

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFER CREDIT PATHWAY AGREEMENT

Westchester Community College, SUNY

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Valhalla, NY 10595**

and

Bard College

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I. PURPOSE

Westchester Community College (hereafter referred to as WCC), a community college in Westchester County, New York and Bard College, an institution in Dutchess County, New York, agree to formulate pathways to the programs outlined in this document to ensure a smooth transfer process for Westchester Community College graduates.

The purpose of this Transfer Credit Pathway Agreement is to establish collaboration between Westchester Community College and Bard College, to promote degree completion and facilitate the transfer process. Bard College offers Westchester Community College students the opportunity to transfer up to 64 credits toward the completion of their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (Note, the BS degree is only available for Bard's Economics and Finance 5-year dual degree program) degree at Bard. Credits will transfer from WCC classes that are similar to those offered at Bard and in which the student has earned 'C' or higher grades. Transfers who have completed their associate's degree enter Bard with junior standing following our transfer credit requirements. WCC graduates may follow a specific degree program as outlined in the Westchester Community College / Bard College Transfer Credit Pathway Guide or students may choose a different program of study at Bard from the WCC degree that they graduated with. WCC students may choose any program of study at Bard providing they meet the transfer requirements. Students are not restricted to one program or course of study.

The following general principles guide the operation of this Pathway:

II. ADMISSIONS

This pathway applies to those students who have followed the Westchester Community College fall 2019 undergraduate catalog requirements, or thereafter.

This pathway only applies to students who have successfully met graduation requirements prior to enrollment at the transfer institution. Students must also have fulfilled WCC's graduation requirements with classes that are transferrable to Bard College, totaling a number of 60-64 credits to be considered for junior standing. They will be accepted to Bard College based on the following conditions:

III. GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE

UPON MEETING TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

Upon meeting transfer admission requirements and accruing 60-64 transferable credits students will transfer with junior standing to Bard. Students who transfer from Westchester Community College to Bard College are expected to adhere to general academic policies and procedures required for admission to the College, and to fulfill any particular requirements (regarding GPA, prerequisites, clinical experience, etc.) that may be in place for certain academic programs at the College. The Bard College catalog specifies, in detail, all relevant policies and procedures.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS

A minimum of 60 credits and a maximum of 64 credits from the AA or AS degree will be applied toward the completion of the articulated bachelor's degree program, as long as credits taken at WCC fulfill Bard's transfer requirements outlined in this agreement. Credits will transfer as long as the class is similar to one offered at Bard and a student received a grade of C or higher. If all transferable credits do not count for requirements in the major, they will then count as elective credit toward the degree.

Students will receive an informal transfer credit evaluation, upon request, at the time of application submittal. Students will receive a formal transfer credit evaluation at the time of admission.

V. REMAINING CREDITS AT RECEIVING INSTITUTION

Students who attend Bard College under this agreement will be required to fulfill Bard College's bachelor's degree requirements that are in effect the semester/year they matriculate. A maximum of 64 credits must be earned at Bard College. A minimum of 128 credits is needed to earn a bachelor's degree.

VI. GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS (Distribution Requirements at Bard College)

Students **MAY** be required to take additional general education/core requirements/distribution requirements at Bard, if all of Bard's distribution requirements are not met at WCC. This applies to all accepted students, regardless of whether a program-to-program equivalency exists.

Bard College Admission representatives are available to advise students through this process. Also included are a list of Bard College's Distribution Requirements and example courses that fulfill both Bard's Distribution Requirements and WCC's General Education requirements. Students can take these requirements prior to completing an A.A. or A.S. degree at WCC. This is outlined in *Westchester Community College / Bard College Transfer Credit Pathway Guide*.

Please note that Distribution Requirements may be completed at Bard or WCC, though we strongly encourage that many of these requirements be fulfilled at WCC. This will give students more flexibility moving towards intended majors at Bard.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIPS

Bard College offers a special scholarship opportunity for students who attend community colleges in the Hudson Valley.

The **Bard College Scholarship for Community Colleges in the Hudson Valley** has the following criteria:

- Students must earn a minimum GPA of **3.3**
- Students must register at the receiving institution as full-time, matriculated students
- The scholarships will be renewable, as long as students meet the following minimum requirements:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of **3.3**
- Maintain full-time matriculated status

In addition to the above, Bard College also offers the following general scholarships to transfer students:

Civic Engagement Scholarship

Classical Studies Scholarship

Distinguished Scientist Scholarship (DSS)

Levy Economics Scholarship

New Generation Scholarship

President's Scholarship

Bard Scholarship

Distinguished Scientist Scholars Program for Continuing Undergraduates

IX. PROMOTION/OUTREACH

WCC and Bard College agree to publicize this agreement via, but not limited to printed and electronic marketing materials and communications. WCC and Bard College agree to collaborate to ensure successful transfer initiatives.

WCC and Bard College grant a reciprocal license for each to use the name and/or logo of the other educational institution for the purpose of promotion and advertisement of this specific agreement, addressing graduates of Westchester Community College, promoting their associate degree completion. Neither party is authorized to use the other's name and/or logo for any purpose other than stated herein. Advertisement will be disseminated only after consultation between the parties. WCC and Bard College will communicate their marketing and promotion plan to each other to avoid duplication and to make effective use of promotion resources.

X. TERM/MONITOR/REVIEW

- A.** The initial term of this pathway shall be four years from the date of the signature, with three (3) automatic renewals of two years each.
- B.** The pathway may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this pathway.
- C.** Bard College will provide WCC annually with statistics regarding transfer students from WCC. Data requested includes: number of applications, enrollments, transfer credits, majors, GPAs, financial aid awarded outside of state/federal aid, as well as completion statistics.
- D.** WCC and Bard College agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption of student progress toward degree completion.

XI. TERMINATION





The Pathway Agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause and after written notification with a minimum of 90 days' notice. Termination of the pathway agreement will not

adversely affect any students currently pursuing this program track at WCC or enrolled at or accepted to Bard College at the time of termination.

XIII. APPENDICES

As part of this agreement, the following have been included:

Appendix A: Program to Program Alignment Table.

Westchester Community College			
<i>Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>	<i>Dr. Vanessa Morest</i>		1/5/2021
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Dr. Belinda S. Miles</i>		1/8/2021
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
Bard College			
<i>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>	<i>Taun Toy</i> <i>To AM</i>		22 Dec 20
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Leon Botstein</i>		22. Dec. 20
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

There are two original signed documents, one for each institution.
Upon completion, please return documents to:

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Appendix A: Program to Program Alignment

Westchester Community College		Bard College				Conditions		Additional Specifications
Program	Degree Type	Program	Degree Type	Remaining # Credits to Graduate	Link to Advising Materials	Min. GPA @ WCC	Min. Grade Requirements	
Accounting	A.S.							
Art and Design	A.S.	Art History/Studio Art	B.A.					
Business Management	A.S.							
Business Management- Global Business	A.S.							
Business Management- Management	A.S.							
Business Management- Sales Management	A.S.							
Business Management- SUNY Transfer	A.S.							
Business Management-Human Resource Management	A.S.							
Chemical Dependency Counseling	A.A.S.							
Civil Technology	A.A.S.							
Communications And Media Arts	A.A.							
Computer Information Systems	A.A.S.							
Computer Science	A.S.	Computer Science	B. A.					
Criminal Justice-Corrections	A.A.S.							
Criminal Justice-Police	A.A.S.							
Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management	A.A.S.							
Cybersecurity	A.A.S.							
Digital Filmmaking	A.S.							
Early Childhood	A.A.S.							
Electrical Technology	A.A.S.							
Energy Systems	A.A.S.							
Engineering Science	A.S.							
Environmental Science	A.S.	Enviromental Studies	B.A.					
Environmental Studies	A.S.	Enviromental Studies	B.A.					
Fashion Design & Technology	A.A.S.							
Fashion Merchandising	A.A.S.							
Foods & Nutrition	A.S.							
Health and Human Performance	A.S.							
Health Information Technoloy	A.A.S.							
Health Studies	A.S.							
Human Services	A.A.S.							
Human Services	A.S.							
Journalism	A.S.							
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer)- Art	A.S.							
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer)- English	A.S.							
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer)- History	A.S.							

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Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer)- Mathematics	A.S.							
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities	A.A.	Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities- Art Studio	A.A.	Studio Art	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities- English	A.A.	Literature or Written Arts	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities- History	A.A.	Historical Studies	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities- Honors	A.A.	Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities- Spanish	A.A.	Foreign Language, Culture and Literature	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science	A.S.	Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science	B. A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science- Biology	A.S.	Biology	B. A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science- Chemistry	A.S.	Chemistry	B. A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science- Health Science	A.S.							
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics and Science- Mathematics	A.S.	Mathematics	B. A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences	A.A.	Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences - Honors	A.A.	Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences- Anthropology	A.A.	Anthropology	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences- Economics	A.A.	Economics & Finance	B.S.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences- Psychology	A.A.	Psychology	B.A.					
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences- Sociology	A.A.	Sociology	B.A.					
Marketing	A.S.							
Mechanical Technology	A.A.S.							
Networking	A.A.S.							
Nursing	A.A.S.							
Office Technologies	A.A.S.							

