

## **Transfer Agreement**

# **Southwest Tennessee Community College And Bethel University, College of Professional Studies**

## **Statement of Cooperation**


The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of students, and enhance the number and quality of learning options available to the Southwest Tennessee Community College learning community. This purpose is achieved through a cooperative agreement between Southwest Tennessee Community College and Bethel University, College of Professional Studies coordinating transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of transfer courses. Bethel University, College of Professional Studies (CPS) agrees that Southwest Tennessee Community College Associate graduates who are accepted for admission at Bethel University under the provisions of this agreement will be designated as junior-level students.

## **Agreement**

This document states the conditions under which Bethel University, College of Professional Studies (CPS), accepts credits earned by students attending Southwest Tennessee Community College (Southwest) graduates towards a Bachelor's Degree.

1. CPS agrees that Southwest graduates who are accepted under this agreement will receive credit for up to 80 hours of college-level courses taken at Southwest for which a "C" or above was earned. Credit earned through examination (Advanced Placement, CLEP, DANES, CPS), and awarded credit at Southwest, will be treated on an equal basis as credit earned at Southwest. CPS will require the student to provide official transcripts from the issuing authority.
2. Upon application, CPS will guarantee acceptance of all Southwest graduates possessing an Associate degree in any discipline where a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 has been earned. Students not possessing an Associate's degree or those with a cumulative grade point average less than 2.50 will not receive guaranteed acceptance. Instead, those applications will be brought before the Applications Review Committee for consideration
3. Southwest graduates transferring to CPS can generally expect to graduate in two years, assuming they take normal course loads and make satisfactory progress.
4. Students whose native language is not English must show documented proof of the following in order to be guaranteed admission. 1) 513 Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper-based exam, 2) 183 TOEFL computer based exam, 3) 65 TOEFL internet-based exam, 4) ACT English score of 17 or better, 5) SAT Critical Reading score of 415 or 6) International English Language Test overall score of 5 with a 5 in each exam area. TOEFL scores are valid for two years from the date of the exam. Scores on the ACT or SAT and TOEFL are required.
5. Depending upon the program selected, Southwest graduates are required to complete a minimum of 42 – 45 semester hours in upper-division Major requirements. Substitutions are not allowed for these required courses.

6. Students transferring to CPS from Southwest with an Associates' of Arts or Associate of Science will be considered to have met all Common Core requirements except for the Religion requirement of the CPS Common Core. Typically, transfer students will need to complete 6 semester hours in Religion or 3 semester hours in Religion and 3 semester hours in Philosophy to fulfill this requirement. Specific Southwest courses that fulfill this requirement are listed in the attached Southwest table. Fulfillment of the Common Core requirements will be on a course by course basis for all other students that transfer without completing an Associate's degree.
7. CPS offers all accepted applicants consideration for available financial aid for which they apply and are eligible. However, all deadlines must be met. Transfer students can obtain more information regarding financial aid opportunities at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
8. Southwest faculty and advising staff agree to encourage prospective CPS transfer students to meet all Common Core requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The Registrar and student advisors at CPS will offer counsel to Southwest students who plan to transfer to Bethel University concerning degree requirements and programs of study.
9. Southwest transfer students who plan to attend Bethel must sign a Guaranteed Admissions Letter of Intent form prior to enrollment at CPS.
10. Southwest agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the stated agreement in printed literature and through its website.
11. This agreement may be amended as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the intended purpose of the master agreement. Also all course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
12. This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of intent to terminate. Termination shall be effective after 180 day's notice is given. Upon termination, CPS will maintain this agreement for two (2) additional years to accommodate students at CPS that may be attending under this agreement.

  
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