



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Northern Kentucky University
And
UC Clermont College**

DEGREE PATHWAY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Purpose and Goals

This memorandum of understanding defines the arrangement between Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and UC Clermont College to promote the successful undergraduate education of students who are accepted at UC Clermont and plan to complete a baccalaureate degree at NKU. The purpose of this agreement is to provide students well-defined and fully integrated pathways from initial postsecondary enrollment in an associate degree from UC Clermont to a baccalaureate degree from NKU. Eligibility for the program is determined by both institutions and students must be eligible for acceptance at NKU upon transfer. The following understandings will govern this effort from the date of signature until modified or terminated.

More specifically, the goals of this partnership are to:

1. Provide student access to, and to promote success in, degree opportunities for students.
2. Establish responsibilities for student recruitment, academic advising, and support to make the process of moving from one institution to the next as smooth as possible.
3. Establish responsibilities for each campus for the development, delivery, and assessment of the partnerships and programs established by specific programs for Transfer Pathways or articulation agreements.
4. Encourage more UC Clermont students to complete an associate degree prior to transfer to NKU to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Eligibility

Recruitment of students will be the responsibility of both institutions. In order to participate in the pathway program, students should work closely with their UC

Clermont academic advisor to pick a pathway and ensure that they are taking the appropriate classes toward both their associate degree at UC Clermont and their bachelor's degree at NKU. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and meet NKU's standards and deadlines to be considered for admission to NKU. Students should also meet any program-specific requirements.

Program Articulation and Advising

The management of the pathway partnership program between the two institutions will be coordinated through the Chief Academic Officer or designee at NKU and the Chief Academic Officer or designee at UC Clermont. Problems relating to articulation, class content, and chronology of content or course scheduling will be resolved by the persons or offices designated by each institution. The two institutions will assume joint responsibility for academic advising, including the training of academic advisors and the ongoing dissemination of information.

UC Clermont students following a pathway with the intent of completing their baccalaureate degree at NKU will be offered enhanced advising by both institutions. UC Clermont and NKU are responsible for coordinating the course of study to complete the agreed upon relevant prerequisite and General Education courses prior to transfer to NKU. Students will have access to online or on-campus advising from NKU while enrolled at UC Clermont College before entering NKU.

Transfer Pathways

Using the CollegeSource Transfer Equivalency System (TES) and other paper and online transfer guides, authorized staff persons at UC Clermont and NKU will maintain the transfer equivalencies of the UC Clermont and NKU courses to help ensure the seamless transfer of students participating in the pathway program. NKU and UC Clermont will coordinate efforts to maintain the accuracy of transfer materials and ensure the timely dissemination of updated materials.

Additionally, NKU recognizes completion of the Ohio Transfer 36 as completion of general education at NKU. Students who complete an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree and are admitted to NKU based on admission criteria will be fully certified for general education as long as a minimum of 30 semester hours or the equivalent of general education is completed. These credit hours must include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. This agreement does not guarantee that a student will not be required to take an additional general education course if that course is required for a specific major or the major requires a higher grade for a course that the student has earned credit for at UC Clermont.

Both parties agree to review pathways on an annual basis on or about the release of their respective academic catalogs for the forthcoming academic year, and to make any necessary updates required by curricular changes.

To avoid disadvantaging students at UC Clermont who have formally begun the four-year

progression outlined in the pathways, students enrolling at NKU with an earned associate degree from UC Clermont will be permitted to designate their catalog of record up to two years before the year of NKU enrollment, if such designation is to their advantage.

Additional Partnership Commitments

All parties to this Agreement commit to the following in order to enhance the success of our students:

1. Frequent communication at all levels.
2. Collaboration in instructional rigor and content to ensure that students are well-prepared for upper division coursework.

Marketing

Promotional plans and materials will be subject to approval by each party.

Cancellation and Expiration

This agreement shall be effective upon signature and reviewed annually and amended upon mutual consent of the signors. This Agreement may be cancelled by the chief academic officer of either institution by providing written notice to the other at least one academic semester prior to the effective date of termination.

This agreement does not create any rights in any third parties, specifically any students participating in the programs. The only parties to this agreement are Northern Kentucky University and UC Clermont College.

Signatures

Intending to be legally bound, by signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and each signatory represent and warrant that they are authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind their party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

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Jeffrey C. Bauer
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Dr. Jeffrey Bauer
Dean, University of Cincinnati Clermont College

4/20/2023

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Dr. Matt Cecil
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

5/4/2023

Date