

# **Educational Alliance between**

## **Pima Community College and Franklin University**

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**Whereas**, Pima 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 Pima Community College graduates seeking a Franklin University bachelor's degree that articulates well with programs offered at Pima Community College, and

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

Pima Community College and Franklin University hereby enter into an educational alliance designed to affect the above stated aims in a manner which will provide the participating student with a quality bachelor's degree completion program.

In order to affect such a result, Franklin University will:

- Design and deliver online programs leading to bachelor's degrees that provide equivalent or greater learning outcomes as those achieved in parallel campus-based programs. These offerings will be subject to equivalent assessment, program review and other academic oversight afforded on-campus programs of Franklin University.
- Accept Pima Community College full associate degrees, up to 84 semester credit hours; reviewing individual courses for applicability toward a Franklin University bachelor's degree completion program with the goal of maximizing transfer credit.
- Provide all necessary services including: major specific transfer guides, admissions, advisement, registration, financial aid, scholarship assistance, textbook purchase, access to a virtual library, tutoring, a technology help desk, and the services of a Student Services Associate to assist students with issues not requiring the intervention of the faculty member.
- Work cooperatively with Pima Community College to identify those programs at Pima Community College that provide the essential foundation for students interested in Franklin University programs.

- Identify courses offered at Pima Community College that would effectively transfer to Franklin University and prepare Pima Community College students for success in the Franklin University programs.
- Provide Pima Community College with accessibility to request reports of the progress of its former students in the Franklin University programs.
- Comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking reasonable steps to ensure that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in CCA and to track student interest, persistence and success.

As its role in this alliance, Pima Community College will:

- Collaborate and support marketing, events and communication efforts to promote the articulation agreement between Franklin University and Pima Community College to students, faculty and staff.
- Provide Franklin University with the opportunity to train Pima Community College staff necessary to the support of the programs on Pima Community College campuses.
- Publish web links provided by Franklin University to a webpage specific to the Pima Community College/Franklin University agreement within one month of the contract date.
- Designate personnel who will act as liaisons to their counterparts at Franklin University.
- Enter into a Financial Aid consortium, by completing the appropriate forms, to entitle students in these programs to obtain the appropriate federal, state and institutional assistance and to provide updated financial aid information each year.
- Comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking reasonable steps to ensure that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in CCA and to track student interest, persistence and success.

This educational alliance and the commensurate institutional responsibilities defined herein shall be attested to by the Chancellor/Presidents of the respective institutions. The respective Chancellor/Presidents shall designate high-level agents to monitor and report on the status of the alliance and shall retain ultimate authority to continue, modify or discontinue this agreement in part or in its entirety.

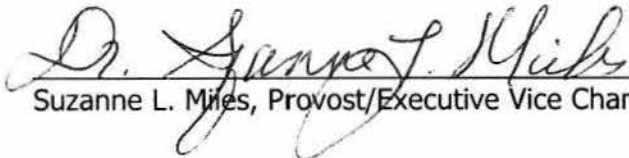
Notice of any proposed modification to this agreement or the intention to terminate this agreement shall come in writing from one Chancellor/President to the other at least six months prior to the date on which the modification or termination would be effective. Such a notice will

specify the nature of the action contemplated and the rationale for such action. In the event that this agreement is terminated, Franklin University and Pima Community College will continue to follow the terms of this agreement and provide services during a phase-out period of up to 24 months or until the last active student completes the program, whichever occurs first.

This agreement is for a period of five years from the date that it is signed by the Franklin University president. At that point, both institutions will review the success of the alliance and determine if the alliance will be renewed. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of A.R.S. 38-511, the terms of which statute are deemed incorporated herein.

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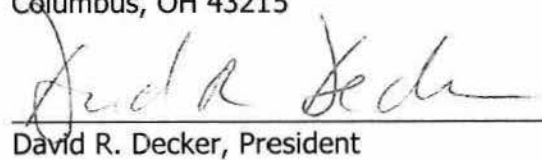
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