor of Science degree from Union Institute & University.

4. Scholarship – Berkshire Community College graduates who transfer into the Union Institute & University undergraduate program will receive a 10% discount on the tuition rate per term.

In addition, Berkshire Community College graduates will receive a tuition scholarship for the last four credits on the condition that they maintain continuous enrollment in good standing with UI&U.

In addition, UI&U offers all Title IV federal financial aid, State of Massachusetts grants for private university students as well as several university scholarships.

5. Additional Services - Union Institute & University offers itself as a second academic home to Berkshire Community College students. Berkshire Community College students planning to transfer will have the opportunity to schedule a transcript review with an admissions counselor. Every effort will be made to see that Berkshire Community College transfer students receive favorable consideration in the transfer of the coursework and that the courses they need to complete their studies will be made accessible to them.
6. Berkshire Community College students transferring to Union Institute & University will be governed by Union Institute & University catalog policies in effect once they apply for admission at UI&U.
7. Tracking - At the end of each academic year, the Registrar at Union Institute & University will provide appropriate tracking information about Berkshire Community College students to the Director of Education at Berkshire Community College.

As its role in this agreement, Berkshire Community College agrees to the following:

1. Berkshire Community College will support the marketing effort by promoting the above-mentioned programs and “bridge” courses through a variety of marketing efforts, including learner and alumni publications, local community publications/media, transfer fairs, information sessions and through the Berkshire Community College advisement staff/faculty, in conjunction with Union Institute & University.
2. Berkshire Community College will designate administrative, academic, student services and marketing personnel who will act as liaisons to their counterparts at Union Institute & University.

This agreement will remain in effect until modification or termination is sought by Union Institute & University. Written notice will be required one year prior to an intended termination. Annual reviews will be conducted in June of each year to assess ongoing continuation of this

agreement. Both institutions will monitor the continual development of curriculum and work cooperatively to adjust curriculum content and course sequencing as needed.

This agreement will become effective on June 1, 2010 as authorized by the signatures below.

Questions regarding this agreement may be addressed to Neil Meier, Union Institute & University, Montpelier, VT 05602; phone: 802-828-8837

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