Memorandum of Understanding Between Ohio Christian University And Georgia Piedmont Technical College

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") dated as of 15 January 2016 (the "Effective Date"), is by and between Ohio Christian University (OCU), and Georgia Piedmont Technical College ("GPTC").

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to advance the educational opportunities of eligible graduates of Georgia Piedmont Technical College by providing visibility of Ohio Christian University offerings to its students.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Profile and Accreditation

Georgia Piedmont Technical College provides technical education for citizens in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale, and Morgan counties. These educational opportunities are offered through certificates, diplomas, and associate degree programs designed to prepare individuals for productive and satisfying careers. Georgia Piedmont Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Ohio Christian University Profile and Accreditation

With a heritage dating back to 1948, OCU is committed to offering an education that develops students intellectually, professionally, and spiritually— OCU's College of Adult and Graduate Studies offers degree programs to the busy adult at 15 campus locations and fully online. Ohio Christian University is regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Promotion

Georgia Piedmont Technical College agrees to provide information and promote the educational opportunities available among its student population. This includes opportunities for representatives of Ohio Christian University, or approved agents, to visit the institution's locations and disseminate information. Additionally, links to the Ohio Christian University website may be used on GPTC web pages.

All promotion and advertising contemplated under this MOU will be done in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and with approval from both institutions' marketing departments.

The parties will designate a local point of contact that will be responsible for coordinating promotional opportunities and sharing timely information about significant changes in academic policy and procedures, program requirements, and other details as needed.

OCU will include GPTC on its Educational Partners (Articulation Agreements) webpage.

Ohio Christian University will waive all application fees for individuals admitted in connection with this MOU.

Academic Transfer Review

Ohio Christian University will determine the number of credits that may be accepted for transfer and award semester credit according to the program selected and subject to all requirements, rules, and academic policies, including but not limited to the external transfer credit policy, as set forth in the respective catalog and addenda, as amended from time to time. Students will be given the opportunity to request to write for Prior Learning Assessment credit and such can lead to up to 24 hours of credit for life-long learning or sponsored professional training.

Approved nationally recognized tests (e.g., AP, CLEP, DANTES), an appropriate credit recommendation categorized as lower- or upper-division (not vocational) from the American Council on Education, as well as an individual's military educational history, may also be recognized for proficiency credit.

OCU agrees to accept the credits issued by GPTC if the following conditions are met:

- 1. Courses meet the descriptions in the "Appendix: Specific Programs / Courses Approved for Transfer to OCU from GPTC" document.
- 2. Only courses with a grade of "C-" or higher may be transferred into OCU programs.
- 3. Students must meet admission requirements specific to each OCU program.
- 4. Each applicant for transfer admission will be notified of the specific course credits or equivalents to be granted by OCU.

Changes to MOU and Termination

The parties agree that the terms of this MOU may be modified from time to time by further written agreement by both parties. The Appendix that provides specific course and program information may be modified frequently with the approval of appointed representatives of both parties without necessitating a modification to the MOU.

The term of this MOU begins on the Effective Date and will continue indefinitely. Either party has the right to terminate this MOU with or without cause with ninety (90) days advanced written notice to the other party. Should a decision be made to modify or dissolve this agreement, students who are already attending Ohio Christian University at the time will be permitted to continue as long as their academic performance places them in good standing.

Venue

Any action brought pursuant to or in connection with this MOU shall be brought only in the state or federal courts within the State of Georgia or the State of Ohio.

The parties have caused this MOU to be executed by duly authorized officers as of the Effective Date.

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Appendix: Specific Programs / Courses Approved for Transfer to OCU from GPTC DATE: 15 January 2016

The purpose of the appendix is to provide a specific transfer guide that can be updated on a regular basis by the mutual agreement of the appropriate academic officers of each institution, without the need to update the general agreement.

Individual students may petition for acceptance of other courses or credits or may take nationally-normed tests aforementioned in the MOU.

Programs / Courses Approved for Transfer:

- All A.A.S. programs will be viewed as valid for transfer and students with an earned degree may immediately transfer into an OCU bachelor degree program. If A.A.S. graduates have 50 credit hours of coursework as detailed below or from other transfer or testing credits they will be able to immediately transfer into an OCU bachelor degree program. A.A.S, graduates without 50 credit hours of transfer-appropriate coursework will be admitted to OCU as bachelor program bridge students until they have completed the appropriate number of courses;
- While A.S. and A.A.S. degree-holding students will be admitted into OCU bachelor programs, OCU will only accept GPTC courses from the following list to meet graduation and general education requirements for an OCU degree¹:
 - O Business Program Courses All accounting (ACCT), bank & finance (BAFN), economics (ECON), Management (MGMT), and marketing (MKTG) courses, numbered 1100 and above; All general business courses (BUSN), numbered 1300 and above.
 - Communications / English Courses All English courses (ENGL) numbered
 1100 and above and public speaking or other speech courses (SPCH), numbered
 1100 and above.
 - Computer Science All computer information systems (CIST) courses, numbered 1100 and above.
 - o Criminal Justice All criminal justice (CRJU) courses, numbered 1010 and above.
 - o Education Classes All early childcare and education (ECCE) courses numbered 1100 and above.
 - Forensic Science All forensic science (FOSC) courses numbered 1200 and above.

¹ List created using the 2014-2015 GPTC General Catalog

- Humanities Courses All history (HIST) courses numbered 1111 and above; Introduction to Humanities (HUMN 1101) and Music Appreciation (MUSC 1101).
- o Mathematics Courses All mathematics (MATH) courses, numbered 1100 and above.
- o Nursing Courses All nursing (PNSG) courses, numbered 2010 and above.
- o Paralegal Studies All paralegal (PARA) courses, numbered 1100 and above.
- O Science Courses All biology (BIOL) and physics (PHYS) courses, numbered 1100 and above; all chemistry courses (CHEM), numbered 1200 and above.
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