

COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

This Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between Columbia College, with its principal place of business located at 1001 Rogers Street, Columbia, Missouri 65216 ("Columbia College") and College of Lake County 19351 W Washington St, Grayslake, Illinois 60030 ("College of Lake County") (Columbia College and College of Lake County referred to as the "Parties") as of the date set forth below and reflects the terms, conditions and understanding of the Parties related to the subject matter set forth herein. This Agreement supersedes all previous articulation agreements between the Parties.

I. COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Columbia College is a private, non-profit, coeducational institution of higher education that offers associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees and certificates. Columbia College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Columbia College students may enroll in day, evening, or online education classes at the main campus in Columbia, Missouri, or at one of the many Columbia College Global Division locations.

II. COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY

The College of Lake County first opened for classes on September 25, 1969, welcoming 2,360 students to that first fall semester. In the years since then, more than 400,000 students have passed through their doors. Currently, CLC enrolls 15,000 students in transfer programs, career programs, GED and adult basic education, non-credit and career development, and training for businesses. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission under its Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) model of accreditation.

III. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

Columbia College and College of Lake County desire to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of establishing the guidelines to facilitate the transfer of academic credit earned by students at College of Lake County for application towards a baccalaureate degree at Columbia College.

IV. TRANSFER OF CREDIT

A. Credit Hours

At least 39 course credit hours must be taken in upper level courses to earn a bachelor's degree from Columbia College. The remaining course credit hours required for a bachelor's may be completed at Columbia College, College of Lake County, or with other transfer credit hours approved by Columbia College. College of Lake County students must also complete a minimum of 30 course credit hours in Columbia College courses to satisfy the Columbia College residency requirement.

B. General Education

As of the date of this Agreement, and subject to any curriculum changes by either party, Columbia

College will accept the College of Lake County Associate in Arts, Associate in Arts in Teaching, Associate in Engineering Science, Associate in Fine Arts, and Associate in Science degrees as satisfying all of the Columbia College general education requirements.

As of the date of this Agreement, and subject to any curriculum changes by either party, Columbia College will accept the College of Lake County other associate degrees not specifically mentioned in this Agreement as satisfying all of the Columbia College general education requirements if the student completes the following coursework:

- ENG 122 English Composition II with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Complete an additional 30 semester hours with at least three hours from each of the following groups of course codes:
 - o Group 1: Anthropology, Geography, Psychology, Sociology
 - o Group 2: Arts, Communications, English, History, Music, Political Science, Religion
 - o Group 3: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Physics
 - o Group 4: MTH 122 College Algebra or higher

C. Individual Courses

Credits earned at College of Lake County and/or other accredited institutions of higher education will be evaluated individually by the Columbia College Office of the Registrar. Columbia College will periodically provide a Course Equivalency Guide College of Lake County academic advisors and administrators for reference. If approved and accepted by Columbia College, credits earned at College of Lake County in courses above developmental level, for which the student earned a grade of "C" or better, will be accepted for transfer credit to Columbia College, and will be granted the Columbia College equivalency listed on the Course Equivalency Guide.

D. Concurrent Enrollment

As of the date of this Agreement, and subject to any curriculum changes by either party, i) students who complete an approved associate degree with College of Lake County at any time during their pursuit of a bachelor's degree with Columbia College, are eligible for the general education waiver, ii) students who complete any other associate degree with College of Lake County, during their pursuit of a bachelor's degree with Columbia College, may complete additional coursework to fulfill the general education requirements, outlined in Section B, once all the general education waiver requirements are met and the associate degree is awarded, the student will be eligible for the general education waiver. Course work may be completed with Columbia College, College of Lake County, or any other accredited institution from whom transfer credit is accepted by the Columbia College Office of the Registrar.

V. COLUMBIA COLLEGE ADMISSION

Students who complete an associate degree from College of Lake County will be considered as having met Columbia College's academic admissions requirements.

VI. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

The Agreement will remain in effect until either Party sends a letter of intent to terminate the

Agreement to the non-terminating Party at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination date. The Parties agree that any student applications submitted and in progress at the termination date will be completed under this Agreement.

VII. REVISION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Items not specifically mentioned within this Agreement will be governed by the then-current Columbia College Catalog.
- B. Amendments and/or revisions to this Agreement may be made in writing at any time by mutual consent of the Parties and set forth in the form of an addendum to this Agreement. Both Parties shall work cooperatively to review and to update regularly specific items or operational procedures included in this Agreement.
- C. Revisions to this Agreement based solely upon updates to curriculum or degree requirements, which do not fundamentally alter the nature of this Agreement, may be made by agreement of the parties. A history of such revisions will be amended to this Agreement for records purposes.

VIII. PUBLICITY

Other than as specifically permitted in this Agreement, neither Party shall use the name, trade name, trademark or any other designation of the other, or any contraction, abbreviation, adaptation or simulation of any of the foregoing, in any advertisement or for any commercial or promotional purpose without the other Party's prior written consent in each case.

This Agreement may be publicized by either Party as a cooperative degree completion program for students of College of Lake County. Through joint informational meetings and individual counseling by both institutions, both Parties to this Agreement will be responsible for publicizing the terms of this Agreement to their students. Non-degree-seeking students will be subject to the policies and procedures of both institutions. All questions regarding policies and procedures of either institution will be answered by the designated representative of that institution and by reference to the current published Catalog or Bulletin of that institution.

IX. RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Both Parties are accredited institutions of higher education and hold the applicable accreditations for the degree programs covered by this Agreement. The Parties agree to notify the other in writing if any material change to their accreditation status.
- B. The Parties acknowledge that Columbia College has the unilateral right, in its sole discretion, to amend its policies and procedures or to adopt new policies and procedures, and that all students will be subject to such amended or new policies and procedures.
- C. Separate academic records will be maintained at each Party. The Parties acknowledge that all student records arising pursuant to this Agreement are confidential that confidentiality shall be maintained by the Parties. Each party further acknowledges that all information received, including but not limited to, student progress in a program, financial aid awards, academic records, and participation in party-sponsored programs, if any, is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, ("FERPA"), and each party agrees that disclosure of such information will be made only in compliance with FERPA.
- D. The Parties will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.
- E. Each Party to this Agreement agrees to be solely responsible for any and all actions, suits,

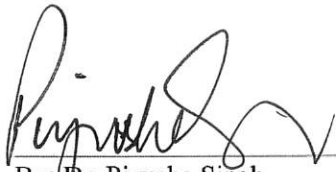
damages, liability, or other proceedings brought against it as a result of the alleged negligence, misconduct, error, omission, or other conduct of any of its officers, agents, or employees.

X. GENERAL TERMS

- A. This Agreement is governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri, without regard to any conflict of laws provision.
- B. If any provision hereof shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity and effect of the other provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

This Agreement is entered on this 24th day of September, 2021 and goes into effect at the beginning of Columbia College's Fall Session 2021-22 (August 30, 2021).

COLUMBIA COLLEGE



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COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY



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