

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 and
BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AA Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4
 to
BA Interdisciplinary Studies

This major program at Bloomsburg University does NOT apply to Bucks County Community College students seeking to become certified as a PreK-4 teacher.

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT LEAD TO CERTIFICATION AS A PREK-4 TEACHER.

This major program at Bloomsburg University affords the Bucks County Community College student who no longer wishes to pursue teacher certification to engage in another academic career path to a bachelor's degree without losing transfer credit. This program allows the student to complete their degree in an area of study created in close consultation with a faculty advisor. For more information on this exciting program visit <http://www.bloomu.edu/interdisciplinary-studies>

Preface

1. Bucks County Community College ("Bucks") and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ("BU") enter into this Articulation Agreement to facilitate the transfer of Bucks students into the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at BU.
2. Students who earn an AA Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 and meet the curriculum and admission requirements as outlined in this agreement may enter the fifth semester of the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at BU.

Terms and Conditions of this Agreement

Student Responsibilities

1. Complete an AA Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 at Bucks with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. Apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Bloomsburg University's interdisciplinary major offers two tracks of study--advanced studies and university studies- that require students to complete 30 credit hours of upper division (300 or 400 level) courses. A minimum of nine credits from upper-division courses in each of two or more academic departments are required, plus a 3-credit integrative senior capstone experience in the form of an independent study project or internship. For further information on the program and how to apply please visit the Interdisciplinary Degree Completion Web Site: <http://www.bloomu.edu/interdisciplinary-studies>

3. At the time of application, provide official high school transcripts and transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester.
4. Upon receipt of the Associate Degree from Bucks, provide a final complete official Bucks transcript to BU indicating the award of the Associate Degree.
5. Students intending to matriculate at BU for the fall semester must complete the application process by August 1st. Students intending to matriculate at BU for the spring semester must complete the application process by December 15th.
6. Once matriculated in the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, students who transfer under this agreement are responsible for meeting all requirements in the Interdisciplinary Studies program, and any other curriculum requirements applying to all BU students, that were in effect at BU at the time of the student's admission to BU.
7. Once matriculated, students will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to BU students.

Obligations of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

1. To waive the application fee.
2. To accept a transfer of 61 credits (used to satisfy Bucks Associate Degree requirements in Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 Transfer Track) and to apply these credits to the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.
3. To evaluate additional transfer courses (those not used to satisfy requirements for the Bucks Associate Degree) on a course-by-course basis. At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies must be earned at BU. At least 50% of the credits in the Interdisciplinary Studies program must be earned at BU. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will not transfer. However all credits on the Bucks transcript that fulfill the Bucks Associate Degree requirements for Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 Transfer Track will transfer as part of this agreement.
4. To accept a transfer of 30 General Education Points for MyCore General Education Competencies. This transfer is based on the student competencies gained at Bucks by completion of the Associate Degree.
5. To admit Bucks Associate Degree in Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 major students into the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with the same rights and privileges of all other BU students.
6. To attend Bucks recruitment open houses, other arranged recruitment programs at Bucks and invite Bucks Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 major students to information meetings with BU faculty and/or staff in order to facilitate a smooth transition into Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

7. To provide Bucks with copies of all promotional literature published about the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Obligations of Bucks County Community College

1. To publicize this agreement to prospective and current Bucks students in its promotional literature and as part of regular student recruitment.
2. To make arrangements for BU recruiters and advisors to visit Bucks to meet with prospective and current Early Childhood – Elementary Education PreK-4 major students who may be interested in the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Joint Obligations

1. To designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate this articulation agreement between the two institutions.
2. To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies academic requirements, and the process of transferring to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program at BU.
3. To 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 to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.
4. To review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both Bucks and BU sign the revised document.
5. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
6. To provide direct links between BU and Bucks web sites.

Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

This Articulation Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically for a maximum total term of five years or until the agreement is 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 BU under the terms of this agreement.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between BU and Bucks regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Bucks County Community College and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:


For Bucks County Community College

For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:



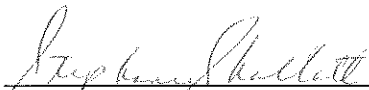
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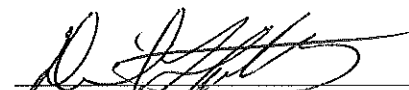
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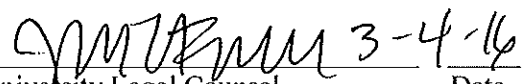
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David Soliz
President

2/29/16
Date

Approved as to Form and Legality:



University Legal Counsel
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

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