

**DUAL ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT
CORE-TO-CORE TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE
AND
ARCADIA UNIVERSITY**

Preface

Burlington County College (BCC) and Arcadia University (AU) enter into this Dual Admission and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement to facilitate the transfer of BCC students to AU.

Under the Dual Admission Agreement, BCC students will be guaranteed admissions into a Bachelor's Degree program with third year (junior) status¹ at AU on the condition that they: graduate from BCC with an Associate in Arts (A.A.), or an Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3; enroll at AU within one year of BCC graduation; do not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from BCC and enroll at AU; complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form at the time of admission to BCC, or no later than when they have completed 30 transferable credits; and satisfy all other regular AU admissions requirements. A full time student admitted with third year (junior) status¹ to AU will be able to complete a Bachelor's degree at AU within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program at BCC and completes and appropriately sequences his/her remaining course work at AU.

In addition, AU agrees to accept the General Education embedded in the BCC Associate in Arts degrees as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate General Education requirements.² The General Education embedded in the BCC Associate in Science will meet the requirements of AU's General Education, except for two additional courses to be taken at AU, which will be selected by the AU Registrar in consultation with the appropriate AU department chair.² This core-to-core agreement applies to all BCC A.A. and A.S. graduates, and is not limited to students who participate in the Dual Admissions agreement.

This Dual Admissions and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement becomes effective on August 9, 2006.

To facilitate the transfer of BCC graduates to AU in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

Obligations of Arcadia University

1. To invite BCC students to an informational meeting with AU faculty and staff on a regular basis at both BCC and AU, in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to AU.

¹ Except for students enrolled in the BFA in Acting

² In the case where the student does not earn a "B" or better in both College Composition I and College Composition II, an upper level writing class will also be required.

2. To send an AU letter of admission to all BCC students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" in accordance with the expectations stated in the Preface of this agreement and who meet the conditions set forth in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at AU by July 1st (May 1 for Fine Arts and Education majors, which may go to a waiting list after May 1) for the fall semester, and by December 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other regular AU admissions requirements. BCC students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form will be governed by the AU degree requirements in effect at the time of signing the "Dual Admissions Intent" form.
3. To waive the application fee for students who sign the "Dual Admissions Intent" form.
4. To award academic scholarships to all qualified students admitted to AU pursuant to this Agreement. Full-time AU students (enrolled in 12 or more credits a semester) with a 3.0 – 3.19 final BCC GPA will receive a minimum of \$4,500 scholarship; full-time students with a 3.2 – 3.49 final BCC GPA will receive a minimum of \$6,000 scholarship; and full-time students with a 3.5 – 4.0 will receive a minimum of \$8,000 scholarship. Part-time students (enrolled in 6 to 11 credits a semester) with a final BCC GPA of 3.0 or higher will receive a \$400 scholarship. All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students remaining in good academic standing at AU. Students are also eligible for need-based financial aid and other types of financial aid. BCC students admitted under the agreement will receive full consideration for all AU financial aid.
5. To ensure these students will be provided with AU financial aid information and receive full consideration for AU financial aid upon matriculation at AU.
6. To support a core-to-core articulation agreement that allows the BCC General Education core for the A.A. degree to fulfill all AU General Education requirements.² The agreement also allows the General Education core for an A.S. degree to fulfill all AU General Education requirements except for two additional courses to be taken at AU, which will be selected by the AU Registrar in consultation with the appropriate AU department chair.² Eligible BCC graduates enrolling at AU will be identified upon admission to AU, and the fact that they have satisfied AU General Education requirements by core-to-core transfer will be noted on all pertinent AU student records.
7. To accept core-to-core transfers as satisfying all the requirements of the AU General Education curriculum, except for those noted in #6 above, to be taken at AU. Core-to-core transfer does not alter the requirements of the student's major field of study or its admissions standard as identified in the AU catalog published in the year the student signed the agreement.
8. BCC graduates entering AU under the terms of this agreement go through AU normal transfer admissions process and therefore must meet all applicable AU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, that apply to all AU students.

² In the case where the student does not earn a "B" or better in both College Composition I and College Composition II, an upper-level writing class will also be required.

9. To continue working with BCC on program to program curriculum articulation agreements that specify for BCC transfer students the BCC courses that satisfy major requirements required for degree completion at AU.

Obligations of Burlington County College

To publicize this Agreement to prospective students in its promotional literature, to make special arrangements for AU representatives to visit BCC, and to inform qualified students matriculating at BCC of the opportunity for dual admission and core-to-core transfer to AU under the terms of this Agreement.

Joint Obligations

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both AU and BCC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both BCC and AU sign the revised document.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, AU's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to AU.
3. BCC and AU jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission and core-to-core transfer.
4. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Dual Admission and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement between the two institutions.
5. Exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this core-to-core arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees. The institution(s) will exchange data only after obtaining appropriate permission from the students as indicated on the Dual Admissions form.
6. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, General Education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
7. To provide direct links between AU and BCC websites.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

The Arcadia University Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Burlington County College Dean of Academic Affairs are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing, for students entering AU on or after August 9, 2006. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. 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 be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to AU under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from BCC into AU, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Burlington County College and Arcadia University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

For Burlington County College

Dr. Robert Messina, Jr.
President

Dr. Robert Ariosto
Transfer Coordinator

For Arcadia University

Dr. Jerry M. Greiner
President

Dr. Norah Shultz
Dean of Undergraduate Studies