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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 16th day of April, 2014, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Reading Area Community College.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

A. INTRODUCTION

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Reading Area Community College agree to establish this program-to-program guaranteed admissions agreement whereby students who complete the requirements for an Associate of Applied Science Degree at Reading Area Community College and meet the admission requirements as stated in this agreement may enter the fifth semester with at least full junior standing in Bloomsburg University’s Bachelor of Applied Science Degree program in Technical Leadership. The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To demonstrate the establishment of a seamless Program to Program guaranteed admissions agreement that involves the participating community college and a 4-year Bachelor Degree granting institution.
2. To enable qualified graduates of Reading Area Community College to build upon their education and training by earning a baccalaureate degree.
3. To enable Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to attract a more diverse population of students to the Technical Leadership program.
4. To enable community college graduates to obtain a quality education at a low cost, and, in doing so, provide the Commonwealth with qualified technical leaders.
5. To ensure recognition of the continuity of academic progress and transferability of credits between two year and four-year programs.

B. PROCEDURES

Reading Area Community College (hereinafter referred to as “RACC”) agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to prospective students in RACC’s admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at RACC of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania under the terms of this agreement.

Prospective students who are matriculating to RACC will include secondary students of Berks Career and Technology Center and Reading Muhlenberg Career
and Technology Center, and who are enrolled in the Berks County Technical Academy partnership.

According to the Berks County Technical Academy agreement, secondary career and technical center (CTC) students are enrolled at the CTC and RACC while in high school. Students enroll in the Academy in one of three technical clusters, including business and information technology, engineering technology, electronic health records, and technology studies. All partners will recommend programmatic expansions as new programs are developed. As a result of their enrollment in the Academy while remaining CTC students, these students can earn up to 27 RACC credits while enrolled in high school. This pathway opportunity creates a 2+2+2 articulation model that allows students to progress seamlessly from the secondary CTC, to the two-year community college, to the four-year institution.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in the guaranteed admissions program:

1. Complete an Associate of Applied Science Degree at RACC with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. Apply for admission and pay an application fee to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania by August 1, of the academic year in which they plan to enroll in the fall semester, or by December 15, of the academic year in which they plan to enroll in the spring semester.
3. At the time of application, provide high school transcripts and transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester.
4. Upon receiving the Associate Degree from Reading Area Community College, students are responsible for providing complete RACC transcripts to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
5. Students must pay Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania tuition and fees for those semesters in which they are registered for courses at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, either online, or on the campus of Reading Area Community College.
6. A block transfer of 60 credits will be accepted from Reading Area Community College for graduates of approved majors or comparable programs. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements for the Associate Degree will be evaluated for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis. A total of up to 90 credits will be considered for transfer from a four-year institution. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will not transfer. At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward a bachelor degree must be earned at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
C. CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. Each institution will identify an appropriate contact person who will monitor compliance with the terms of this agreement.
2. The term of this agreement shall be five years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained.
3. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification of the other, except that commitments already in effect for students who have applied to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach, such as, a lack of response to requests for information and a lack of adequate participation, either party may terminate this agreement.
4. The relationship of the parties to this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
5. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities as a result of this agreement. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania’s rights, claims, or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education or Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
6. This agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. This agreement can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.
In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed pursuant to due and legal action authorizing the same to be done the date first written above.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:

[Signature]
President
Bloomsburg University
Date: 4/16/14

[Signature]
Provost and Senior VP, Academic Affairs
Bloomsburg University
Date: 4/16/14

Reading Area Community College:

[Signature]
President
Reading Area Community College
Date: 4/16/14

[Signature]
Senior VP, Academic Affairs/Provost
Reading Area Community College
Date: 4/16/14

University Legal Counsel
Date: __________