

**PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Pima Community College and Bellevue University believe that cooperative programs benefit the community, employers and students in their regions. It allows smooth transition for students transferring between institutions and maximizes allowable transfer of credit. For this reason, the two institutions are entering into the following agreement for program articulation between the Associate's degrees of Pima Community College and the Bachelor's degrees of Bellevue University, jointly developed and entered into the date of the signing of this agreement.

Parties

Pima Community College, a public community college, located at 4905 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85709-1175 (hereafter the College) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 to grant Associates degrees through regular classroom delivery in its primary service area and through distance delivery.

Bellevue University, a private, non-profit University, located at 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE 68005-3098, (hereafter the University) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 to grant Bachelors degrees, Masters degrees and a Ph.D. in Human Capital Management through regular classroom delivery in its service area in the United States and world-wide through distance delivery, including completely online degree programs.

Program Concept

The two institutions agree that if a student has satisfactorily completed any Associates degree at Pima Community College, then he/she:

- 1) Will receive full recognition of that degree toward the completion of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree programs at Bellevue University. Students who hold an Associate degree will have no General Education Core Curriculum requirements to meet but must satisfy the Kirkpatrick Signature Series requirements.
- 2) Will be required to complete a minimum of 45 post-associate-degree semester hours at Bellevue University for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees, which includes a minimum of 36 credits in the major and nine credits in the Kirkpatrick Signature Series.

Bellevue University urges students to complete the remaining credits – 100 level of above – at Pima Community College. This will complete the 127 semester credits required for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees at Bellevue University. The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree requires a total of 132 semester credit hours.

- 3) Will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Bellevue University upon successful completion of:
 - a. Requirements in the major course of study as stated in the University catalog.
 - b. Required total credit hours to complete the degree as stated in the University catalog (a minimum of 127 semester hours for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees and 132 semester hours for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree).
 - c. All other graduation requirements, as stated in the University catalog, including those pertaining to standards or progress, upper division hours, hours in residence, demonstration of specific competencies, and articulated core where relevant.
- 4) Faculty and Staff Fellowships shall be available for any faculty or staff member with Pima Community College, who is duly enrolled in an Accelerated Undergraduate degree program or any Graduate degree program at Bellevue University. (\$1,000 for full-time Pima Community College employees, \$750 for ¾ time employees and \$500 for part-time employees.) This is a one-time Fellowship Award applied to the total program tuition regardless of enrollment status at Bellevue University for full- or part-time students.
- 5) Bellevue University agrees to exchange available admission and grade information with Pima Community College upon obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance will all federal, state and local laws.

Accreditation

Bellevue University and Pima Community College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

Duration and Termination of Agreement

Bellevue University and Pima Community College agree that this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions. Students who have completed an associate's degree from Pima Community College and have a declared intent to transfer to Bellevue University at the time of termination of this agreement will be allowed to graduate from Bellevue University following the terms of this agreement.

Signatures

The intent of this agreement is to encourage transfer opportunities for students and enhance communication between the institutions. Both parties indicate their agreement to the arrangements as noted by assigning their signatures below.



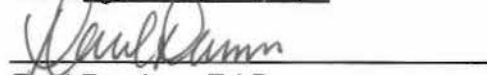
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