

COMPLETION TRANSFER PATHWAYS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
And
LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY
For
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE COMPLETION TRANSFER

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into on this 10th day of August, 2021 (the "Effective Date") by and between Cuyahoga Community College District (Hereafter referred to as "the College"), with an address at 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2878; and Lipscomb University (Hereafter referred to as "LU"), with an address at 1 University Park Drive, Nashville, TN, 37204. The College is an institution of higher education established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code and LU is a non-profit institution of higher education pursuant to Tennessee nonprofit corporation law. The College and LU (either or both of which may hereinafter be referred to respectively as "Party" or "Parties") desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of the College would be eligible for articulated course credits at LU, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Definitions. Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits are defined on Attachment A.
- b. Articulation Benefits to Students. LU will provide the Articulation Benefits at no charge to past and present students of the college who meet the Articulation Criteria.
- c. Accreditation of the College. The College warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The College will notify LU if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- d. Accreditation of LU. LU warrants that it is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission. LU will notify the College if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- e. Admissions Processing. For those past or present students who meet Articulation Criteria 1(a-d), LU will consider their applications for admission in accordance with standard LU admission application evaluation criteria, while favorably recognizing students' accomplishments at the College.
- f. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either Party may enter into similar agreements with any other Party.
- g. Advising. Upon execution of this agreement, LU will work with the College to develop strategies to provide College students and graduates timely information about program opportunities and program requirements. Transfer Pathways/Degree Plans will be published and reviewed as needed.
- h. Transfer Pathway Review. Transfer degree pathways will be reviewed and published annually. LU and the College will each identify a staff member to serve as a contact to assure continued communication between the two institutions on matters relating to this agreement and to review transfer pathways. Each institution will work in good faith to modify their policies, procedures, etc. to accommodate the changing needs of their partner.
- i. Program-specific admission requirements. Admission and academic requirements for specific baccalaureate degrees are exclusively the responsibility of LU and its academic units to determine and administer. Nothing in this agreement alters or amends the admission, academic or graduation requirements that LU units may establish and amend from time to time, providing that changes remain in conformity with any specific amendments to this contract which may be agreed to, in written form, by the parties, during the term of this Agreement.

2. **Term and Termination.**

- a. **Term.** This Agreement will run from the Effective Date and shall automatically expire on the last day of the 2024 Spring term of the College.
- b. **Termination.**
 - i. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party, effective upon the later date to occur of (i) the end of the next admissions application and review period of LU, or (ii) the date that is 90 days after the notice that includes a description of the breach; *provided* in either case that the breaching party shall be allowed until said effective date to cure said breach, and if the breach is so cured the termination notice will be of no effect.
 - ii. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any or no reason, effective 30 days after providing written notice of its intent to terminate to the other party.
- c. **Post-Termination.** Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, College students previously accepted by or admitted to LU shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement and the LU catalog rights from the term in which they are admitted to LU as set forth in Attachment A which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

3. **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Severability.** If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- b. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ohio applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within Ohio.
- c. **Survival.** Section 2(c) and this Section 3 will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- d. **Notices.** All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received in accordance with this Section 3(d) and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or if it is delivered by email, when the recipient, by an email sent to the email address for the sender stated in this section 3(d) or by a notice delivered by another method in accordance with this section 3(d), acknowledges having received that email, with an automatic “read receipt” not constituting acknowledgment of an email for purposes of this section 3(d) to either Party at the following address (or to such other address as such Party may substitute, by providing a written notice in the manner specified in this Section):

For Cuyahoga Community College District:
Lindsay S. English, Ph. D.
Vice President, Learning and Engagement
700 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

For Lipscomb University:
Dr. Susan Galbreath
Senior Vice President for Strategy
1 University Park Drive
Nashville, TN 37204

With a copy to:
Office of General Counsel and Legal Services
Cuyahoga Community College
700 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

- e. **Waivers and Amendments.** The waiver by either Party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both Parties.
- f. **Assignment.** Neither Party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section would be null and void.

- g. Complete Agreement: Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the Parties with respect to such subject matter.
- h. Counterparts: Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- i. Independent Contractors. The Parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither Party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other Party.
- j. Compliance with Laws. The Parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this Agreement, each Party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, age, national origin, or ancestry, genetic information, military status, gender identity and expression, veteran status, pregnancy or color.
- k. Data Exchange. The parties should be prepared to exchange information annually regarding student success related to this Agreement. The College will provide upon request a directory list of graduates from the College following each graduation while complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. Subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, LU will provide the College with information regarding the success of students transferring to LU while utilizing the benefits of this Agreement.

Both parties will be expected to meet within ninety days of signing of this agreement to determine a process to share information.

- l. All promotion and advertising of the Articulation of the Agreement must conform to the statement approved by the College's Integrated Communications Department, (see **Attachment B**).

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each Party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her Party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:

LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY:

By: *Lindsay S. English*
 Lindsay S. English, Ph.D.
 Vice President, Learning and Engagement

By: *S Galbreath*
 Susan Galbreath (Aug 20, 2021 15:26 CDT)
 Dr. Susan Galbreath
 Senior Vice President for Strategy

ATTACHMENT A
To The
Articulation Agreement Dated August 10, 2021
By and Between
Cuyahoga Community College District
and
Lipscomb University

Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits

1. *The articulation criteria ("Articulation Criteria") are:*

- a. Completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science, degree.
- b. LU and the College will establish and approve major/program Transfer Pathways using the sample template in Appendix A. Any revisions to a Transfer Pathway during the term of this Agreement must be approved in writing by the Parties and will be applied to new students undertaking the applicable pathway.
- c. Associate degree should include completion of gateway (prerequisite) coursework and required math course for students intended major whenever possible and should include completion of all coursework for student's intended major, as shown on the applicable Transfer Pathway.
- d. LU will provide course equivalencies to the College.

2. *The articulation benefits ("Articulation Benefits") are:*

- a. College graduates will receive a 20% discount off of tuition for online courses offered by LU for the duration of their bachelor degree program as long as they stay continually enrolled in at least 9 credit hours in LU's online program.
 - i. The 20% tuition discount (the "Tuition Discount") applies only to tuition for LU's online program, and no other applicable LU fees will be discounted or waived for College graduates who enroll at LU pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (each, an "Enrollee"). Each Enrollee will be responsible for paying any remaining tuition and other fees, after application of the Tuition Discount, in accordance with LU's policies and procedures. The Tuition Discount applies for each Enrollee, provided that the Enrollee's student account remains current. The Tuition Discount may not be combined with any other institutional aid or scholarships, and is subject to the terms of LU's Direct Cost Policy, which is available on its website.
 - ii. It is the sole responsibility of Enrollees to notify LU of their intent to utilize the Tuition Discount in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Failure to provide such notification before the last day to add a class, in accordance with LU's policies and procedures, will result in the ineligibility of such Enrollee to receive the Tuition Discount.
- b. Courses listed in an approved Transfer Pathway will apply towards college, university and major requirements for graduation at LU.
- c. A maximum 63 credits can transfer to LU from the College for an Associate degree. Transfer credit will always follow the most recent LU catalog. For a complete list of transfer equivalencies go to ([Tri-C Transfer Resources website](#)).
- d. All course equivalencies as determined by LU faculty and in which the student has received a grade of C or better will transfer to LU toward major, minor and core requirements with the completion of the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.
- e. Students must complete 126 semester hours and meet all LU residency requirements for the major and minor.

- f.** Students who complete all of the degree requirements in the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree as listed in an approved Transfer Pathway and meet Lipscomb's admission requirements will be admitted to the applicable major at LU.
- g.** Students may fulfill general education requirements at LU for the completion of non-remedial courses completed at the College with D grades or higher if earned as part of the associate degree. Requirements may be fulfilled, but credit will NOT be awarded.
- h.** To help ensure seamless transfer, LU advising staff, with the assistance of the College's Transfer Specialists and Counseling Departments, will be available to meet with students virtually at any time.

ATTACHMENT B
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Marketing and Advertising Restrictions

Promotion of Partnership to
Domestic and International Students

In order for Cuyahoga Community College and Lipscomb University to reach out to partners and the community effectively, it is important to monitor the impression conveyed through all forms of communication such as advertising, publications, and signage. The sum total of all impressions generated by these communications must be effective and meaningful to the audiences with which the College communicates.

Therefore, the Parties agree that any use of the other's name, trade name, trademark, logo and tagline, or any other defining symbol or name associated with either entity during the term of this Agreement shall be for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement. Express written permission or a limited license is required to use the other Party's name, trade name, trademark, logo, tagline, or any other defining symbol or name associated with the other entity. Neither Party will use the other's name or symbols in a way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the Parties. All written materials associated with this agreement must distinctly note the termination date of the Agreement, the degrees within the Agreement, and the average additional hours required to complete the completion degree. Any and all promotional materials, including written, verbal, video graphic, electronic, or multimedia of any kind, must be reviewed and approved by both Parties prior to any use or distribution.

Marketing Contacts:

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Integrated Communications Department
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Lipscomb University:

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Appendix A Degree Plan/Pathway Associate of _____ to Bachelor of _____ in EXAMPLE TEMPLATE

Suggested Transfer Pathway at Tri-C (2+2, readjust for 3+1)

First Semester		Credits	Second Semester		Credits
ENG 1010/101H	English Composition I/Honors	3	ENG 1020/102H*	English Composition II/Honors	3

Third Semester		Credits	Fourth Semester		Credits

Associate of Arts Degree Awarded Total Hours:

Suggested Degree Plan at LU

Fifth Semester		Credits	Sixth Semester		Credits

Seventh Semester		Credits	Eighth Semester		Credits

Bachelor of Arts Degree Awarded Total Hours:

*Must earn a C or higher

This Transfer Pathway represents one example of how to complete an associate and bachelor degree. Students should work closely with advisors at both institutions to discuss options. Students should work with a *Lipscomb* advisor to identify a (minor or a second major/etc.). A *Lipscomb* advisor can also assist students with developing a graduation plan for full- or part-time study.

Course sequence may change based on the individual needs of the student and schedule type required.

The following courses should be selected as part of the AA/AS:

- Composition I and II (minimum grade C or higher)
- Speech Communication
- Nine (9) hours of college-level math and science (some majors have specific math course prerequisites)
- History survey class, US, World, Western Civ, etc. history
- Social Science - Psychology, Sociology, Economics (Macro or Micro), or Anthropology
- Literature Survey (World, American, British, African-American, etc - must be a survey course)
- Physical education - 2 credit hours (must be physical activity course, including Lifetime Wellness)

This program awards maximum credit for an associate degree from Cuyahoga Community College, streamlining completion of a bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University through its online program. A maximum of 63 credits transfers to Lipscomb from Tri-C for your AA or AS degree, fulfilling the Lipscomb general education requirements.

All students must complete:

- A minimum of **126** semester credits (combined Tri-C and **Lipscomb**)
- Meet all residency requirements (**30** credits for **Lipscomb**), plus major and minor residency)-**depends on 4-year requirements**

This information is provided by both institutions solely for convenience and expressly disclaims any liability which may otherwise be incurred. This is neither a contract nor an offer to make a contract. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, each institution reserves the right to make changes at any time with respect to course offerings, degree requirements, services provided, or any other subject addressed herein.

See ATTACHMENT A for Articulation Criteria and Benefits