# **Articulation Agreement**

# **Mohawk Valley Community College and Franklin University**

The purpose of this document is to establish a 3+1 and/or 2+2 articulation agreement between Mohawk Valley Community College and Franklin University. Subject to Mohawk Valley Community College's compliance with the requirements set forth herein, this agreement guarantees admission to Franklin University, transferability of credits, and a seamless transition for Mohawk Valley Community College graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Mohawk Valley Community College and Franklin University enter into this articulation agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving all students, regardless of race, national origin, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, or other non-merit factors.

# **TRANSFER**

Upon application, Franklin University will guarantee acceptance of all Mohawk Valley Community College graduates with an Associate degree. Transfer students from Mohawk Valley Community College, upon acceptance, may have junior standing at Franklin University.

Students transferring from Mohawk Valley Community College may transfer additional credits (up to a maximum of 94 semester credit hours) toward their baccalaureate degree. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Franklin University to be eligible for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Mohawk Valley Community College programs and courses will be identified that will effectively transfer to Franklin University and prepare Mohawk Valley Community College students for success in the Franklin University programs.

#### **FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM**

Franklin University and Mohawk Valley Community College will enter into a Financial Aid Consortium, by complying with the necessary information sharing, to entitle students in these programs to the appropriate federal, state, and institutional assistance. This process includes annual reporting of tuition fees and academic calendar dates. Mohawk Valley Community College agrees to electronic transcriptions and/or third-party transcript requests when student-authorized for financial aid verification.

# FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Franklin University agrees to provide the following benefits to faculty and staff of Mohawk Valley Community College from the date of execution of this Articulation Agreement through the duration of the Articulation Agreement for the promotion of the designated transfer opportunity benefits.

- Faculty & Staff:
  - 15 % tuition discount for Undergraduate and Graduate programs. 10% tuition discount on Doctorate programs. Employee must be a full/part-time permanent employee of Mohawk Valley Community College

- o Free first Undergraduate course
- Free faculty development courses

#### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP EXPECTATIONS**

Mohawk Valley Community College agrees to provide the following in order to build awareness of these additional benefits and services to students, faculty & staff, and alumni:

- Identify Franklin University as an institution with which they have an Articulation Agreement on its website Articulation Agreement page. A link to Franklin's website will be posted.
- Access to engagement with staff, faculty, and students through meetings, classroom presentations, training, etc.
- Electronic transcriptions and/or third-party transcript requests when student authorized.
- Presence/link on Mohawk Valley Community College online learning community platform.
- Presence/link/literature within Mohawk Valley Community College employee benefits intranet page/packages to promote Franklin's Community College Alliance Faculty/Staff Tuition Discount.

#### **COOPERATIVE MARKETING**

Mohawk Valley Community College and Franklin University agree to cooperate in communicating transfer opportunity benefits about this partnership agreement through co-branded marketing.

This will include digital and offline marketing opportunities (dependent upon market) created and financed by Franklin University.

All co-branded marketing promoting the 3+1 partnership will be approved in advance by Mohawk Valley Community College and Franklin University prior to distribution/production.

#### PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Both parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, and all associated regulations, taking necessary steps to ensure that confidential personal information is not disclosed or distributed, including the maintenance of a security plan consistent with industry standards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of personal information, and to protect against unauthorized access to such information. Information will be shared, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, as needed to allow transferring students to participate in the articulation program and to track student interest, persistence and success.

# **INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. To the extent permitted by law, Mohawk Valley Community College shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franklin University, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Mohawk Valley Community College, its agents or employees, in the performance of Mohawk Valley Community College obligations under this agreement.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, Franklin University shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Mohawk Valley Community College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes

of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Franklin University, its agents or employees, in the performance of Franklin University's obligations under this agreement.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The parties of this agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio/Franklin County in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

### **TERM**

This agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods from the signing date unless a party gives notice of non-renewal 3 months in advance of the expiration of the thenapplicable term.

Franklin University reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Agreement or to discontinue the articulation program at any time. Notice of modification or intentions to discontinue shall be in writing from one President to the other at least nine months prior to the date on which any action would be taken. In the event that the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Mohawk Valley Community College will continue to provide services to all currently enrolled students through graduation or discontinued enrollment.

This agreement is effective only under the condition that both institutions maintain current accreditation by a regional accrediting association as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In the event that an institution loses its accreditation, this agreement will terminate immediately.

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1101 Sherman Dr, Utica, NY 13501	FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY 201 South Grant Ave., Columbus OH
Name: Randall J VanWagoner	Name: <u>Bill Chan</u>
Title: President	Title: Senior Vice President, Strategic Alliances
Date: 4/12/22	Date: April 4, 2022
Signature: 13	Signature: