ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

AND

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

of the

STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Community College of Allegheny County and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. In an effort to insure that transfer students and native students be treated on an equal basis, and to make the full resources of both institutions available to the students, both parties enter into the following Articulation Agreement (hereinafter Agreement). This Agreement has been developed according to guidelines established in the articulation document for the State System of Higher Education and Pennsylvania Community Colleges.

This Agreement provides the foundation for the articulation of the specific programs as defined in Parallel Program Agreements to which the parties might agree. The terms and conditions related to articulation for specific programs and, which become a part of this Agreement upon signature by both parties, will become addenda to this agreement.

Should either party alter a program that is covered by this Agreement, the party shall notify the other party of the changes so that a new articulation of the program in question can occur. If the programs in question can no longer be articulated, the Agreement, insofar as the specific Parallel Program in question is concerned, will be rendered null and void.

Academic Elements

A. A student enrolled in a Parallel Program at the Community College of Allegheny County who completes all requirements for an associate in arts or an associate in science degree for which a Parallel Program exists at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania may transfer to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and may expect the following:

1. to have his or her Parallel Program at the Community College of Allegheny County reviewed and approved by the appropriate officer at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania;
2. to have all of the courses that are approved and successfully completed in the Parallel Program accepted by and transferred to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania upon graduation from the Community College of Allegheny County;

3. to have all of the courses that are accepted by and transferred to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree, thus resulting in the student receiving full Junior status (grade point average will be calculated in accordance with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's policy);

B. The determination of major program requirements for the baccalaureate degree shall be the responsibility of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania;

Student Services

A. Students transferring from the Community College of Allegheny County to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be treated on an equal basis with native students with regard to award and distribution of financial aid, campus housing, selection of courses and other student services.

B. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will assist, with available resources, to provide representatives to meet with individual students and student groups for students participating in Parallel Programs so that these students may become familiar with student services and opportunities for participation in Student Affairs sponsored activities at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Procedures

I. Academic Articulation

A. A student who wants to participate in the articulation process must contact the Transfer Counselor at the Community College of Allegheny County.

B. The student, the academic advisor and the Transfer Counselor will develop a program of study following guidelines provided by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and in accordance with the curriculum established by the Community College of Allegheny County.

C. To participate in the program, a student is required to sign a letter of intent to transfer from the Community College of Allegheny County to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the identified Parallel Program and will be provided with a copy of the Parallel Program standards and procedures, an Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Catalogue and relevant information.
D. The student will be expected to follow the appropriate course of study for the Parallel Program at Community College of Allegheny County that will permit the successful completion of the associate degree and allow full articulation to the identified baccalaureate program at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

E. The Transfer Counselor will send the student’s program of study to the designated officer at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania within thirty days of the start of the semester in which a student declares an intent to enroll in a specific Parallel Program.

F. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will review, certify, and return the program of study to the Transfer Counselor within thirty days of receipt of such student’s program of study.

G. A student may initiate changes in his/her program of study by contacting the Transfer Counselor at the Community College of Allegheny County who will notify Edinboro University of Pennsylvania regarding such changes. Approval of such changes will be required by both institutions through consultation between the Transfer Counselor and the designated officer of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

H. The Community College of Allegheny County will monitor the progress of students participating in the Parallel Programs reporting to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on a semi-annual basis the progress of those who maintain their eligibility.

I. The Community College of Allegheny County students who request transfer to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania prior to completion of the associate of arts or the associate of science degree will be accepted at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania as a regular transfer student.

J. For transfer and admission to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania under the terms of this agreement, the student will be required to present an associate degree from the Community College of Allegheny County and have completed the plan of study required in his or her selected Parallel Program. Students will not be required to repeat courses with a one credit difference except as may be required in the major field of study.

K. Any limitations on the acceptance of Community College of Allegheny County transfer credit toward general education and major requirements will be consistent with specific policy for native Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students and the agreement between the State System of Higher Education and the Pennsylvania Community Colleges.

L. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania agrees to waive diagnostic testing for Community College of Allegheny County students who have achieved a grade of C or better in their college level general education courses in written and oral communication and computation. Nothing in this statement will exempt students from university assessment programs that might be established.
M. A residency requirement of the last 32 semester hours taken in residence at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is required for all students.

O. Remedial and orientation courses, identified as such, do not fulfill baccalaureate graduation requirements, nor will such courses be computed for the cumulative quality point average as defined in the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania catalogue.

P. The Community College of Allegheny County students transferring to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be treated the same as native Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students of equal class standing for orientation and pre-scheduling opportunities.

II. Student Services Articulation

A. The Community College of Allegheny County students transferring to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will be treated the same as native Edinboro University of Pennsylvania students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid; in the award and distribution of funds and in eligibility for campus housing.

B. Students participating in Parallel Programs will be invited to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for special orientation programs at least once each year.

C. Community College of Allegheny County students transferring to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will receive consideration for campus housing based upon their transfer standing.

III. Term of Agreement

Either party may terminate this agreement upon six months written notification to the other party. Students in progress will be permitted to complete the program. Review of this agreement will be made every two years, but failure to conduct such a review shall in no way impair any obligation of this agreement.

The Community College of Allegheny County and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania authorize this agreement to become effective on

IV. Remedies

The sole remedy for any party for a breach of this agreement shall be an action for specific performance; but no action for money damages, attorney’s fees, costs or the like may be brought pursuant to this agreement by any party or any person(s) or entity claiming to be a third party beneficiary.

V. The relationship of the parties is that of independent contractors.