



Articulation Agreement

Burlington College

And

Rockland Community College

Rockland Community College and Burlington College, in recognition of the valuable educational programs offered by each, enter into a transfer agreement beginning in October, 2012.

Objectives

The Objectives of this agreement are as follows:

1. To promote the recruitment of qualified transfer students into Burlington College.
2. To award credit for courses completed at Rockland Community College, which meet the terms set below, for application toward the general education requirements for a Bachelor's Degree or Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree at Burlington College.
3. To provide information and guidelines for those students seeking transfer from Rockland Community College to Burlington College which will give them a clear understanding of how Rockland Community College credits will be received and what educational requirements will be expected—both at Rockland Community College and Burlington College.
4. To recognize transfer from Rockland Community College to Burlington as a pathway to quality education for students interested in earning a Bachelor's or Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree.

Terms of the Agreement

1. Burlington College assures acceptance for Rockland Community College students who have graduated an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Humanities and Social Science), Fine Arts, and Photography and have earned a final grade point average of 3.0 or better. In addition, we assure acceptance for students graduating with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Hospitality, Graphic Design, and Computer Graphics who have earned a final grade point average of 3.0 or better. Students who have not earned the A.A. or A.S. degree, or who have less than a 3.0 cumulative average, may still apply to Burlington College but without assured acceptance. Burlington College requires that 120 credits be completed to earn one of our Baccalaureate degrees. Rockland Community College graduates will receive degree credit at Burlington College for a maximum of 60 credit hours for Rockland Community College courses completed with a grade of C or better. Courses judged by Burlington College to be below the college level, or not in keeping with the curriculum of Burlington College, will not be accepted for degree credit. Should this arise, we will share that information with you.
2. It is understood that degree requirements differ between Rockland Community College and Burlington College, and that some students may require additional introductory level course work in addition to Junior/Senior course work to satisfy Bachelor's Degree requirements.

3. Rockland Community College transfer students will be subject to all general education and other requirements of Burlington College as set forth in the Burlington College catalog. The identical rights and privileges will be extended to transfer students and are extended to non-transfer students.

Mutual Responsibilities

1. Rockland Community College will designate their liaison person. The liaison person for Burlington College will be the Academic Dean or designee. Both institutions agree to maintain current catalogs, course listings and course equivalencies to enable students to plan their academic programs effectively. The liaison persons from both institutions will confer on curricular or programmatic changes that might affect the transfer of Rockland Community College students to Burlington College.
2. Rockland Community College will be encouraged to contact the Burlington College Admissions Office (802-923-2105) as early as possible when considering transfer to Burlington College. Rockland Community College will provide assistance in understanding the application requirements stated in the Burlington College catalog and offer appropriate guidance for those students who identify themselves as potential transfer students.
3. Rockland Community College transfer students will be eligible for the same financial aid, advising, tutoring and support services at Burlington College as other entering students. In addition, our "Next Step" Transfer Student Scholarship provides a 20% tuition discount is awarded to students who have graduated with an Associates Degree from an out-of-state Community College, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and enroll in Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees.
4. Rockland Community College and Burlington College will pursue reasonable and concerted communication to ensure continuity of support services for those students who require and/or desire such services.
5. Both Burlington College and Rockland Community College will encourage participation in this program by fostering dialogue between advisors, financial aid officers, administrators and faculty in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: orientations, informational meetings, and other collaborative ventures which ease the transfer process for students.

Review and Revision Process

Review of the contents or implementation of this agreement will occur whenever requested by either institution through the designated liaisons. Substantive changes in courses or programming at either institution will evoke a review. Review of this agreement must be mutually agreed upon.

This agreement is expected by both institutions to continue in force indefinitely, but may be terminated in good faith by either party with one year's prior written notice. Please sign and return.

Burlington College Approval:

By: _____

(Signature)

Date: _____

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Rockland Community College Approval:

By: _____

(Signature)

Date: _____

10/15/12

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