



A Transfer Articulation Agreement

By and between the

Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Xavier University of Louisiana

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto (the "Effective Date") by and between XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, A Louisiana, non-profit corporation (Xavier University) whose address is 1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA 70125 and the LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, whose address is 265 S Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Xavier University enters into this Agreement which includes the system-wide campuses 2-year institutions, for the express purpose of ensuring acceptance of Louisiana Community and Technical College (hereinafter, sometimes, "LCTC") coursework in order to facilitate the transfer of LCTC students who satisfy either of the following criteria:

1. An Associate Degree Awarded by a Louisiana Community and Technical College campus with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher, that meets one of the following requirements:
 - a. The degree is an Associate in Arts for Transfer ("AA") degree, an Associate of Arts (AA), an Associate of General Studies (AGS), or an Associate in Science for Transfer ("AS") degree. These degrees were designed to provide a clear pathway to a baccalaureate degree and they represent strong preparation for upper division coursework in a range of majors;

(OR)

2. A minimum of 30 transferrable semester units with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. College courses recognized in the state's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix will be transferable when an equivalent is available. LCTCS institutions with transfer degree pathways will work with Xavier to establish a course articulation table for those transfer pathways not included in section a.

When determined by Xavier University to its reasonable satisfaction that a student has satisfied either of the conditions set for above, LCTC transfer students will be afforded the following opportunities:

I. GUARANTEED ADMISSION

LCTC transfer students awarded an Associate Degree, as identified above, will be guaranteed admission to Xavier University at junior standing. Students will be made aware that additional prerequisites and graduation requirements may be required by Xavier University, in its sole discretion, for certain majors. Only students who are in good standing at their last transfer institution will be considered.

LCTC transfer students without an Associate Degree but obtaining a minimum 30 transferrable units as defined above will be guaranteed admission to Xavier University at an appropriate standing to be determined by Xavier University.

In either instance, students will be made aware that additional prerequisites and graduation requirements may be required by Xavier University in accordance with its academic requirements certain majors. Only students who are in good standing at their last transfer institution will be considered.

II. TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

For LCTC transfer students awarded an Associate Degree, Xavier University will accept a minimum of 60 semester units. For LCTC transfer students without an Associate Degree, but with a minimum of 30 transferrable units, Xavier University will accept a minimum of 30 semester units.

Xavier University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to award credit for major preparation based on Xavier University policy.

III. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Xavier University agrees to accept the completion of the AA or AS degree in lieu of its own lower division general education requirements. For LCTC transfer students awarded an Associate Degree, no more than nine additional units will be required to fulfill Xavier University general education requirements.

IV. CATALOG RIGHTS

If Xavier University modifies the degree requirements or prerequisites after admission, a LCTC transfer student will be accommodated with equivalent coursework credit and not penalized in total units required for their Bachelor's degree. Admitted LCTC transfer students will be required to follow the degree requirements as outlined in the catalog that was in effect at the time of application.

V. STUDENT ADVISING

Xavier University will provide pre-transfer advising to LCTC students through online, onsite, and/or telephone advising. The University's Office of Admissions will maintain transfer agreements with community colleges on its website and will interact with community college transfer center directors. In addition, faculty advising by discipline will be available to future transfer students prior to and once enrolled at Xavier University. Informational materials for potential transfer students will be available at the community colleges to facilitate the transfer process.

Xavier University will endeavor to coordinate with each system campus to arrange advising, recruitment and other outreach efforts to educate and inform Louisiana Community and Technical College students, faculty and staff about **Xavier University**.

Activities may include the following:

- a. Participation in transfer conferences, transfer fairs, professional conferences and visits to community colleges to educate administrators, counselors, faculty, staff, and students about University admissions requirements, costs, etc.;
- b. Provision of onsite admissions to eligible LCTC students at transfer conferences, transfer fairs, and during college visits; and,
- c. Work with the LCTCS campus transfer centers to outreach to all students. Additional efforts will be made to reach out to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) majors.

VI. HOUSING

Xavier University will provide priority consideration to LCTC students for available campus housing during the first year if all applicable housing fees are paid by applicable housing application deadlines.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Xavier University will seek to develop transfer scholarship opportunities for incoming students who have a 3.0 or higher grade point average and meet all other applicable criteria of Xavier University, based on available funding.

VIII. DATA

For the purposes of this Agreement, parties agree to share student information that assists with the furtherance of the activities outlined herein. Both parties agree to keep student information confidential and to use such information only for the activities outlined in this agreement.

IX. MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

The LCTCS will work with Xavier University to develop an internal and external marketing plan to communicate and publicize the President's support of this Agreement to all LCTCS campuses. Dissemination may include print media, news releases, email, webinars, and social media distribution channels. The system office will assist in promoting this opportunity to each LCTC and ensure that Transfer Center Directors understand the benefits of the program for students. Professional organizations and initiatives will be encouraged to disseminate information about the agreement.

X. TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

The term of this Agreement shall be ongoing commencing on the date first set forth above, provided that either party may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon written notice, with the termination effective at the start of the following academic year. If the Agreement is terminated, all students identified on or before the date of termination will retain their transfer guarantee and all other terms stated in the Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and may not be amended, unless in writing and signed by both parties.

This Agreement shall not be construed to create any rights in favor of any non-party hereto, including as third-party beneficiaries.

All notices (including, without limitation, approvals consents and exercises of rights or options) required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed served, if by personal delivery or by facsimile, on the date the same is actually received by the addressee thereof or, if by mail, two business days after the same is deposited with the United States Postal Service (or its successors) for mailing by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage fully prepaid, addressed as hereinafter set forth, or, if by overnight messenger service (e.g., Federal Express) on the date of delivery by such overnight messenger service to the address as hereinafter set forth. All notices shall be addressed as follows or to such other address as the party entitled to receive such notice may, from time to time hereinafter, designate by giving written notice pursuant hereto:

If to Xavier University:

Xavier University of Louisiana
Attn: President
1 Drexel Drive
New Orleans, LA 70125

If to LCTCS:

Louisiana Community and Technical College System
Attn: President
265 S Foster Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT

In witness whereof, the undersigned signifies their intent to execute this Agreement and agrees to comply with the stated terms and conditions.

C. Reynold Verret
President
Xavier University of Louisiana

Date

Monty Sullivan
President
Louisiana Community and Technical College System

Date

