

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

between

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

and

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

for

Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership Degree Program

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 30th day of January, 2017, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Bucks County 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:

INTRODUCTION

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Bucks County Community College agree to establish this program-to-program guaranteed admissions agreement whereby students who complete the requirements for an associate degree in any of the following: Associate of Arts (A.A), Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) or an Associate of Music (A.M.) Degree 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 (BAS-TL). The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To demonstrate the establishment of a seamless Program to Program guaranteed admissions agreement
2. To enable qualified graduates of Bucks County 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.

PROCEDURES

Bucks County Community College (hereinafter referred to as "Bucks") agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to students and inform qualified students matriculating at Bucks of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as Bloomsburg University) under the terms of this agreement.

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

1. Complete an Associate Degree at Bucks with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. At the time of application to Bloomsburg University, provide official high school transcripts or GED and official transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester. The application fee will be waived.
3. Upon receiving the associate degree, Bucks students are responsible for providing a final official transcript to Bloomsburg University.
4. Students must pay Bloomsburg University tuition and fees when completing Bloomsburg University courses.

The following items will apply to all matriculated students who have earned an associate degree at Bucks:

1. A block transfer of 60 credits will be accepted from Bucks for graduates with an associate degree to Bloomsburg University Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership major. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements for the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis.
2. Bloomsburg University recognizes the associate degree may be certified and confirmed by the completion of community college courses, dual enrollment credits, transfer course credits, life experience portfolio credits, developmental course credits, credits from courses with grades below 'C', articulated credits from Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, CLEP testing, AP courses, military training credits and any other courses or learning elements that have been accepted by the community college as meeting the requirements for their associate degree.
3. Bloomsburg University assumes the associate degree graduate has fulfilled thirty (30) General Education Points (GEP's) reflective of MyCore, Bloomsburg University's General Education program. Students will fulfill their remaining ten (10) GEP's earned through the required fifteen (15) courses in the BAS-TL program. These points will be earned by the prescribed courses that have been identified and delivered in the program by the Department of Instructional Technology, to meet the graduation requirements for the BAS-TL major.
4. These fifteen (15) BAS-TL courses or 45 credits from Bloomsburg University are program specific. An additional fifteen (15) credits of coursework will be required to complete the BAS-TL degree. For students entering the BAS-TL degree with an A.A., A.S., A.F.A., or

an A.M. degree these additional five (5) courses or fifteen (15) credits of coursework will be focused on careers through consultation with their Bloomsburg University advisor. For students entering the BAS-TL degree with an A.A.S. degree, these additional five (5) courses or fifteen (15) credits will be completed through General Education coursework with at least one course in the following areas: mathematics, natural science and public speaking. Bloomsburg University encourages students to take these five (5) courses at their community college.

5. Community College courses that are completed to fulfill the 15 General Education or career-oriented coursework credits while enrolled in the BAS-TL program are, as such, part of the BAS-TL curriculum. Courses completed at the community college with a grade below a 'C' will be accepted in the same manner as a resident student on the Bloomsburg University campus. Procedurally, this approach applies the same standards to students in our off-campus BAS-TL programs that are applied to students who are resident at the Bloomsburg University main campus.
6. Students who elect to change their major at Bloomsburg University will receive a new transfer evaluation using the standard course-by-course method of evaluation.


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 (5) 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 will be honored.
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'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 of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education or Bloomsburg University.
6. This agreement represents the understanding between the parties at this time.
7. This agreement can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.

8. This agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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.

For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:

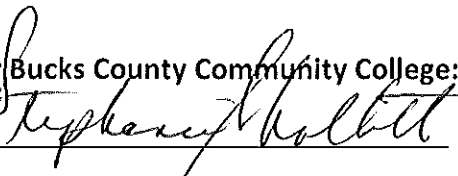


David L. Soltz, PhD, President

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For Bucks County Community College:

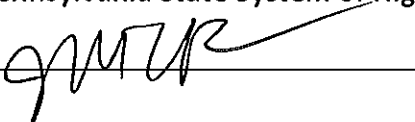


Stephanie Shanblatt, PhD, President

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Date

For Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education:



University Legal Counsel

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Date

