

Articulation Agreement

Rockland Community College and Franklin University

The purpose of this document is to establish a 3+1 and/or 2+2 articulation agreement between Rockland Community College and Franklin University. Subject to Rockland Community College's compliance with the requirements set forth herein, this agreement guarantees admission to Franklin University, transferability of credits, and a seamless transition for Rockland Community College graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Rockland Community College and Franklin University enter into this articulation agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving all students, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, criminal conviction, or any other protected status.

TRANSFER

Upon application, Franklin University will guarantee acceptance of all Rockland Community College graduates with an Associate degree. Transfer students from Rockland Community College, upon acceptance, may have junior standing at Franklin University.

Students transferring from Rockland Community College may transfer additional credits (up to a maximum of 94 semester credit hours) toward their baccalaureate degree. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Franklin University to be eligible for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Rockland Community College programs and courses will be identified that will effectively transfer to Franklin University and prepare Rockland Community College students for success in the Franklin University programs.

FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM

Franklin University and Rockland Community College will enter into a Financial Aid Consortium, by complying with the necessary information sharing, to entitle students in these programs to the appropriate federal, state and institutional assistance. This process includes annual reporting of tuition fees and academic calendar dates.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Rockland Community College and Franklin University agree to cooperate in communicating transfer opportunity benefits about this partnership agreement through the following methods.

Franklin University agrees to provide:

- Community College Alliance Faculty/Staff Tuition Discount for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctorate programs for full/part-time permanent employees of Rockland Community College.
 - Benefit also includes first Undergraduate course for free and free faculty development courses for Rockland Community College faculty and staff

- Co-branded marketing as opportunities are available, including digital and offline (dependent upon market).
- A co-branded partner specific landing page available to link from Rockland Community College's website.

Rockland Community College agrees to provide:

- Presence / link on Rockland Community College's Articulation/Transfer Agreements website page
- Graduation List
- Presence/link/literature within Rockland Community College's employee benefits intranet page/packages to promote Franklin's Community College Alliance Faculty/Staff Tuition Discount

All co-branded marketing promoting the 3+1 partnership will be approved in advance by Rockland Community College and Franklin University prior to distribution/production. Franklin University will cover all production costs promoting the 3+1 transfer partnership.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Both parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 and all associated regulations, taking necessary steps to ensure that confidential personally identifiable information is not disclosed or distributed, including the maintenance of a security plan consistent with industry standards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of personally identifiable information, and to protect against unauthorized access to such information. Information will be shared, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, as needed to allow transferring students to participate in the articulation program and to track student interest, persistence and success.

INDEMNIFICATION

- To the extent permitted by law, Rockland Community College shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franklin University, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Rockland Community College, its agents or employees, in the performance of Rockland Community College's obligations under this agreement.
- To the extent permitted by law, Franklin University shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Forsyth Technical Community College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Franklin University, its agents or employees, in the performance of Franklin University's obligations under this agreement.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The parties of this agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Rockland County, New York in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

TERM

This agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year periods from the signing date unless a party gives notice of non-renewal 3 months in advance of the expiration of the then- applicable term.

Franklin University reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Agreement or to discontinue the articulation program at any time. Notice of modification or intentions to discontinue shall be in writing from one President to the other at least nine months prior to the date on which any action would be taken. In the event that the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Rockland Community College will continue to provide services to all currently enrolled students through graduation or discontinued enrollment.

This agreement and attached addendums are effective only under the condition that both institutions maintain current accreditation by a regional accrediting association as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In the event that an institution loses its accreditation, this agreement and addendums will terminate immediately.

The parties agree to the provisions of any Addendums to Agreement, which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

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FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY
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Name: Dr. Susan Deer

Name: Bill Chan

Title: Provost & Executive Vice President

Title: Vice President, Strategic Alliances

Date: November 6, 2020

Date: November 5, 2020

Signature: 

Signature: 

Addendum to Articulation Agreement
Between

Rockland Community College and Franklin University

The purpose of this Addendum is only to establish additional benefits to the existing 3+1 and/or 2+2 Articulation Agreement between Rockland Community College and Franklin University, as incorporated by reference herein, and for no other change. The Articulation Agreement guarantees admission to Franklin University, transferability of credits, and a seamless transition for Rockland Community College graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Rockland Community College and Franklin University execute this Addendum in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving all students, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, criminal conviction, or any other protected status.

Franklin University agrees to provide the following benefits to all part-time and full-time students and alumni of Rockland Community College from the date of execution of this Addendum through the duration of the Articulation Agreement for the promotion of the designated transfer opportunity benefits.

Rockland Community College agrees to promote, as outlined below, Franklin University when listing Franklin University on Rockland Community College Articulation Agreement website. This Addendum does not preclude Rockland Community College from having relationships/arrangements with other online transfer institutions.

Franklin University agrees to provide:

- 10% tuition discount for students transferring from Rockland Community College.
- Free books for students transferring from Rockland Community College in the form of open access availability.

Rockland Community College agrees to:

- Identify Franklin University as an institution with which they have an Articulation Agreement in co-branded marketing and on its website Articulation Agreement page. The branding will specifically state that Franklin University offers a 10% tuition discount and free books to transferring students from Rockland Community College.
- Access to engagement with staff, faculty, and students through meetings, classroom presentations, training, etc.

All marketing material that carries both college's branded identity promoting the 3+1/2+2 Articulation Agreement Addendum will be approved in advance by both Rockland Community College and Franklin University prior to being displayed. Franklin University will cover all production costs promoting the 3+1 and/or 2+2 additional benefits, as listed above in this Addendum.

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