

Academic Articulation Agreement
Regarding: Dual Admission Degree Program (2+2)
Niagara University
and
Herkimer County Community College

Niagara University and Herkimer County Community College, recognizing the compatibility of certain programs and the advantage to their students in formally recognizing and honoring that compatibility, hereby enter into the following agreement:

TERMS

This agreement establishes a Dual Admission Degree Program Agreement between Niagara University (NU) and Herkimer County Community College in selected programs. Students selected for matriculation into this program will, upon completion of the designated associate's degree program at Herkimer County Community College, continue their studies at NU with the assurance that they may complete all requirements for a corresponding baccalaureate degree. This degree can be completed in two additional years. An additional elective course(s) may be necessary depending on the degree program and/or the specific transfer course equivalencies.

COMMITMENTS OF NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Students successfully completing the Herkimer County Community degree requirements and prescribed performance standards set forth in this agreement for the diploma programs listed below shall be guaranteed acceptance into the corresponding baccalaureate degree program at Niagara University.

In no instance shall a student graduating with a diploma from Herkimer County Community College be expected to meet a higher GPA standard than a NU student entering the junior year. Niagara University policies and procedures as to academic standing, however, shall apply. Herkimer County Community College students must present a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.00 for all baccalaureate degrees covered by this dual admissions agreement. One half of the major coursework and the last ten courses in the student's program must be completed at Niagara University. All requirements for the Niagara University degree must be met. All applicable coursework must be completed with a "D" grade or better.

In the case of other baccalaureate programs which are not covered by the dual admissions agreement, Herkimer County Community College students shall follow normal procedures for transfer admissions. Students will be subject to the same requirements for these programs as other students applying, including those having completed lower-division coursework at Niagara University.

At least once, but not more than twice, a semester (including summer sessions) staff members from NU will offer special orientation/advisement sessions for dual admission degree students at Herkimer County Community College.

COMMITMENTS OF HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Office of Admissions at Herkimer County Community College will be responsible for the selection of candidates for admission to the Dual Admission Degree Program. Herkimer County Community College will designate appropriate prerequisites for matriculation in any of the curricula included in the cooperative degree program. Candidates selected for the program will receive, concurrently, a letter of admission into the dual admission program from Herkimer County Community College as well as one from Niagara University establishing their eligibility to matriculate in corresponding baccalaureate programs upon completion of their degree and other specified requirements outlined in this agreement. Students must declare dual admission status prior to the completion of 30 hours at Herkimer County Community College. Students with prior community college credit (excluding those students who've taken credit while in high school or while serving in the US Military) are not eligible for the 2+2 program.

Herkimer County Community College will assume responsibility for advising students who enroll in the dual admission degree program. Curriculum guide sheets will be used as the mechanism for communicating degree requirements to students. Guide sheets will be reviewed periodically and appropriate revisions to guide sheets will be made.

Biographic data on each student will be provided by Herkimer County Community College to the Admissions Office at NU so that literature and other relevant programmatic information can be sent to students while pursuing their studies at Herkimer County Community College.

In lieu of information which would be provided on an application for admission, Herkimer County Community will provide relevant data for application for admission. Herkimer County Community will provide this information for the establishment of student records at Niagara University, including a copy of each student's official transcripts from all previous colleges, regardless of whether credit has been awarded toward a degree at Herkimer County Community. In addition to supportive academic documents mentioned above, NU also requires notification of any disciplinary actions that involve the dual admission student.

ARTICULATION PROCEDURES

Participants in the degree completion program are not required to file an application for admission to Niagara University. In order for officials at NU to develop a candidate selection plan, students who anticipate enrolling at NU under the auspices of this agreement must file a Notice of Intent to Enroll with the Office of Admissions at Niagara University prior to beginning their studies at NU. The Notice of Intent must be filed by the students at the beginning of the semester at Herkimer County Community College preceding their enrollment at Niagara University. The deadline date for this Notice of Intent will be designated by Niagara University and communicated to the student. Intents filed after this date will be handled on a space available basis.

DESIGNATED CONTACTS

The designated contact at Niagara University for any correspondence necessary under this agreement shall be Mark Wojnowski, Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The designated contact at Herkimer County Community College for any correspondence necessary under this agreement shall be Katie Schwabach, Counselor-Transfer Services.

REQUIRED NOTICE

Substantive changes in curriculum, courses, or programs at either institution will necessitate discussion between appropriate faculty and administrators at both institutions, who shall inform the designated contacts of their effect, if any, on the terms of this agreement.

Both parties agree to provide all necessary information pertaining to accreditation reviews of their respective programs.

ASSESSMENT and RENEWAL

This agreement shall be reviewed by the parties, at minimum, in September of every third year. The “designated contacts” shall exchange correspondence either renewing the agreement or terminating it. Any amendment must be accomplished via a written signed document.

TERMINATION

Unless otherwise mutually agreed, notice of any termination must be given at least six months prior to its effective date.

PUBLICITY

Upon request, each institution shall provide the other with copies of any and all media that reference this agreement or the programs of the other. Each institution hereby allows the other to link from their website to the website of the other, and will work to find a means of doing so that will make the information most accessible to students.

CHANGES IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in the program who maintains continuous registration will not be affected by any changes in the provisions to the agreement unless they deem such changes to be in their best interest. The guarantee of admissions to Niagara University will be honored for a two-year period after graduation from Herkimer County Community College.

TIME FRAME

Students currently enrolled at Herkimer County Community College and those admitted to begin their studies at Niagara University in the Fall of 2016 through the Fall of 2020 are eligible to be considered for this dual admission degree program (2+2).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Admission to Niagara University via the Dual Admission Program does not guarantee admission to the United States; students must secure their own student visas to the U.S. or other appropriate immigration documents.

PROGRAMS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT:

1. Business Administration (AAS) to Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS) (Food & Beverage Management, Luxury Hospitality Operations and Planning, Development & Operations)
2. Business Administration (AAS) to Tourism and Recreation Management (BS) (Event & Meeting Management and Tourism Destination Management)
3. Business: Marketing (AAS) to Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS) (Food & Beverage Management, Luxury Hospitality Operations and Planning, Development & Operations)
4. Business: Marketing (AAS) to Tourism and Recreation Management (BS) (Event & Meeting Management and Tourism Destination Management)
5. Business: Small Business Management (AAS) to Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS) (Food & Beverage Management, Luxury Hospitality Operations and Planning, Development & Operations)
6. Business: Small Business Management (AAS) to Tourism and Recreation Management (BS) (Event & Meeting Management and Tourism Destination Management)
7. Business: Sports and Recreation Management (AAS) to Sport Management (BS) (Revenue Management and Sport Operations)
8. Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies (AA) to Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS) (Food & Beverage Management, Luxury Hospitality Operations and Planning, Development & Operations)
9. Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies (AA) to Tourism and Recreation Management (BS) (Event & Meeting Management and Tourism Destination Management)
10. Travel and Tourism - Travel and Events Management (AAS) to Tourism and Recreation Management (BS) (Event & Meeting Management and Tourism Destination Management)

