Articulation Agreement between

Rockland Community College
And
Franklin University

Whereas, Rockland Community College and Franklin University share a learner-centered and community-oriented approach to higher education,

Whereas, they share a common desire to create a seamless transition for the Rockland Community College graduates seeking a Franklin University Bachelor of Science degree that articulates well with programs offered at Rockland Community College,

Whereas, the two institutions seek to use current technology to enhance the educational options for time and or place bound working adults,

Rockland Community College and Franklin University hereby enter into an Articulation Agreement designed to affect the above stated aims in a manner that will provide the participating student with a quality bachelor’s degree completion program.

Rockland Community College and Franklin University have developed this Articulation Agreement to allow graduates of Rockland Community College to complete a Bachelor of Science degree from Franklin University’s distance-education, degree-completion program. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credit-hours from Franklin University.

This Articulation Agreement states the conditions under which Franklin University will accept and apply credits from Rockland Community College. Transfer Guides, developed specifically for Rockland Community College, list the courses students and graduates are to complete at the community college in order to maximize transfer.

Rockland Community College students planning to complete their bachelor’s degree at Franklin University may apply to Franklin University at any time during their enrollment at Rockland Community College.

Rockland Community College and Franklin University agree to comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking steps to ensure that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in the Community College Alliance and to track student interest, persistence, and success.

Franklin University encourages students to complete their Associate’s degree at the community college before transfer. However, Franklin strongly encourages students to take their first Franklin course (PF 321: Learning Strategies) before completing their bridge courses at Rockland Community College. The student who successfully completes an Associate’s degree from Rockland Community College will be accepted into Franklin University’s degree-completion program. Franklin University will apply the Associate’s degree coursework as described in this Articulation Agreement and listed on the Transfer Guide. The student who has not completed an Associate’s degree but has 60 or more transferable semester hours of college coursework will be accepted into the Franklin University degree-completion program.
Students may concurrently take courses at both institutions. Each institution will provide student services for students enrolled at that institution. Franklin University will enter into a financial aid consortium agreement with Rockland Community College that will allow students to take courses concurrently from both institutions during a given academic term and maintain eligibility for federal financial aid for all applicable coursework.

Rockland Community College and Franklin University will work together to provide students with accurate and timely transfer information and academic advising relative to Franklin University’s degree-completion program. Franklin University will provide appropriate brochures and informational material to Rockland Community College and its students.

Rockland Community College agrees to notify Franklin University annually of changes and additions to the curriculum and curriculum standards, so that the Transfer Guides can be revised as necessary.

Franklin University agrees not to place requirements on students transferring under this agreement which are not required of its native students.

Rockland Community College agrees to set, within 4-6 weeks of signing this agreement, a training date, which will be the launch of the program at the college.

This agreement is for a period of five years from the date that it is signed by the CCA president. At that point, both institutions will review the success of the partnership and determine if the partnership will be renewed.

The respective designees at both institutions will monitor and report on the status of the Articulation Agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving a notice to the other institution at least six months prior to the date on which action would be taken. Such a notice will specify the nature of the action contemplated and the rationale for such action. In the event the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Rockland Community College will continue to provide the educational program and student services during a phase-out period of up to 24 months or until the last active student completes the program.

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