# **DUAL ADMISSIONS AND CORE-TO-CORE TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN** 

# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

AND

## LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

### **Preface**

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

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 La Salle 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 of Fine Art (A.F.A.) Degree or Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Criminal Justice with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form; and satisfy all other La Salle University transfer requirements. This agreement excludes majors in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at La Salle University.

A full time student admitted with third year (junior) status to La Salle University will be able to complete a Bachelor's degree in a parallel program at La Salle University within four regular semesters 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 La Salle University while maintaining full time status.

To be eligible to take advantage of this Dual Admissions Agreement, the following conditions must be met:

- > Students must complete the "Dual Admission Intent" form at any time prior to earning 45 college level credits.
- > Students must graduate from Montgomery County Community College with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- > Students must achieve a 'C' in all courses transferred into the proposed major at La Salle University. Passing grades lower than a 'C' in Core courses, meaning courses outside of the major, will be transferable, providing that the student graduates with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- ➤ All students are required to obtain their associate's (A.A., A.S., A.F.A. or A.A.S.) degree from Montgomery County Community College to be eligible.
- > Students are responsible for having an official copy of their transcript sent to La Salle University at the time of final college application.
- > Students may transfer in as many as 70 credits to La Salle University with the understanding that certain courses may be used as electives and will not be used as major courses.

In addition, La Salle University agrees to accept the general education courses embedded in the Montgomery County Community College Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate general education requirements. This Core-to-Core Agreement applies to all Montgomery County Community College A.A. and A.S. degree graduates (A.A.S., A.F.A. and A.G.S. degrees are not included), and is not limited to students who participate in the Dual Admissions Agreement.

➤ Under this agreement, La Salle University's CORE will essentially be fulfilled by the degree requirements at Montgomery County Community College. However, students who graduate within the designated associate's degree program may be required to complete additional CORE "qualifiers". For most programs, this requirement is (1) religion course and (1) philosophy course. These courses can be completed as part of the degree requirements at Montgomery County Community College or must be taken at La Salle University.

This Dual Admissions and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement becomes effective on the date of its signing.

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

### **Obligations of La Salle 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 La Salle University in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to La Salle University.
- 4. To send, within 30 days of receipt of the "Dual Admissions Intent" form, a La Salle University letter of admission to all Montgomery County Community College students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form and meet the conditions set forth in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at La Salle University by April 1st for the fall semester, and by October 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other La Salle University transfer requirements. Montgomery County Community College students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form will be governed by the La Salle 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 La Salle University pursuant to this Agreement.
- 6. To award academic scholarships to all qualified graduates admitted to La Salle University pursuant to this Agreement. Full-time La Salle University students (enrolled in 12 or more credits a semester) with the following final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a scholarship in the amount as indicated below:

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2.5 - 2.75 GPA = $6,000
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$$2.75 - 3.19 \text{ GPA} = \$8,000$$

$$3.2 - 3.49$$
 GPA = \$12,000

$$3.5 - 4.0$$
 GPA = \$15,000

All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students remaining in good academic standing at La Salle 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 La Salle University financial aid information and receive full consideration for La Salle University financial aid, in addition to the scholarships listed above, upon matriculation at La Salle University.

- 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. and A.S. degrees (A.A.S., A.F.A. and A.G.S. degrees are not included) to fulfill all La Salle University core requirements. 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 La Salle University catalog.
- 9. To identify eligible Montgomery County Community College graduates enrolling at La Salle University upon admission to La Salle University and note that they have satisfied La Salle University core requirements by core-to-core transfer on all pertinent La Salle University student records.
- 10. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College graduates entering La Salle University under the terms of this Agreement will go through La Salle University transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable La Salle 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 La Salle 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 La Salle University.
- 12. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College Dual Admissions students who matriculate at La Salle University have all of the rights and privileges of other La Salle University students.
- 13. To waive placement tests for Montgomery County Community College graduates.

### **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 La Salle 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 La Salle 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 La Salle University sign the revised document.
- 2. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, La Salle University academic requirements, and the process of transferring to La Salle 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.

- 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 La Salle University and Montgomery County Community College websites.

# Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

The La Salle University 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 the date of its signing. 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 La Salle 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 La Salle 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 La Salle University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

For Montgomery County Community College:

For La Salle University:

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