DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

3/19/14

Preface

- 1. Luzerne County Community College ("Luzerne") and Bloomsburg University ("BU") enter into this Dual Admission Agreement to facilitate the transfer of Luzerne students to BU.
- 2. This agreement does not pertain to the following BU majors Medical Imaging, American Sign Language and Engineering 3+2.
- 3. Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, Luzerne students will be guaranteed admissions into a bachelor's Degree program with third year (junior) status at BU on the conditions that the major is not at capacity and they meet the following criteria:
 - Complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form with a BU application for the target semester by the beginning of their third semester at Luzerne (or before completing 30 credits);
 - Graduate from Luzerne with an Associate Degree and meet (for their major of interest at BU) either 1) the Statewide Program to Program Articulation Agreement standards as specified in TAOC OR 2) the specific Luzerne and BU Program to Program Articulation Agreement standards with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. If applying to an Education major at Bloomsburg, Luzerne graduates will be required to hold a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
 - Satisfy all other BU transfer requirements to the major including preferred GPA. A list of high
 demand BU majors with their preferred admission requirements will be submitted to Luzerne
 and updated as needed.
 - Enroll at BU within one year of Luzerne graduation.
 - Do not attend another institution as a degree seeker between the times the student graduates from Luzerne and commencement of enrollment at Bloomsburg.

A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to BU will be able to complete a Bachelor's Degree at BU within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program requirements at Luzerne and completes and appropriately sequences his or her remaining required course work at BU. Exceptions to this are programs with extended internships and clinical experiences and majors for which critical sequential requirements are not offered at Luzerne.

4. BU agrees to:

- Waive the admissions application fee.
- Accept Luzerne courses for transfer as specified by BU's general transfer policy and or TAOC legislation. TAOC information can be found at Http://www.pacollegetransfer.com/Administrators/TAOCPolicies/tabid/716/Default.aspx. A Web link to BU's general transfer policy and general Bu transfer information can be found at http://www.pacollegetransfer.com/BloomsburgUniversityofPennsylvania/TransferProfile/tabid/261/Default.aspx. Some BU majors require a higher level of academic success in specific classes than specified in the general policy above. Luzerne students interested in seeking admission to BU are strongly encouraged to speak with BU's admission representative and/or the major

- academic department to ensure that they are aware of any course-specific academic expectations for their major of interest.
- Send a conditional letter of acceptance to all Luzerne students who are eligible for admission to Bloomsburg under this agreement.
- Ensure that when Luzerne County Community College dual admission students matriculate at Bloomsburg they will have the same rights and privileges of other Bloomsburg students.
- 5. At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward a bachelor degree must be earned at Bloomsburg University. At least 50% of the credits in the major discipline (excluding cognate courses) must be earned at Bloomsburg University.
- 6. Luzerne graduates entering BU under the terms of this agreement enter through BU's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable BU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission (including admission into specific majors), orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to all BU students.
- 7. The Dual Admissions Agreement becomes effective the date of the final signature on the documents, and will remain in effect for a maximum period of five (5) years.

Obligations of Bloomsburg University

To facilitate the transfer of Luzerne graduates to BU in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

- 1. To attend regularly scheduled recruitment programs at Luzerne.
- 2. To invite Luzerne students who have completed a "Dual Admissions Intent" form to information/ advising meetings with BU faculty and/or staff on a regular basis in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to BU.
- 3. To send a Bloomsburg University letter of admission to all Luzerne students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form and meet the conditions set forth in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at BU by June 1st for the fall semester, and by November 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other regular BU admission requirements. Students should be aware that high-demand BU majors may be at capacity early in this cycle and therefore Luzerne students intending to matriculate in these high-demand majors should contact the BU admission office early in their final semester at Luzerne. Luzerne students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form will be governed by the BU requirements in effect at the time of signing the "Dual Admissions Intent" form.
- 4. To provide Luzerne with copies of all promotional literature published about the dual admission agreement.

Obligations of Luzerne County Community College

- 1. To publicize this agreement to prospective and current Luzerne students in its promotional literature, and to make special arrangements for BU recruiters and advisors to visit Luzerne to meet with prospective and current Dual Admissions students.
- 2. To provide BU with copies of the Intent to Enroll form as needed.
- 3. To provide BU with copies of all promotional literature published about the dual admission agreement.

Joint Obligations

1. To 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 to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both BU and Luzerne will review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both Luzerne and BU sign the revised document.

- 2. To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, BU academic requirements, and the process of transferring to BU according to and in alignment with TAOC.
- 3. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
- 4. To exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this dual admission arrangement in order to enhance the transfer process and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.
- 5. To facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
- 6. The Institution of Record will be Luzerne for the student who has not yet attained the associate degree and BU for the student who has completed the associate degree.
- 7. To designate a representative or representatives from each institution who will coordinate the Dual Admission Agreement between the two institutions.

Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

BU and Luzerne are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement. The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Luzerne County Community College into Bloomsburg University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

- 1. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter and can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- 2. No modifications, alternations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 7. 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.

8. 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 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 1333 South Prospect Street

Nanticoke PA 18634

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

For Luzerne County Community College:

For Bloomsburg University:

President

President

Dana Clark

VP of Academic Affairs & Provost

Ira Blake

Sr. VP & Provost

Rosana Reyes

Dean, Enrollment Mgt./Student Dev.

Assoc. VP & Dean Extended Programs

Approved as to Form and Legality:

University Legal Counsel

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education