

College Alliance Memorandum of Understanding

This College Alliance Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is between University of Phoenix, Inc. ("University") with its principal place of business at 4025 South Riverpoint Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85040 and Wharton County Junior College ("WCJC") located at 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488.

University of Phoenix For-Credit Transfer Contributions to WCJC Students:

1. The University will provide a five percent (5%) tuition reduction and a one hundred percent (100%) Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) fee waiver to new students entering into a bachelor level degree program at the University who obtain an associate's degree from WCJC after the effective date of this MOU. After the effective date of this MOU and after the date the student has been confirmed as having an associate's degree from WCJC, reduced tuition will apply to the then current rates at the time the student enrolls in a course. All students are subject to the University's admission policies.
2. Students transferring to University of Phoenix into an undergraduate bachelor degree program with a previously completed regionally accredited Associate of Arts degree from WCJC will be considered as satisfying their lower division core curriculum and/or general education requirements making the student Required Course of Study ready at University of Phoenix. Students utilizing this policy will still need to meet all pre-requisite or state specific content requirements as outlined in the Academic Progression and General Education Requirements policy sections for their chosen program.
3. Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of Arts degree that do not qualify for the AA transfer policy as described above, are evaluated on a program to program basis. The University of Phoenix shall provide Transfer Pathways exemplifying how an Associate's of Applied Science degree transfers to a bachelor's degree offered at the University of Phoenix. The Transfer Pathways can be made available to students, faculty, and advisors as WCJC deems fit.
4. Subject to FERPA and applicable laws and regulations, the University will provide WCJC with quarterly reporting that will inform WCJC as to which currently enrolled University students may be eligible for an Associate degree award at WCJC as a result of their enrollment with the University. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the timing of the report and the transfer of the information will be delivered in a format mutually agreed upon by WCJC and University. WCJC will be solely responsible for all communications, notifications, and advisements to the students set forth in the reports who are eligible for an Associate degree award. WCJC shall be solely responsible for creating any and all marketing and promotion literature to assist eligible students with the Associate degree award at WCJC; provided, however, that any use of the University's name, image or likeness shall require University's prior written consent. The University does not make any warranties with respect to the transferability of credit. The transferability of credit and the awarding of any degree is at the discretion of the receiving institution. It is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits earned at the University will be accepted by WCJC or another institution of the student's choice. Each institution will designate in writing an employee who will serve as the point of contact for administration of this process. For WCJC, that employee will be the Registrar. For University, the administration of this process will be the Office of Admissions and Registration.

University of Phoenix Non-Credit Workforce Development Contributions to WCJC Students:

1. The University will provide a one hundred percent (100%) Prior Learning Assessment fee waiver for the assessment of community college non-credit training or certificate classes (that have not been transcribed as transferrable college level credit towards a certificate or degree program offered at WCJC) to WCJC students to pursue a bachelor level degree Program at University. Coursework which is remedial or developmental in nature is not eligible for assessment, and the waiver of this fee is not a guarantee for a credit award through assessment of these materials. All students are subject to the University's prior learning assessment policies.

University of Phoenix Contributions to WCJC Faculty & Staff:

1. The University will provide a five percent (5%) tuition reduction and a one hundred percent (100%) Prior Learning Assessment ("PLA") reduction to WCJC's employees who enter into a bachelor level program or higher, including certificate programs, and single courses, including professional development courses, who meet the University's admission standards. After the effective date of this MOU and after the date the student identifies as an employee of WCJC, reduced tuition will apply to the then current rates at the time the student enrolls in a course. All students are subject to the University's student policies.

University of Phoenix Contributions to Increasing Awareness of Alliance:

1. University of Phoenix shall publish a Course Transfer Guide in PDF file which will include course-by-course transfer categories demonstrating where WCJC courses may apply towards lower division general education and elective-category courses in transfer to the University.

2. The University will provide a link to a University website to assist with transfer.
3. The University will provide information to support WCJC's promotion of this agreement to students, faculty, and staff.

WCJC Contributions to Increasing Awareness of Alliance:

1. WCJC will make its course catalogue available on an annual basis for University of Phoenix course transfer evaluations. WCJC agrees to permit the University to publish the Course Transfer Guide publicly on *phoenix.edu*.
2. Subject to WCJC's policies and discretion, WCJC will work with the University to communicate the benefits of this MOU and the many educational opportunities available at the University.

General Terms and Conditions:

1. This MOU becomes effective on the date both parties have signed the MOU. Either party may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. If either party believes that the MOU might violate any law or regulation, adversely affect its accreditation, or any license or exemption issued by a Federal or State educational board or commission, either party may terminate the MOU immediately upon written notice to the other party.
2. The University may use WCJC's name verbally for reference purposes only. WCJC grants the University the right to use WCJC's name and logo in writing for purposes of this MOU only.
3. Each party acknowledges that the relationship with the other is that of an independent contractor.
4. Each party agrees to abide by all applicable Federal and State Laws. This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas. Jurisdiction for any claim, dispute, or lawsuit shall be Wharton County, Texas.
5. This MOU does not create any rights, title, or interest for any entity other than the University and WCJC.
6. Courses must have received a grade of C- or higher to transfer for General Education and Elective requirements and a grade of C or higher to transfer towards Required Course of Study requirements at the University.
7. WCJC represents and warrants that it is an Associate-Degree Granting Institution currently accredited by an approved regional or national accrediting body. The University may terminate this agreement immediately upon a change in accreditation status and/or if WCJC fails to notify the University of a change in accreditation status.

WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, INC.

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