

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

**DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

and

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

JULY 2010

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
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And
Bethel University**

Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that the Dallas County Community College District and Bethel University are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.

DCCCD and Bethel University enter into this MOU in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, national origin or other non-merit factors.

Purpose

The purpose of the agreement is to enable DCCCD students who transfer to Bethel University to carry with them the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The MOU provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. Bethel University understands and agrees that transfer articulation is with DCCCD as a whole and not with individual colleges within the district. Therefore, it is understood and agreed that courses taken at any DCCCD college are considered equally transferable. This is particularly important at DCCCD where students may be enrolled at more than one DCCCD college.

Transfer Elements

DCCCD Associate Degrees

This MOU establishes the principle that all Associate Degrees; Associate in Arts (AA), Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT), Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS), Associate in Sciences (AS), at DCCCD transfer to Bethel University.

DCCCD graduates will not have to repeat lower-division requirements at Bethel University. DCCCD graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 entering under the terms of this agreement are guaranteed admission into the university.

DCCCD graduates will go through Bethel University transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution.

DCCCD - Core Curriculum

Completion of the DCCCD core curriculum for the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science or the Associate of Arts in Teaching, a 42 semester credit general education program of study, will transfer as a block and will satisfy lower-division general education requirements at Bethel University except for six hours of religion or philosophy. The core can be transferred and accepted as a component of an Associate Degree or as a stand alone general education block not affiliated with an Associate Degree.

DCCCD Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree represents the attainment of depth of technical competency in identified occupational arenas. Students transferring an AAS Degree to Bethel University will have achieved competency in many areas generally considered to be upper division. However, some competencies in the area of general education may still need to be obtained. Bethel University will provide AAS transfer students with a flexible degree plan that identifies upper division general education competencies that will meet Bethel University's

Baccalaureate Degree requirements. In effect, this flexibility represents an inverted transfer degree plan. Students from Eastfield College and North Lake College will not be able to transfer their AAS degree. However, all DCCCD students who take core courses within their AAS degree, such core courses will be transferable.

Total Number of Transferable Credits

The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion is based on Bethel University's upper division requirement. This transfer credit limit will be the difference between the total credits required for degree completion and the university upper division requirement.

Joint Obligations

DCCCD and Bethel University agree to provide direct links between their institutional Web sites, indicating the existence of this Agreement.

Official lists of programs (AA, AAT, AS, AAS) for which articulation agreements have been approved by both DCCCD and Bethel University will be made available at both institutions.

No transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are valid without a MOU signed by the DCCCD Chancellor of DCCCD.

DCCCD and the Bethel University agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The institutions will exchange admissions, grades, and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

Evaluation

There will be an annual evaluation process of the partnership supported by this MOU. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

Longevity of the Agreement

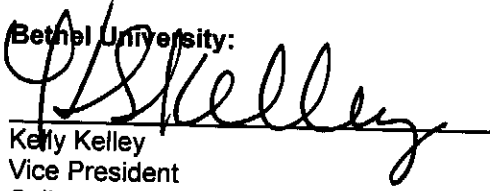
This MOU is in perpetuity or until it is discontinued by either educational partner by submitting written notification to the other partner one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students transferring between these institutions.

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