

Articulation Agreement

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Franklin University

The purpose of this document is to establish a 3+1 and/or 2+2 articulation agreement between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Franklin University. Subject to Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's compliance with the requirements set forth herein, this agreement guarantees admission to Franklin University, transferability of credits, and a seamless transition for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Franklin University enter into this articulation agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving all students, regardless of race, national origin, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, or other non-merit factors.

TRANSFER

Upon application, Franklin University will guarantee acceptance of all Illinois Eastern Community Colleges graduates with an Associate degree. Transfer students from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, upon acceptance, may have junior standing at Franklin University.

Students transferring from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges may transfer additional credits (up to a maximum of 94 semester credit hours) toward their baccalaureate degree. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Franklin University to be eligible for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges programs and courses will be identified that will effectively transfer to Franklin University and prepare Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students for success in the Franklin University programs.

FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM

Franklin University and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will enter into a Financial Aid Consortium, by complying with the necessary information sharing, to entitle students in these programs to the appropriate federal, state and institutional assistance. This process includes annual reporting of tuition fees and academic calendar dates.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Franklin University agree to cooperate in communicating transfer opportunity benefits about this partnership agreement through the following methods.

Franklin University agrees to provide:

- Community College Alliance Faculty/Staff Tuition Discount for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctorate programs for full/part-time permanent employees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges.
 - Benefit also includes first Undergraduate course for free and free faculty development courses for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges faculty and staff.

- Co-branded marketing as opportunities are available, including digital and offline (dependent upon market).
- A co-branded partner specific landing page available to link from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's website.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges agrees to provide:

- Presence / link on Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's website transfer partner page
- Graduation List
- Presence/link on Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's online learning community
- Presence/link/literature within Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's employee benefits intranet page/packages to promote Franklin's Community College Alliance Faculty/Staff Tuition Discount

All co-branded marketing promoting the 3+1 partnership will be approved in advance by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Franklin University prior to distribution/production. Franklin University will cover all production costs promoting the 3+1 transfer partnership.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Both parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 and all associated regulations, taking necessary steps to ensure that confidential personal information is not disclosed or distributed, including the maintenance of a security plan consistent with industry standards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of personal information, and to protect against unauthorized access to such information. Information will be shared, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, as needed to allow transferring students to participate in the articulation program and to track student interest, persistence and success.

INDEMNIFICATION

- A. To the extent permitted by law, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franklin University, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, its agents or employees, in the performance of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges's obligations under this agreement.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, Franklin University shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Franklin University, its agents or employees, in the performance of Franklin University's obligations under this agreement.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The parties of this agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio/Franklin County in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

TERM

This agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year periods from the signing date unless a party gives notice of non-renewal 3 months in advance of the expiration of the then-applicable term.

Franklin University reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Agreement or to discontinue the articulation program at any time. Notice of modification or intentions to discontinue shall be in writing from one President to the other at least nine months prior to the date on which any action would be taken. In the event that the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will continue to provide services to all currently enrolled students through graduation or discontinued enrollment.

This agreement and attached addendums are effective only under the condition that both institutions maintain current accreditation by a regional accrediting association as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In the event that an institution loses its accreditation, this agreement and addendums will terminate immediately.

The parties agree to the provisions of any Addendums to Agreement, which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Name: 

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Date: 11-19-2019

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FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

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Date: October 8, 2019

Signature: 