

CORE-TO-CORE TRANSFER AGREEMENT
between
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) and Temple University (Temple) enter into this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from MCCC into Temple, and to support their academic success in baccalaureate degree programs.

This agreement applies to students who first enroll at Temple for or after the spring 2001 semester, having received an Associate degree from MCCC in one of the following programs that includes the general education requirements put into effect in fall 1999:

- Any Associate in Arts (A.A.)
- Associate in Science (A.S.) in Architecture, Aviation Management, Business Administration, or Criminal Justice
- Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) in Art History, Ceramics/Sculpture, or Fine Arts

For those students, Temple agrees to accept the general education embedded in the MCCC degree in lieu of all the requirements of its undergraduate University Core Curriculum except two Writing-Intensive courses to be taken at Temple.

Other MCCC degrees that incorporate the same requirements as one of these degrees may be added to this agreement in the future, after the review and approval each institution considers appropriate, and by mutual consent.

MCCC degrees and degree programs not named in this agreement are not eligible for Core-to-Core Transfer.

Eligible MCCC graduates enrolling at Temple will be identified upon admission to Temple, with the assistance of MCCC. The fact that they have satisfied Temple's Core requirements by Core-to-Core transfer will be noted on all pertinent student records.

Core-to-Core Transfer satisfies all the requirements of the University Core Curriculum except for two Writing-Intensive courses to be taken at Temple (one of which normally will be an upper-level major capstone course). Core-to-Core Transfer does not alter the requirements of the student's major field of study or the

requirements of the student's Temple school or college. While those sets of requirements may include courses that also meet Temple's Core requirements, they are not themselves Core requirements.

MCCC graduates entering Temple under the terms of this agreement go through Temple's normal transfer admissions process and therefore must meet all applicable Temple 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, and any revisions thereof, that apply to all Temple students.

Both institutions agree to:

- 1) 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 keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.
- 2) Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, Temple's academic programs and requirements, and the process of transferring to Temple.
- 3) Exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Core-to-Core arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees. When required by law, the institution(s) will exchange data only after obtaining appropriate permission from the student.
- 4) Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.

REVISION, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The Temple Provost's Office and the MCCC Transfer Counseling Office are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement.

This agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing, for eligible students entering Temple for or after the spring 2001 semester. It will be reviewed annually

by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new agreement or 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 Temple University under the terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes at Temple.

MCCC and Temple understand that they shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this agreement, and shall not be considered as employees, agents, affiliates, or subsidiaries of each other. Neither Temple nor MCCC have the right to bind or obligate one another in any manner inconsistent with or unrelated to this agreement. This agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to 1) facilitate the transfer of students from Mercer County Community College into Temple University, and 2) expand those students' opportunities for academic success at Temple, is indicated by the following signatures.

Agreement signed February 2001