

**DUAL ADMISSIONS AND CORE-TO-CORE TRANSFER AGREEMENT**  
BETWEEN  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
AND  
**ARCADIA UNIVERSITY**

**Preface**

Montgomery County Community College and Arcadia University enter into this Dual Admission and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement to facilitate the transfer of Montgomery County Community College graduates to **Arcadia University**.

**Dual Admission**

Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, Montgomery County Community College students will be guaranteed admissions into a Bachelor's Degree program with third year (junior) status at Arcadia University on the condition that they:

- graduate from Montgomery County Community College with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree, Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree, Associate in Fine Art (A.F.A.) Degree, Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree or Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.) Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5<sup>1</sup>;
- enroll at Arcadia University with one year of Montgomery County Community College graduation;
- do not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from Montgomery County Community College and enroll at Arcadia University;
- complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form at the time of admission to Montgomery County Community College, or no later than when they have completed 30 college transferable credits from all colleges/universities attended;
- satisfy all other Arcadia University transfer requirements;
- Receive a grade of "C-" or better. Only grades with a "C-" or higher will transfer to Arcadia University; and
- Complete 50% of their major courses at Arcadia University. Arcadia will accept a maximum of 75 credits from a 2-year college and 90 credits from a 4-year college. Students should be aware that not all credits will be applied towards their major at Arcadia as some courses may be electives.

A full time student admitted with third year (junior) status to Arcadia University will be able to complete a Bachelor's degree in a parallel program at Arcadia University within four regular semesters<sup>2</sup> provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program at Montgomery County Community College and completes and appropriately sequences their remaining course work at Arcadia University, while maintaining full time status.

**Core-to-Core**

In addition, Arcadia University agrees to accept the general education courses embedded in the Montgomery County Community College A.A, A.S, A.F.A., A.A.S. and A.G.S. Degrees as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate general education requirements except for the Global Connections Experience and Reflection as

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<sup>1</sup> Certain majors may require higher GPAs (for example, Education 3.0, Pre-PA and Pre-PT 3.2 for assured admission)

<sup>2</sup> Except for students enrolled in the BFA in Acting, Art Education or Studio Art or BA in Biology with a concentration in Pre-PA or Pre-PT as these programs may take more than 4 semesters.

well as the Senior Capstone Course<sup>3</sup>. This Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement<sup>3</sup> applies to all Montgomery County Community College Associate Degree graduates and is not limited to students who participate in the Dual Admissions Agreement.

This Dual Admissions and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement becomes effective as of May 1, 2012.

To facilitate the transfer of Montgomery County Community College graduates to Arcadia University in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

### **Obligations of Arcadia University**

1. To attend regularly scheduled Partner Day and Evening Programs at Montgomery County Community College Central and West Campuses.
2. To provide Montgomery County Community College with “Dual Admissions Intent” forms and fact sheets to distribute upon request.
3. To invite Montgomery County Community College students who have completed a “Dual Admissions Intent” form to an informational/advising meeting(s) with faculty and staff at Arcadia University in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to Arcadia University.
4. To send, an Arcadia University letter of admission to all Montgomery County Community College students who complete a “Dual Admissions Intent” form and Arcadia University application, in accordance with the expectations set forth in the Preface. This offer of admission is typically sent in the semester before the students plan to matriculate. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at Arcadia University by May 1 for the fall semester, and by December 1 for the spring semester, and satisfy all other Arcadia University transfer requirements. Montgomery County Community College students who complete a “Dual Admissions Intent” form will be governed by the Arcadia University degree requirements in effect at the time of signing the “Dual Admissions Intent” form.
5. To waive the application fee for students who apply to Arcadia University pursuant to this Agreement.
6. To award academic scholarships to all qualified graduates admitted to Arcadia University pursuant to this Agreement. Full-time Arcadia University students (enrolled in 12 or more credits a semester) with a 3.0-3.19 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$7,500 scholarship; full-time students with a 3.2-3.49 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$9,000 scholarship; and full-time students with a 3.5-4.0 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$14,000 scholarship. Part-time Arcadia University students (enrolled in 6 to 11 credits a semester) with a 3.0 or higher final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a \$500 scholarship. All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students remaining in good academic standing at Arcadia University. Students may also be eligible for need-based financial aid and other types of financial aid.
7. To ensure these students will be provided with Arcadia University financial aid information and receive full consideration for Arcadia University financial aid, in addition to the scholarships listed above, upon matriculation at Arcadia University.

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<sup>3</sup> In the case where the student does not earn a “B” or better in ENG 101, a placement exam will be administered. The results will determine if an additional writing course is required.

8. To support and accept a Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement that allows the Montgomery County Community College general education core for the A.A., A.S., A.F.A., A.A.S. and A.G.S. Degrees to fulfill all Arcadia University core requirements except the Global Connections Experience and Reflection as well as the Senior Capstone Course<sup>4</sup>. Core-to-Core Transfer does not alter the requirements of the student's major field of study or its admissions standard as identified in the Arcadia University catalog.
9. To identify eligible Montgomery County Community College graduates enrolling at Arcadia University upon admission to Arcadia University and note that they have satisfied Arcadia University core requirements by core-to-core transfer on all pertinent Arcadia University student records.
10. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College graduates entering Arcadia University under the terms of this Agreement will go through Arcadia University's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable Arcadia University requirements and deadlines pertaining to orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, that apply to all Arcadia University students.
11. To work with Montgomery County Community College on Program-to-Program Transfer Agreements and/or Guides that specify for Montgomery County Community College transfer students the Montgomery County Community College courses that satisfy major requirements for degree completion at Arcadia University.
12. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College Dual Admissions students who matriculate at Arcadia University have all of the rights and privileges of other Arcadia University students.

**Obligations of Montgomery County Community College:**

To publicize this Agreement to prospective and current Montgomery County Community College students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for Arcadia University recruiters and advisors to visit Montgomery County Community College and meet with prospective and current Dual Admissions students.

**Joint Obligations:**

1. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both Arcadia University and Montgomery County Community College will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both Montgomery County Community College and Arcadia University sign the revised document.
2. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, Arcadia University's} academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Arcadia University.
3. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of Dual Admission and Core-to-Core Transfer.
4. To designate a representative or representatives at each institution who will coordinate the Dual Admission and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement between the two institutions.

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5. To exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this core-to-core arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of aggregate data about transfer students, including admissions information, academic progress and retention information, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees. The institution(s) will exchange data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students as indicated on the "Dual Admissions Intent" form.
6. To facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
7. To provide direct links between Arcadia University and Montgomery County Community College websites.

**Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement**

The Arcadia University Assistant Provost for Special Projects and the appropriate offices at Montgomery County Community College are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.


This Agreement will be in effect as of May 1, 2012. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Arcadia University under the terms of this Agreement.

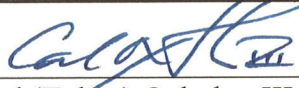
The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Montgomery County Community College into Arcadia University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures:


The undersigned representatives of the parties, Montgomery County Community College and Arcadia University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

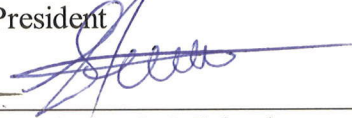
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**For Arcadia University:**

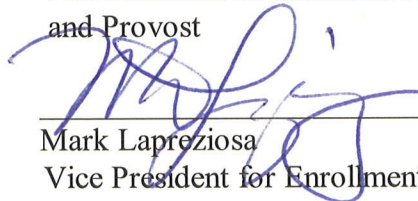
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 Dr. Steve O. Michael Date  
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 Vice President for Enrollment Management

## Appendix A

The following ASSOCIATE degrees are included in this agreement:

Accounting A.S. and A.A.S.  
Biological Sciences A.S.  
Business Administration A.S.  
Communications A.A.  
Computer Networking A.A.S.  
Computer Science A.S.  
Criminal Justice A.A.S.  
Education in the Early Years: Birth through Fourth Grade A.A.  
Electronic Game and Simulation Design\* A.A.S.  
Emergency Management and Planning\* A.A.S.  
Environmental Science A.S.  
Exercise Science and Wellness\* A.S.  
Fine Art A.F.A.  
General Studies A.G.S.  
Health Services Management A.A.S.  
Hotel and Restaurant Management\* A.A.S.  
Human Services A.A.S.  
Humanities A.A.  
Information Technology A.S.  
Liberal Studies A.A.  
Management A.A.S.  
Management Information Systems A.S.  
Marketing A.A.S.  
Mathematics A.A.  
Physical Sciences A.S.  
Secondary Education A.A.  
Social Sciences A.A.  
Theatre A.A.  
Web Design and Development A.A.S.

\* These courses do not have a direct equivalent program at Arcadia, but there are related fields offered.

## Appendix B

Dual Admissions and Core-to-core students graduating in the Honors Program at Montgomery County Community College will be admitted to the Honors Program at Arcadia University if they meet the criteria listed below. These students will have completed 18 credits in Honors, a requirement which will be noted on their Montgomery County Community College transcripts.

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA from all colleges/universities attended of 3.35.
- Students must submit an application for admission by April 15 for the Fall semester and Nov. 15 for the Spring semester.

Benefits of the Honors program at Arcadia University:

- Attend spring preview for Free!
- Priority registration
- "Leadership in Action" sequence
- On-campus and off-campus cultural events
- Honors courses, including special study abroad course
- Opportunities to present at local and national Honors conferences
- As stated in the Dual Admission/Core-to-core agreements, full-time students with a 3.2-3.49 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$9,000 scholarship; and full-time students with a 3.5-4.0 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$14,000 scholarship.
- Students that submit the Dual Admission Intent Form and inform the Arcadia University Enrollment Management staff of their status in the NCC Honors program will be invited to on-campus events with current AU Honors students.