



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
COMPLETION PATHWAY PROGRAM  
BETWEEN  
CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AND  
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The University System of Ohio's *Plan for Advancing Progress at Central State University (Plan)* promotes three goals: (1) increasing enrollment, (2) improving course completion, and (3) increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees conferred at Central State University. To this end and during the 2012-2013 academic year, Central State shall implement several actions as indicated in the Plan and simultaneously respond to Ohio's need to increase the number of residents with baccalaureate degrees. Central State University (CSU) will pilot elements of the "Preferred Pathways" in partnership with Clark State Community College (CSCC) as a way to enhance our presence at community colleges, create enhanced engagement while intimately embracing our students, and increase enrollment and graduation of educated Ohioans from post-secondary institutions. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to be fully implemented beginning fall semester 2013, serves as a model for future agreements with our community college partners.

**THE CLARK STATE-CENTRAL STATE COMPLETION PATHWAY PROGRAM**

The Completion Pathway Program formalizes links between CSU and CSCC to facilitate student attainment of a baccalaureate degree at Central State. The program has two pathways: (1) Baccalaureate Completion and (2) College Readiness Pathway.

Program Goals include:

- Improving academic program articulation between institutions.
- Promoting student success and baccalaureate degree attainment.
- Eliminating barriers for students in attaining their educational goals.
- Expanding student options for college services.
- Using resources at both institutions efficiently and effectively.

## **TYPES OF PATHWAYS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**PATHWAY ONE: BACCALAUREATE COMPLETION:** The Baccalaureate Completion Pathway Program is designed for students entering CSCC with the intention of obtaining a bachelor's degree at CSU. Students will be permitted to concurrently enroll in credit bearing courses at Clark State and Central State. This pathway has two options:

**Option 1:** General Education Completion Pathway. Students who complete the Transfer Module at CSCC will have satisfied the General Education requirements at CSU. In addition, CSCC students wanting to take General Education courses at CSU may do so using the SOCHE Cross Registration process.

**Option 2:** Students who complete the Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science Degree at CSCC with 60 or more semester hours will seamlessly transfer to CSU with upper division status. Clark State and Central State will formulate programmatic agreements that will articulate transferrable course equivalencies that will lead to the baccalaureate degree.

Should a Clark State student transfer to Central State University prior to completion of an AA or AS degree, CSCC shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA or AS degree using Central State University course credits through the "reverse transfer" model. Both CSU and CSCC shall follow the prescribed criteria for eligibility and award process as determined by the Ohio Board of Regents for the Credit When It's Due Reverse-Transfer initiative. To be eligible CSCC students must have been awarded a minimum of 20 credit hours while attending CSCC and must earn in total at least 60 credit hours when combining accrued credits between CSCC and CSU. All coursework must be consistent with the stated AA or AS criteria. The same courses may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at CSU.

**PATHWAY TWO: COLLEGE READINESS:** The College Readiness Pathway Program is designed for a cohort of students who are accepted to Central State but are in need of additional college preparation. Students in the Readiness Pathway Program are full-time students at Central State University.

Central State University will seek the assistance of Clark State Community College faculty to provide this level of academic preparation and readiness courses on the CSU campus. Clark State and Central State will sign a separate Memorandum of Understanding that identifies the strategies for strengthening college readiness, student identification, registration, and transcription process, and associated remuneration.

## **RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

Clark State and Central State will be responsible for recruitment, retention, and providing student support services. Central State University will provide on-site registration services for Clark State students planning to matriculate to Central State University.

**Tuition and Fees:** Each institution will assess fees for courses taken at their respective institution.

## **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

The Clark State-Central State University Completion Pathway Program provides students a unique environment in which they will receive intentional academic and social support

services from both institutions to ensure a seamless transition from CSCC to CSU. Benefits include the use of:

- Library Services
- Computing Services
- Campus E-Mail
- Tutoring and Academic Advising
- Academic Computer Labs
- The CSU Bookstore
- One ID card for use at both institutions
- Recreation facilities

Clark State students will also be granted the following benefits at CSU:

- Access to participate in student/faculty joint research projects
- Student rates for admission to athletic events
- Associate membership in non-restricted student clubs and organizations
- Reduced fee for parking

### **PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENTS**

The following programmatic agreements will be explored as a part of Pathway One/Option 2 under this MOA\*:

- Business Administration—  
Entrepreneurship Option
- Business Administration –Management  
Option
- Business Administration—Marketing  
Option
- Criminal Justice
- English
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Music Performance
- Music Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Computer Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Geography
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Water Resources Management

\*All programmatic agreements must satisfy the standards of its accrediting organization.

### **DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This MOA shall serve as a guideline for the duration of five (5) years from the date of signing. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the MOA by giving written notice of not less than six (6) months prior to the end of the academic year in progress.

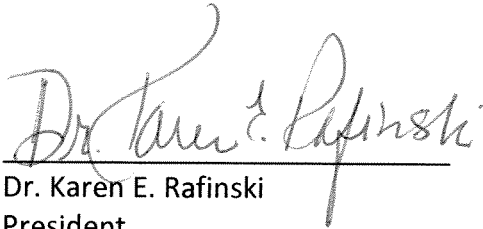
### **MODIFICATION**

Any suggestions for changes in the substance or scope of this Memorandum of Agreement should be presented, in writing, by the signatories making the proposal at least six (6) months prior to the end of the academic year in progress.

**COOPERATION**

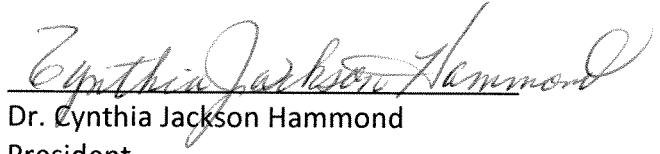
The parties agree that, in the event of the termination of this Memorandum of Agreement by either of the parties, any student of one of the parties involved at the other party institution under the terms of any agreement concluded in pursuance of this Memorandum of Agreement, who have not yet completed their studies, will be afforded the opportunity to do so within the prescribed period, for the purposes of which the parties shall continue to give their full cooperation to each other.

The proposed partnership shall not necessarily be limited to items specified above, but may be expanded to include programs and activities of mutual benefit to the Clark State and Central State communities, as mutually agreed upon during the course of the validity of this Memorandum of Agreement.



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Date: 2/1/13



Dr. Cynthia Jackson Hammond  
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Date: 2/1/13