



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
AND  
GANNON UNIVERSITY

**June, 2010**

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This document establishes a transfer articulation agreement between Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) and Gannon University. Its purpose is to afford students the opportunity to pre-plan their college careers, and to facilitate the transfer process of earning an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) from Community College of Allegheny County to a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program at Gannon University.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE (there may be program-specific criteria that supersede these)

- Students must have a minimum cumulative CCAC grade point average (GPA) 2.0.
  - Grades of "D" or better will be considered for transfer credit at Gannon. As part of accepting the associate degree, Gannon accepts grades that have been deemed as passing by the sending institution. However, grades of "D" will only be accepted as a component of an earned associate degree in accordance with this articulation agreement. Otherwise, a grade "C" or better is required for course transfer.
  - Students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor at Gannon prior to their first semester there to discuss their transition and any particular issues relating to their desired program of study.
- Gannon will accept all credits earned toward the associate degree up to a maximum of 64 credits.
- Specific course requirements, for selected programs, must be fulfilled as stipulated in each academic program's curriculum matrix.
- Students must have at least 128 hours of academic work with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in order to be awarded an undergraduate degree from Gannon.
- At least two-thirds of the coursed designated as upper level in the field of concentration, including the required seminars and the final thirty credit hours of degree requirements, must be taken at Gannon.

- Students are required to complete the following Liberal Studies Core courses:
 

*LTHE 121	Sacred Scriptures	3 credits
*LPHI 131	Introduction to Philosophy	3 credits
*LENG	Literature Series	3 credits
*LFIN	Fine Arts Series	3 credits
+	Leadership Seminar	1 credit
+ LTHE/LPHI	Theology/Philosophy III Series	3 credits
+ LBST 383	Senior Seminar	<u>3 credits</u>
	or approved capstone	19 credits

\*Students may transfer approved course equivalents for these Liberal Studies Core classes.  
 +Must be completed at Gannon University.

- Students must meet Gannon's conduct standards in regards to known behavioral problems
- GPA is used to make an admissions decision, but does not transfer. The grades of courses do not transfer, just the courses themselves.

Community College of Allegheny County students who enter Gannon with at least 60 credits from an approved curriculum matrix, maintain full-time status of 15-18 credits, register for recommended courses, and earn grades of "C" or higher will fulfill requirements for the BA or BS degree in four semesters at Gannon.

Students who follow the Transfer Articulation Guidelines will typically enter Gannon with full junior class status. Students who are not able to complete all prerequisites prior to their desired semester of enrollment may still be considered for admission.

PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR TRANSFERRING WITHOUT AN AA/AS

Community College of Allegheny County students who have not completed the AA or AS degree may also apply to and be accepted for admission to Gannon University, however, only grades of "C" or better may be considered for transferability. To facilitate the transfer of students with a minimum of 12 credit hours of college level coursework, all credits (up to a maximum of 41 credits) in liberal studies shall be used to meet Gannon University liberal arts requirements, even if Gannon University does not offer the specific course being transferred or has not designated that course as liberal studies.

Students seeking to transfer course credits without the completed AA or AS degree must have a minimum cumulative CCAC GPA of at least 2.0 in all coursework presented for transfer for each institution attended.

## MUTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. **Term of the Agreement.** This agreement shall be in effect for five (5) years from the date of signature and will be reviewed annually for accuracy.
- B. **Termination of the Agreement.** Community College of Allegheny County and Gannon University may terminate this Agreement for any reason or no reason with ninety (90) days written notice from either party. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a substantial breach. However, should either party terminate this Agreement prior to the completion of an academic semester, all students enrolled at that time may continue their educational experience until it would have been concluded absent the termination.
- C. **Non discrimination.** The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, and national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- D. **Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement shall only be modified in writing, with the signed agreement of both parties.
- E. **Promotion of Agreement.** Both parties have the right to use this agreement and the name of Community College of Allegheny County and Gannon University in all promotional activities including college catalogs and recruitment or advisement activities.
- F. **Relationship of Parties.** The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- G. **Liability.** Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract.
- H. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship. Any changes, corrections or additions to this contract shall be in writing in the form of a supplemental agreement signed by all necessary parties and setting forth therein the proposed change, correction, or addition.

Representatives from both institutions will confer at least on an annual basis to evaluate the success of this agreement. Should content change occur in a transferable course, the school making the change agrees to notify the other school in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be provided at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester in which change is implemented. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.

APPROVED FOR COMMUNITY  
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