

Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College
Division of Science

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
through
PENN STATE BERKS-LEHIGH VALLEY COLLEGE
on the
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE

This agreement is between

Division of Science
Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College,
Penn State University
and
Science and Mathematics Division
Reading Area Community College

Penn State University (PSU) through the Berks-Lehigh Valley College (BLVC) and Reading Area Community College (RACC) sets forth the condition upon which PSU will consider graduates of the Associate Degree in Biological Sciences/Preprofessional Transfer Program or Chemistry Transfer Program for admission into PSU's Bachelor of Science program in Science. This document sets forth those conditions, which the parties hereby agree to.

A. Rationale for the purpose of the articulation agreement

This agreement applies only to the Associate degrees in Biological Sciences/Preprofessional Transfer Program or Chemistry Transfer Program that are currently constituted and delivered at RACC as of the 2000-2001 academic year. The purpose of this agreement is to make available to the degree students at RACC the opportunity to pursue a baccalaureate degree at Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College.

B. Description of how the agreement may be renewed or terminated

1. RACC agrees to promptly notify Berks-Lehigh Valley College of any substantive curricular modifications to either the Biological Sciences/Preprofessional Transfer Program or Chemistry Transfer Program degree programs, and further agrees that the terms of this agreement will no longer hold unless PSU provides a written approval that the curricular changes do not alter the intent of the agreement.

2. BLVC agrees to provide RACC with information about the BS in Science degree and any changes of the curriculum, should they occur. Conditions for admission into the BS in Science degree are stipulated in section D of this document.
3. The terms of the agreement shall remain in effect, except as stipulated in certain previous terms as listed herein, until terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other parties.

C. Estimate of the number of students transferring to Penn State annually

One or two students may annually transfer from RACC.

D. Admission requirements and transfer of academic credits

1. All RACC graduates of either the Biological Sciences or Chemistry program must complete the PSU admissions process, including, but not limited to: filling out a regular PSU admissions application, paying the application fee, and providing all official transcripts from secondary and post-secondary institutions.
2. PSU agrees that graduates of either the Biological Sciences degree or the Chemistry degree meet the admission standards of the Science degree given that they satisfy the following conditions:
 - a. Applicants with at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) are eligible for admission into BLVC. Students with a GPA of less than 2.5 may be considered for admission upon individual review of the student's academic performance.
 - b. Successful applicants must have completed MAT 220 (Calculus I) with a grade of "C" or better.
 - c. Successful completion of 60 transferable credits with a grade of "C" or better. Transferable courses pertain to those courses listed below in d-f.
 - d. The following RACC courses will fulfill general education requirements at PSU in the categories listed below. Any course listed as a PSU "elective" will only count following a petition waiver by the student. Other courses than the ones listed below may be taken but they may only transfer as general credits and would count as elective courses on the "Program List" unless a petition is accepted by BLVC to allow the course to fulfill a general education requirement. All courses listed below are 3 credits.

ARTS

RACC COURSES	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS
HUM 111	ART 020
HUM 121	Arts elective
HUM 201	ARTH 100
HUM 221	MUSIC 005

HUMANITIES

RACC COURSES	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS
HIS 110	HIST 020
HIS 115	HIST 021
HIS 120	HIST 001
HIS 125	HIS 002
HIS 130	Humanities elective
HUM 231	Humanities elective
HUM 235	Humanities elective
HUM 241	Humanities elective
HUM 245	Humanities elective
HUM 249	Humanities elective
HUM 251	Humanities elective
HUM 261	Humanities elective
HUM 271 or HUM 275	PHIL 001

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

RACC COURSE	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS
ANTH 140	ANTH 045
ANT 135	Soc. elective
BUS 200	ECON 004
BUS 201	ECON 002
POS 130	PL SC 001
POS 135	Soc. elective
PSY 120	Soc. elective
PSY 130	PSY 002
PSY 210	PSY 213
PSY 220	PSY 243
PSY 235	PSY 217
SOC 125	Soc. elective
SOC 130	SOC 001
SOC 210	SOC 005

WRITING/SPEAKING

RACC COURSES	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS (PSU credits in parentheses)
COM 121	ENGL 15 (3)
COM 131	elective
COM 141	ENGL 202C (3)
COM 151	SPCOM 100 (3)

HEALTH SCIENCES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

RACC COURSES	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS (PSU credits in parentheses)
HEA 110	Health elective
HPE 100	ESACT course (1)
HPE 115	ESACT course (1)

- e. The following RACC courses will substitute for PSU required courses in the Science degree.

RACC COURSES—courses listed together must all be taken to transfer	PSU COURSE EQUIVALENTS (PSU credits in parentheses)
BIO 150	BIOL 230W (4)
BIO 155	BIOL 110 (4)
BIO 205	BIOL 220 (4)
BIO 280	MICRO 201 (3)
CHEM 150 & 155	CHEM 12, 13, 14 & 15 (8)
CHEM 210	CHEM 34 (3)
MAT 220 & 221	MATH 140 & 141 (8)
MAT 222	MATH 231 (2) plus 2 elective credits
PHY 240	PHYS 215 (4)
PHY 245	PHYS 265 (4)

- f. Advising note: Not all courses taken in RACC's biological science or chemistry curriculum will transfer properly to PSU. RACC's transfer advisor will carefully advise prospective students to consider that the following courses will not count toward a PSU degree.
- g. Students must meet PSU conduct standards in regard to behavioral problems.
3. PSU agrees that RACC graduates who meet the above admission standards and apply will be admitted into the Science degree program provided that number of students admitted into the Science degree has not exceeded the pre-established limit.

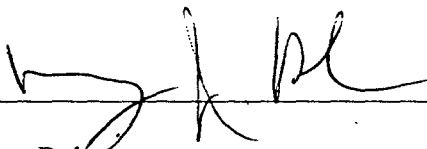
E. Advising and special services at both RACC and Penn State.

Pre-admission advising and registration will be available at either RACC or BLVC for ease of transferring.

F. Impact of the agreement, if any, on other programs, colleges, and campuses of the university, including evidence of consultation with Penn State.

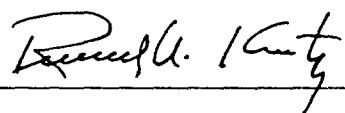
G. Appendix (Documentation of Consultation):

PSU and RACC have entered this agreement on the indicated date as witnessed by the signatures below:



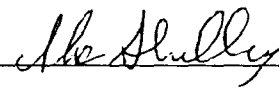
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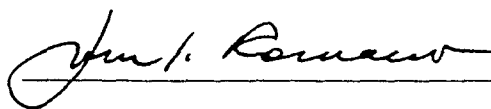
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John Romano
Vice Provost and Dean
Enrollment Management and Administration

6/25/01
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