

Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University

Dual Admission Agreement

Preface

Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) and Wilkes University (WU) enter into this Dual Admission Agreement to facilitate the transfer of LCCC students to WU. Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, LCCC students will be guaranteed admissions into a parallel articulated Bachelor's Degree program (see attachment I) with third year (junior) status at WU on the condition that they do the following:

- Complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form by the beginning of their third semester at LCCC Admissions Office (or before completing 30 credits);
- Graduate from LCCC with an Associate's Degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
- Enroll at WU within one year of LCCC graduation.
- Do not attend another institution between the time the student graduates from LCCC and when enrollment commences at WU.
- Adhere to WU application deadlines. LCCC graduates entering WU under the terms of this agreement must complete an application for WU admission and dual admission form to be submitted to WU at least 60 days prior to the start of the desired matriculation semester
- Student must select a specific major (not "undeclared") when applying to Wilkes University. Declaring major intent on the Dual Admissions form will also help students receive accurate advising and degree planning.
- Luzerne students who are accepted under the dual admission agreement will be governed by the Wilkes degree requirements in effect at the time of their Wilkes matriculation.
- A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to WU will be able to complete a Bachelor's Degree at WU within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate's Degree program requirements at LCCC and completes and appropriately sequences their remaining required course work at WU as outlined in program articulation agreements. Exceptions to this are programs with extended internships and clinical experiences.

Students who have previously been matriculated to WU are not eligible for the Dual Admission program.

In order to facilitate the transfer of Luzerne graduates to Wilkes, the parties agree to the following:

WU agrees to:

- Waive the admissions application fee.
- Accept the LCCC courses for transfer with a minimum grade earned of "C".
- Provide qualified full-time students (as defined above) with a guaranteed base \$10,000 annual scholarship towards their cost of attendance.
 - Full-time students with a 3.0 GPA or above are eligible to receive additional merit scholarships.
 - Phi Theta Kappa members are eligible to receive a \$2,000 bonus scholarship in addition to merit-based scholarships.
 - Presidential Scholarship awardees from LCCC with a GPA of a 3.5 or higher will be eligible to receive the Wilkes University Presidential Scholarship, currently valued at \$21,000.
 - The \$10,000 base scholarship is included in the Presidential Scholarship amount.
 - The Phi Theta Kappa member bonus scholarship cannot be combined with the Presidential Scholarship award. Therefore, Luzerne students who are both Presidential Scholars and PTK members will only be eligible for the, higher Presidential Scholarship amount.
 - Students must identify themselves as LCCC Presidential Scholarship on both the Dual Admissions Intent form and the Wilkes admissions application.
 - Students receiving the Francis S. & Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Endowed Scholarship at LCCC who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher and enters a science program at Wilkes will be eligible for a Leaders in Science scholarship of up to \$1000 upon admission to the university.
 - Scholarship cannot be combined with the PTK or Presidential awards.

- Offer Luzerne students full financial aid consideration and the same accommodations and services as all other entering students.
- Transfer up to 70 credits from LCCC into a degree program. Maximum credit transfer will vary by program. Wilkes University requires that at least 60 credits of the baccalaureate degree must be earned at Wilkes. Note that RN license holders are granted an additional 30 credits in advance standing.
- Send a joint conditional letter of acceptance to all Luzerne students who are eligible for admission to Wilkes under this agreement.
- Provide LCCC with “Dual Admission Intent” forms and fact sheets to distribute.
- Provide to students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program not yet matriculated at Wilkes the option to register free of charge for a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours in courses offered by WU. These courses must be applied to the specific degree program that the student intends to pursue at Wilkes, and must be approved by the Advising Office within University College at WU.
 - Free parking will available for LCCC students taking courses at WU under this agreement. A small parking fee will be required once the student officially matriculates at WU.
- Accommodate and encourage participation in summer research, internships, field placements, study abroad programs and other programs open to all Wilkes University students.

LCCC agrees to:

- To publicize this agreement to prospective and current LCCC students.
- Distribute, receive and process Dual Admission Intent forms required for participation
- Record annual Fall and Spring cohort of eligible applicants enrolled at LCCC and provide to WU.
- Provide WU with an annual report, including contact information, of all Presidential Scholarship enrolled at LCCC.

Joint Obligations:

- Each institution will assure that all representations to current or prospective students or faculty concerning the nature of the dual admission arrangement between WU and LCCC will be consistent with this Agreement in all respects. All questions raised with one institution concerning the details of the program and courses of the other institution will be referred to that other institution.
- To keep each other informed of any changes of policy or curricula that affect this agreement. Both WU and LCCC will review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both LCCC and WU sign the revised document.
- To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, WU academic requirements, LCCC completion requirement and the process of transferring to WU.
- To develop and implement promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
- To facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between faculties related to this agreement.
- Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Dual Admission Agreement between the two institutions.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
2. This Agreement will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will automatically renew for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years. Not later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the five (5) year period, each Party shall review and together make any changes to an updated Agreement to be considered for execution and implementation.
3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one (1) 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 the Institution under the terms of this Agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes.

4. The Parties 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 Party shall have the right to bind or obligate the other in any manner inconsistent with or unrelated to this Agreement.
5. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
6. Neither Party shall assume any liabilities as a result of this Agreement. 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 Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunities afforded LCCC by law or otherwise.
7. Any notices to be given hereunder by any Party to the other may be affected with by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth hereinafter, but each Party may change their address by written notice in accordance with this paragraph. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices shall be deemed communicated as of five (5) days after mailing.

a. If to WU: Wilkes University
 84 W. South Street, Wilkes-Barre PA 18766
 Attention: Kishan Zuber, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing
 Copy to: Wilkes University, Alicia Bond, Director of Business Operations

b. If to LCCC: Luzerne County Community College
 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke PA 18634
 Attention: Rosana Reyes, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Development
 Copy to: Luzerne County Community College, Financial/Contract Associate

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

For Luzerne County Community College:

For Wilkes University:

 Thomas Leary Date
 President

 Greg Cant Date
 President

Designated Contact Person

For Luzerne County Community College:

For Wilkes University:

Rosana Reyes, VP of EMSA

Kishan Zuber, VP of EMM

Attachment I - Articulated Programs
 LCCC to Wilkes University

- Programs to program articulations pending academic reviews at this time.

Generally, all articulated programs require a minimum grade point average of 2.5, with the exception of when listed in each program agreement.