

**Commonwealth College**

Division of  
Social Science and Education

**An Articulation Agreement**

among

**Penn State Commonwealth College**  
**Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College**  
and

**Community College of Beaver County**  
(a member of the Western Pennsylvania Consortium of Community Colleges)

for the

**Bachelor of Arts**  
in  
**Applied Psychology**

## COMMONWEALTH COLLEGE (CWC) ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

**Penn State Commonwealth College  
Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College  
Community College of Beaver County**

Intent:

- Agreement among the Community College of Beaver County; the Penn State Commonwealth College at Penn State Beaver, Penn State McKeesport, and Penn State New Kensington; and the Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College
- Programs included in the agreement: Associate of Applied Science in Liberal Arts/Social Science (at Community College of Beaver County) and the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology at Penn State.
- Justification for agreement—to ensure, through clear communication, the efficient and orderly movement of students between the institutions while guaranteeing students' continuous advancement in learning.

### **Timeframe for Agreement, Renewal Process and Notification of Curricular Changes:**

This agreement is in effect for three years from date of agreement, to be reviewed for renewal by both institutions during the third year. An informal assessment may be conducted during the second year of the agreement.

Each institution will notify the other of anticipated curricular changes which affect the programs identified in this agreement before the changes are implemented. Curricular changes which affect the agreement may cause the review of the agreement elements before the three-year renewal date.

**Estimate of the number of students transferring annually into the articulated degree program: 10 to 15**

### **Criteria for Admission to APSCC:**

- Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Liberal Arts/Social Science from the Community College of Beaver County must complete the PSU admissions process, including filling out a regular PSU admissions application, providing the application fee and all other official transcripts from the secondary and post-secondary institutions.
- Successful transfer students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA at the post-secondary level and must have completed three units of academic math in high school or the equivalent to PSU Math 21.

- Calculation of GPA:
  - includes all grades including those of repeated courses (credits for repeated courses cannot count more than once)
  - includes grades from all post-secondary institutions attended (current and prior)
- Acceptance of Credit: To maintain satisfactory academic progress for financial aid, students must have completed 48 credits by the beginning of the fifth semester. To ensure the continued receipt of Federal and State financial aid awards, students are encouraged to be familiar with grading policies at the Community College of Beaver County and at Penn State. For example, courses completed with grades less than C at other institutions will not transfer to Penn State, nor will credit be awarded for courses completed pass/fail without documentation that a “pass” requires a minimum grade of C.

Penn State offers opportunities for credit acquisition through programs including Advanced Placement (AP) and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Penn State also offers opportunities for credit by exam and portfolio assessment. Students interested in credit acquisition opportunities are referred to the following Penn State website:

<http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/bluebook/intro/gi-047.htm>

### **Transfer of Specific Courses:**

#### **General Education:**

The following courses at the Community College of Beaver County will **automatically** transfer as general education courses in APSCC. *While other courses may also fulfill general education requirements, they will be approved only by student petition after enrollment at Penn State.*

#### **CCBC Courses**

#### **PSU Courses**

#### **WRITING/SPEAKING**

COMM 201 (3) Public Speaking  
 WRIT 101 (3) English Composition I  
 WRIT 102 (3) English Composition II

SPCOM 100 (3) Effective Speech  
 ENGL 15 (3) Rhetoric and Comp  
 ENGL 202 (3) Effective Writing

*WRIT courses will be accepted as substitutions for ENGL. Students must petition for course substitutions.*

#### **QUANTIFICATION**

MATH 101 (3) College Algebra  
 MATH 102 (3) Trigonometric Functions

MATH 21 (3) College Algebra  
 MATH 26 (3) Plane Trigonometry

### ARTS ELECTIVES

FINE 101 (3) Art History I  
FINE 102 (3) Art History II

ART H 111 (3) Ancient to Medieval Art  
ART H 112 (3) Ren to Modern Art

*Other CCBC courses that will transfer as GENERAL credits include courses in communications, fine arts, and music.*

### HUMANITIES ELECTIVES

LITR 224 (3) Literature of the Bible  
LITR 240 (3) Shakespeare  
HIST 101 (3) Western Civilization I  
HIST 102 (3) Western Civilization II  
HIST 111 (3) US History I  
HIST 112 (3) US History II  
PHIL 201 (3) Contemp Phil Problems  
PHIL 205 (3) Logic

ENGL 104 (3) Bible as Literature  
ENGL 129 (3) Shakespeare  
HIST 01 (3) Western Heritage I  
HIST 02 (3) Western Heritage II  
HIST 20 (3) Amer Civ to 1877  
HIST 21 (3) Amer Civ from 1877  
PHIL 1 (3) Basic Problems of Phil  
PHIL 10 (3) Critical Thinking

### NATURAL SCIENCES ELECTIVES

BIOL 215 (4) Microbiology  
CHEM 100 (3) Intro to Chem  
CHEM. 101 (4) General Chemistry I  
CHEM 102 (4) General Chemistry II

MICRO 106/107 (3) Microbiology  
CHEM 11 (3) Intro to Chem  
CHEM 12/14 (4) Chem Princ/Exper Chem  
CHEM 13/15 (4) Chem Princ/Exper Chem

*Other CCBC courses that will transfer as GENERAL credits include courses in astronomy, geography, and physics.*

### SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

BUSM 255 (3) Macroeconomics  
BUSM 256 (3) Microeconomics  
ERCH 100 (3) Infant & Child Dev  
ANTH 101 (3) Principles of Anthropology  
ANTH 105 (3) Cultural Anthropology  
POLS 101 (3) American Nat Govt  
PSYC 105 (3) Social Psychology  
SOC 101 (3) Principles of Sociology  
SOC 115 (3) Marriage & Family  
SOC 210 (3) Contemp Social Problems  
CRIM 230 (3) Criminology  
CRIM 210 (3) Juvenile Delinquency

ECON 4 (3) Macroeconomics  
ECON 2 (3) Microeconomics  
HDFS 229 (3) Infant & Child Dev  
ANTH 1 (3) Introd to Anthropology  
ANTH 45 (3) Cultural Anthropology  
PLSC 1 (3) Intro to American Govt  
PSY 217 (3) Social Psychology  
SOC 1 (3) Intro to Sociology  
SOC 30 (3) Sociology of the Family  
SOC 5 (3) Social Problems  
SOC 12 (3) Criminology  
SOC 13 (3) Juvenile Delinquency

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

HPER courses that transfer as GENERAL credits in ESACT, KINES, or BBH can generally be substituted for this requirement. Consult an adviser.

### Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

#### Foreign Language

Proficiency in a single foreign language must be demonstrated by either examination or course work equivalent to completion of 12 credits of Penn State course work. If this level of proficiency can be achieved by taking fewer than 12 credits, the remaining credits are completed as electives. Consult an adviser for details.

#### CCBC Courses

FREN 101 (3) French I &  
FREN 102 (3) French II &  
FREN 103 (3) French III  
SPAN 101 (3) Spanish I &  
SPAN 102 (3) Spanish II &  
SPAN 103 (3) Spanish III

#### PSU Courses

FR 1 (4) French I  
FR 2 (4) French II  
  
SPAN 1 (4) Spanish I  
SPAN 2 (4) Spanish II

*(i) The extra credit from CCBC's French or Spanish series will apply towards free electives*

*Note: CCBC students can only fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of proficiency in a language by taking PSU 3<sup>rd</sup> level language course.*

#### Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Other Cultures

A listing of courses accepted by the University for these requirements can be found here: <http://www.psu.edu/ufs/scca/barequi.html>. Students may petition for course substitutions by consulting an advisor.

### Requirements for the Major:

#### CCBC Courses

#### **Prescribed Courses for the Major (28 credits)**

PSYC 101 (3) Gen Psy I\*  
PSY 106 (3) Human Grow & Dev\*\*

#### PENN STATE Courses

PSY 2 (3) Psychology  
PSY 213 (3) Intro to Devel Psy  
PSY 201W (4) Basic Research Methods

Various courses may substitute

PSY 296 (1) Independent Study  
PSY 450 (3) Principles of Measurement  
PSY 495 (12) Internship  
PSY 496 (2) Independent Study

**Additional Courses for the Major (16 credits)**

STAT 200 (4) Elementary Statistics

Select 12 credits (min. 3 credits from each category, 9 credits at the 400 level)

**Abnormal, Clinical, Personality Category:**

PSYC 201 (3) General Psy II\*\*      PSY 238 (3) Intro to Personality Psy  
PSY 412 (3) Abnormal Psy  
PSY 471 (3) Psy of Gender  
PSY 482 (3) Intro to Cognitive Psy

**Developmental, Cognitive, Learning Category:**

PSYC 205 (3) Educational Psy\*\*      EDPSY 14 (3) Learning & Instruction  
PSY 204 (3) Intro to Learning  
PSY 221 (3) Intro to Cognitive Psy  
PSY 421 (3) Advanced Cognitive Psy  
PSY 425 (3) Topics in Dev Psy  
PSY 426 (3) Adolescence  
PSY 445 (3) Dev. Through Adulthood

**Industrial/Organizational, Social, Interpersonal Category:**

PSYC 105 (3) Social Psy\*\*      PSY 217 (3) Social Psy  
PSYC 215 (3) Organizational Psy\*\*      PSY 231 (3) Industrial Psy  
PSY 417 (3) Advance Social Psy  
PSY 475 (3) Soc Psy Interpers/Group Rels.  
PSY 477 (3) Applied Social Psy

**Health, Wellness, Adjustment Category:**

PSY 243 (3) Psy Well Being & Adjustment  
PSY437 (3) Psy of Adjustment  
PSY 487 (3) Health Psy

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas (6 credits)**

PSYC 212 (3) Psy of Gender Diff\*\*      PSY 170 (3) Psy of Women  
PSYC 203 (3) Sports Psy      PSY 200-level course

PSYC 208 (3) Abnormal Psy

PSY 200-level course

\* means the course is an equivalent

\*\* means the course must be evaluated as a substitute

### **Suggested Semester Template of Courses:**

#### Community College of Beaver County Program

##### First Year

Fall

PSYC 101 (3) General Psychology I  
WRIT 101 (3) English Composition I  
Math Elective (3)  
Social Science Elective (3)  
History Elective (3)  
Physical Education Elective (1)

Spring

Social Science Elective (3)  
WRIT 102 (3) English Composition II  
Mathematics or CmpSc Elective (3)  
Psychology Elective (3)  
History Elective (3)  
Physical Education Elective (1)

##### Second Year

Fall

Public Speaking (3)  
Foreign Language \*(3)  
Lab Science Elective (4)  
Music/Art/Literature/Phil Elective (3)  
Social Science Elective\*\* (3)

Spring

Foreign Language Elective (3)  
Lab Science Elective (4)  
Music/Art/Literature/Phil Elective (3)  
Social Science Elective (6)

#### CWC Baccalaureate Degree in Applied Psychology

##### Third Year

Fall

Foreign Language III (4)  
STAT 200 (4) Statistics  
PSY 213 (3) Developmental Psychology  
B.A. required Arts course (3)  
PSY 296 (1) Independent Study  
ESACT (1) Physical Education

Spring

PSY 201W (4) Basic Research Methods  
400-level PSY course (3)  
400-level PSY course (3)  
Natural Science course (3)  
B.A. required Social Science course (3)

## Fourth Year

Fall

PSY 450 (3) Principles of Measurement  
400-level PSY course (3)  
Major Supporting Course (3)  
Electives (9)

Spring

PSY 495 (12) Internship  
PSY 496 (2) Independent Study

### **Community College of Beaver County Program**

Students at CCBC should consult with an academic adviser regarding the scheduling of classes. To maximize the transferability of credits, students should take care to use courses from the approved lists whenever possible. Credits from classes where there is no approved articulation will generally not transfer.

### **Commonwealth College Baccalaureate Degree in Applied Psychology**

Courses to be scheduled by APSCC students will depend upon the credits that have transferred from CCBC to PSU. Deviation from approved courses may lengthen the student's program of study.

Students should consult an APSCC advisor at the PSU campus to which they intend to transfer for an individualized plan of courses for the third and fourth years. The schedule of courses is intended to be an example of one possible way in which the APSCC courses may be scheduled. Each student's schedule of courses will be different, depending on the specific courses completed at CCBC.

Advising information and contacts are available at:

For more information on the Penn State Beaver APSCC program, visit:

<http://www.br.psu.edu/degrees/apsyc/>

For more information on the Penn State McKeesport APSCC program, visit:

[http://www.mk.psu.edu/academics/ac\\_sub\\_apm\\_ba\\_ap.htm](http://www.mk.psu.edu/academics/ac_sub_apm_ba_ap.htm)

For more information on the Penn State New Kensington APSCC program, visit:

<http://www.nk.psu.edu/psych/index.html>

For more information on the Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley APSBL program, visit:

<http://www.bklv.psu.edu/>

## **Advising Services**

To guarantee a smooth transition between institutions, students are encouraged to work closely with advising offices at both the Community College of Beaver County and at the Commonwealth College campuses. Advising information and contacts are available at:

CC of Beaver County, Karen Ganska, [karen.ganska@ccbc.edu](mailto:karen.ganska@ccbc.edu), 724-775-8561, x110  
Penn State Beaver, Gretchen Samchuck, [gjw2@psu.edu](mailto:gjw2@psu.edu), 724-773-3677  
Penn State McKeesport, Dr. Margaret L. Signorella, [msignorella@psu.edu](mailto:msignorella@psu.edu), 412-675-9052  
Penn State New Kensington, Dr. K. Robert Bridges, [krb3@psu.edu](mailto:krb3@psu.edu), 724-334-6740

## **Impact of the agreement, if any, on other programs, colleges, and campuses of the University**

This agreement will serve students who wish to continue their education in BSBC at a Penn State campus in their region. Impact on other Penn State locations is expected to be minimal, if any.

## **Collaboration in Publicity, Marketing, Recruitment, Retention, and Transfer**

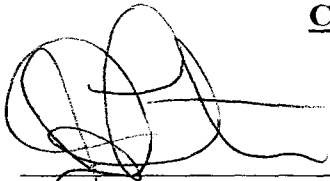
All announcements, publicity, marketing and recruitment activities by either institution, relative to the articulation agreement, will be done following a plan collaboratively developed and agreed upon by both institutions.

To facilitate student services and program planning, the articulation institutions will collaborate on the development of a process to enable the identification of and service to students who plan to articulate between the named institutions.

**Documentation on Consultation**

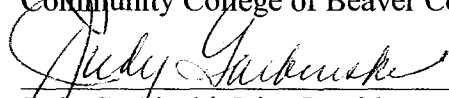
PSU and CCBC have entered this agreement on the indicated date, witnessed by the signatures below:

**Community College of Beaver County**



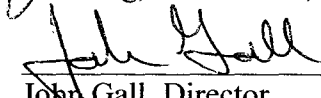
Joe Forrester, President  
Community College of Beaver County

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Judy Garbinski, Vice President  
Learning, Assessment, and Advancement

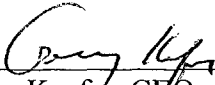
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John Gall, Director  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

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**Penn State University**  
**Commonwealth College Campus Administrators**

  
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Gary Keefor, CEO  
Penn State Beaver

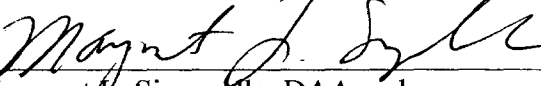
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Donna Kuga, DAA  
Penn State Beaver

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Curtiss E. Porter, CEO  
Penn State McKeesport

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Margaret L. Signorella, DAA and  
College Program Coordinator  
Penn State McKeesport


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Larry Pollock, CEO  
Penn State New Kensington

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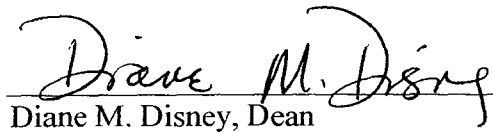
  
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Arlene Hall, DAA  
Penn State New Kensington

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Veronica Montecinos  
Division Head, Social Science and Education

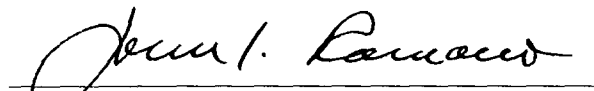
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**Office of the Dean, Commonwealth College**

  
Diane M. Disney, Dean  
Commonwealth College

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**Penn State Office of Enrollment Management and Administration**

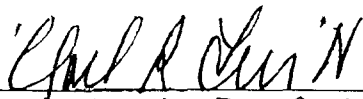
  
John J. Romano, Vice-Provost and Dean  
Enrollment Management and Administration

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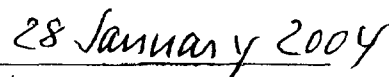
## Penn State Commonwealth College ARTICULATION WITH BCCC

**Consultation**

I have noted the proposed Articulation Agreement between the Commonwealth College Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Psychology (APSCC) and Butler County Community College Associate in Arts in Psychology. After review, I support the agreement and wish to become a party to it.



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Carl Lovitt, Associate Dean for Academic Programs  
Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College



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