

May 2010
DUAL ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
MESSIAH COLLEGE

Preface

Montgomery County Community College and Messiah College enter into this Agreement to facilitate the transfer of Montgomery County Community College graduates to Messiah College. Messiah College welcomes Montgomery County Community College graduates via the Dual Admissions Agreement as well as by traditional transfer.

Dual Admissions Agreement

Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, Montgomery County Community College students admitted to Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree programs, or Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs in Criminal Justice or Human Services are eligible to complete a “Dual Admissions Intent Form.”

Students who earn an Associate’s degree (A.A. or A.S., or A.A.S. in Criminal Justice or Human Services) with a 2.5 final cumulative GPA or higher at Montgomery County Community College, submit a Messiah College Christian Life Recommendation form, and sign the Community Covenant Agreement are assured admission to Messiah College with junior level standing. Some majors may require a higher final cumulative GPA at Montgomery County Community College and require more than four semesters at Messiah College for completion.

By satisfying the Dual Admissions Agreement, Messiah College will waive the admissions application fee for either full or part-time students and award scholarships to students who graduate with 3.0 or higher Montgomery County Community College cumulative GPA’s and attend Messiah College full-time. Messiah College will also provide access to ongoing advising while students are attending Montgomery County Community College.

In order to begin the Dual Admissions process, students must complete the “Dual Admissions Intent Form” between the time of admission to Montgomery County Community College and prior to earning no more than 45 total transferable credits, including Montgomery County Community College courses and those earned from other colleges and universities. However, students are strongly advised to complete the “Dual Admissions Intent Form” prior to earning no more than 30 total transferable credits in order to take full advantage of academic advising from Messiah College. Dual Admissions students should not earn more than 6 transferrable credits after graduating from Montgomery County Community College and before attending Messiah College.

Messiah College agrees to accept the general education courses embedded in the Montgomery County Community College A.A and A.S degrees toward the fulfillment of many of its undergraduate general education requirements. Given the larger number of general education courses required for the four-year degree at Messiah, most students will have remaining general education courses to fulfill after transferring to Messiah. There are a variety of courses related to the Christian faith mission only offered at Messiah College.

In order to maximize the transfer of credit to Messiah the following advising guidelines are provided:

1. Because Messiah College requires 9 credits of foreign language in the same language, students are encouraged to take 6 or 9 credits of the same language at Montgomery County Community College.
2. MAT 100, 103, 106, 108 at Montgomery County Community College will count toward the general education mathematics requirement at Messiah College. However, higher level math may be required by the student's intended major at Messiah College. Therefore, students are advised to consult an academic advisor at Messiah.
3. ENG 102 at Montgomery County Community College will count as a Writing Enriched course at Messiah College.
4. MAT 131 is an appropriate equivalent for Messiah's STAT 269 statistics course.

Programs with Pre-admission Requirements

Acceptance into Messiah College majors which have specified enrollment requirements will be contingent upon the student's fulfillment of those requirements (e.g. Teacher Certification Programs, Engineering, or Nursing.)

Other Associate's Degree Programs

Students in any other Montgomery County Community College degree programs other than the A.A., A.S. and selected A.A.S. specified in this agreement are welcomed at Messiah College and are encouraged to apply. Students in any degree programs are always given the maximum number of transfer credits possible. An evaluation of a student's transcript will determine courses that meet major requirements, courses that meet general education requirements, and courses that meet free elective requirements. Most of the credits taken at Montgomery County Community College taken toward an Associate's degree should count toward the minimum 123 credits (or more depending on major) required for graduation at Messiah College.

This Dual Admissions Agreement becomes effective on the date of its signing.

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

Obligations of Messiah College

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 Messiah College in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to Messiah College.
4. To send, within 30 days of receipt of the "Dual Admissions Intent Form," a Messiah College 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. In order to assure the best possible housing assignment consideration students should confirm their intention to matriculate at Messiah College as early as possible, but no later than August 1 for the fall semester, and by

December 1 for the spring semester, and satisfy all other Messiah College transfer requirements, Montgomery County Community College students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent Form" will be governed by the Messiah College 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 Messiah College pursuant to this Agreement.
6. To award academic scholarships to all qualified graduates admitted to Messiah College pursuant to this Agreement. Full-time Messiah College students (enrolled in 12 or more credits a semester) with a 3.0-3.249 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$6,000 Provost's Scholarship. Full time students with a 3.25-3.49 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$8,000 Provost's Scholarship. Full time students with a 3.5-3.79 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$10,000 Provost's Scholarship. Full-time students with a gpa greater than 3.8 but less than or equal to 4.00 final cumulative Montgomery County Community College GPA will receive a minimum of \$12,000 Provost's Scholarship.

All Provost's Scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students remaining in good academic standing at Messiah College with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 over the two consecutive semesters of the succeeding academic year. 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 Messiah College financial aid information and receive full consideration for Messiah College financial aid, in addition to the scholarships listed above, upon matriculation at Messiah College.
8. To ensure that all courses for which a passing grade (A, B, or C) was received will transfer to Messiah College.
9. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College graduates entering Messiah College under the terms of this Agreement will go through Messiah College's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable Messiah College 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 there of, that apply to all Messiah College students.
10. To work with Montgomery County Community College on Program-to-Program Articulation Agreements that specify for Montgomery County Community College transfer students the Montgomery County Community College courses that satisfy major requirements for degree completion at Messiah College.
11. To ensure that Montgomery County Community College Dual Admissions students who matriculate at Messiah College have all of the rights and privileges of other Messiah College students.
12. To waive placement tests for Montgomery County Community College graduates who have completed a college level Math and English course.

Obligations of Montgomery County Community College:

1. To publicize this Agreement to prospective and current Montgomery County Community College students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for Messiah College recruiters and advisors to visit Montgomery County Community College at Transfer Fair programs in the Fall and Spring as well as a Partner Day and Evening programs, and to meet with prospective and current Dual Admissions students.
2. To give Messiah College the ability to promote this Agreement and the advantages of transferring to Messiah College via email to students in general at Montgomery County Community College and even more specifically to Montgomery County Community College Honors Program students and students in Christian organizations.

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 Messiah College 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 Messiah College sign the revised document.
2. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, Messiah College's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Messiah College.
3. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of Dual Admissions.
4. To designate a representative or representatives at each institution who will coordinate the Dual Admissions Agreement between the two institutions.
5. To exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement, 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 Messiah College and Montgomery County Community College websites.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

The Messiah College Provost's Office 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.

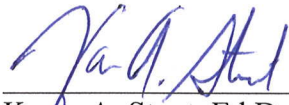
This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written 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 Messiah College 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 Messiah College, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures:

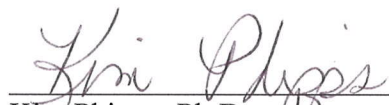
The undersigned representatives of the parties, Montgomery County Community College and Messiah College, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

For Montgomery County Community College:

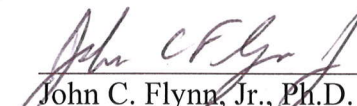
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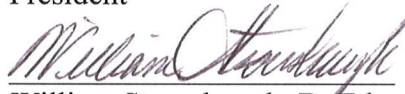
Karen A. Stout, Ed.D. 6/23/10
President Date




Kim Phipps, Ph.D. 6/23/10
President Date




John C. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D. 6/23/10
Vice President of Academic Affairs Date
and Provost



William Strausbaugh, D.Ed. 6/23/10
Assistant Provost and Dean of Curriculum Date



Steady Moono, Ed.D. 6/23/10
Vice President for Student Affairs Date



John Chopka 6/23/10
Vice President for Enrollment Management Date