TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
And
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

This TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made as of _March 15, 2020 “Effective Date”), by and between PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (“PCC”), a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, located in Tucson, Arizona, and _PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (“PU”), a private corporation, located at _2043 College Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116_.

RECITALS:

A. PCC is a two-year Arizona community college providing affordable, quality education via Transfer and Associates Degrees in the fields of arts, fine arts, business and science.
B. PU is private institution providing baccalaureate degrees.
C. PCC and PU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for students to plan for and access higher-education opportunities to complete a 3-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree through comprehensive, institution-to-institution cooperation to facilitate students’ seamless transfer from PCC to PU.
D. The parties recognize that PCC students interested to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree should be assisted by both institutions in 1) maximizing the value and applicability of their PCC coursework and credits toward further study at PU, and 2) avoiding the unnecessary expenditure of time and money for repeating at PU competencies already achieved at PCC.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

“Associate Degree” – Means an Associate Degree from PCC in any of the following four categories: Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABUS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Science (AS).

“Arizona General Education Curriculum” (“AGEC”) – means a thirty-five (35)-credit general education program, and includes credits in English composition, humanities, fine arts, biological and/or physical laboratory sciences, college-level mathematics, and social behavioral sciences. The AGEC is the general education core of PCC’s Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, Associate of Fine Arts, and Associate of Science degrees.

“Block Transfer” – means a transfer degree program for PCC’s Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABUS), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate of Science (AS) degrees.
2. TRANSFER and GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO PU

2.1 Guaranteed Admission and Credit Transfer. PU shall guarantee admission of eligible PCC Students to PU, and shall accept such transferring PCC Students’ articulated transfer credits earned at PCC.

Eligibility.
Pima Community College students may apply to the Pima Community College-Pacific Bridge program at any time after completing their 1st year’s grades. To be admitted to the Bridge Program, students must meet the following requirements:

2.2:
1) Complete at least 30 credit hours, including the following core courses at Pima Community College:

   General Biology I 4
   General Chemistry I 4
   Composition 3
   Intro to Psychology 3
   General Biology II 4
   General Chemistry II 4
   English Composition 3
   Calculus I 5

2) Complete a graduation plan that includes:
   - the applicant’s general education courses that will complete requirements for an AS degree in Biology

3) courses that will complete prerequisite admissions requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program Maintain minimum grades in coursework, including:
   - Grade of C or higher in all core courses (C- does not count))
   - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
   - Science GPA of 3.0 or higher

4) Remain in good academic standing as certified by Pima Community College Office of the Registrar.

4. TRANSFER ELEMENTS

4.1 Block Transfer. Associate of Science (AS) degree from PCC shall transfer to PU through Block Transfer. PU shall treat a Block Transfer from PCC as a whole and shall not examine its components separately to determine transferability. All PCC
credits from a Block Transfer shall be accepted and applied by PU toward the designated/appropriate degree(s), such that PCC graduates will not be required to repeat lower-division major requirements at PU.

4.2 **Course Evaluations.** PCC Students who have completed an AS degree and PCC students who transfer to PU without an applicable Associates Degree will have the transferability of their course credits evaluated on a course-by-course basis. In both instances, PCC Students transferring to PU may need to take additional, missing coursework to fulfill PU’s general education requirements, which may be accomplished by taking additional courses either at PCC or PU.

4.3 **Acceptance of AGEC Credits.** Credits earned at PCC through completion of the AGEC shall transfer to PU and satisfy PU’s lower-division general education requirements. AGEC transfer credits from PCC may be applied by PU either as components of an Associate’s Degree or as a stand-alone general education credits.

4.4 **Upper-Division Credits.** Lower-division credits earned at PCC and evaluated by PU as equivalent to PU’s required upper-division credits or competencies will fulfill those requirements at PU. PU’s upper-division credit requirements fulfilled with comparable lower-division credits from PCC are still considered lower-division at PU may not fulfill PU’s minimum upper-division graduation requirements. Additional requirements are included in Attachment A.

5. **TERM; TERMINATION**

5.1 **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date and shall be in effect until January 31, 2023 (“Term”).

5.2 **Termination.** Notwithstanding the Term, either party may terminate this Agreement upon six (6)-month’s prior written notice to the other party, provided, however, any PCC Students accepted to PU prior to this Agreement’s termination or expiration will be allowed to complete their programs of study and graduate from the PU as otherwise specified in this Agreement.

6. **EVALUATIONS; REVISIONS**

6.1 **Ongoing Evaluations.** The parties shall conduct ongoing evaluation of the transfer arrangement under this Agreement and the progress made toward the parties’ goals set forth herein. Information obtained from the evaluations will be used to improve the student-transfer process.

6.2 **Revisions.** Either party may request review and changes to the curriculum covered by this Agreement at any time during the Term by written notice to the other party. Any changes resulting from such a review are subject to Section 9.7 (“Amendments”).

7. **PU TUITION REDUCTION; SCHOLARSHIPS**
7.1 **PU Scholarships.** PCC Students transferring to PU shall be eligible to apply for all generally available scholarships and grants at PU, regardless of each PCC Student’s transfer status.

8. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PCC**
   
   PCC shall:
   
   8.1 Provide annual curriculum updates to PU, including any changes to degree and general-education requirements.
   
   8.2 Designate PCC representative as the primary point of contact for PU recruitment staff.
   
   8.3 Include PU’s transfer landing-page link on the transfer-partnership page of PCC’s website.

9. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PU**
   
   PU shall:
   
   9.1 Advise PCC students intending to transfer to PU on the efficient completion of their PCC degrees in preparation for transfer to PU.
   
   9.2 Provide a link on its website specifically for PCC students clearly stating the requirements for transfer and providing step-by-step information about the PCC-to-PU transfer process.
   
   9.3 Provide marketing literature, catalogs, and/or other information to PCC to inform PCC’s advisors, counselors, and faculty of PU’s admission requirements and academic programs.
   
   9.4 Provide PCC with aggregate information regarding PCC transfer-student admission, majors, and graduation data in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws upon PCC’s request.
   
   9.5 Promote, at its own expense, student-transfer opportunities between PCC and PU during PCC’s advising events and faculty/staff development meetings.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

   10.1 **Scope of Relationship.** Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as establishing a partnership, joint venture or similar relationship between PCC and PU, and nothing in this Agreement will be construed to authorize either party to act as agent for the other.

   10.2 **Student Records.** Educational records provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be used solely for the purposes of this Agreement and shall not be disclosed except as provided by law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

   10.3 **Contact Persons; Notices.** Any notice to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and sent to the intended party’s address indicated below:

   **To PCC:**
   
   Jennie Conway
   Director of Curriculum and Articulation Services
   4905 E. Broadway Blvd.
   Tucson, AZ 85709-1125
   (520) 206-4903
   jscott@pima.edu
To PU:
Pacific University
Attn: Tony Potter
2043 College Way
Forest Grove, OR 97116

10.4 **Non-Discrimination.** Neither party shall discriminate against any person on any basis prohibited under state or federal law.

10.5 **Governing Law.** This Agreement is governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona without regard to its conflicts of law principles. Jurisdiction and venue for any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall exclusively rest in the Pima County, Arizona.

10.6 ** Entire Agreement.** This document, including all Attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

10.7 **Amendments.** This Agreement shall not be modified, amended, or extended except by written amendment signed by both parties. Any such amendment shall be executed prior to the Term expiration.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of PCC and PU have executed this Agreement as of the last date indicated below.

For **PCC**:

**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**By:** Dolores Duran-Cerda  
**Print Name:** Dolores Duran-Cerda  
**Title:** Provost  
**Date:** June 10, 2020

For **PACIFIC UNIVERSITY**:

**By:** John S. Miller, PhD  
**Print Name:** John S. Miller, PhD  
**Title:** Provost and Vice president for Academic Affairs, Pacific University  
**Date:** June 3, 2020

**By:** Ann E. Barr-Gillespie, DPT, PhD  
**Print Name:** Ann E. Barr-Gillespie, DPT, PhD  
**Title:** Vice Provost and Executive Dean, Pacific University College of Health Professions  
**Date:** June 2, 2020

**By:** Reza Karimi, RPh, PhD  
**Print Name:** Reza Karimi, RPh, PhD  
**Title:** Dean and Professor, Pacific University School of Pharmacy  
**Date:** June 2, 2020

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – PCC and PU Equivalent Courses

**I. Completing Bridge Program Requirements (2nd year)**
To continue as Bridge participants, students must remain in good standing and meet the following conditions:

1) **Maintain minimum grades** in coursework, including:
   - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
   - Science GPA of 3.0 or higher

2) **Meet twice in the 2nd year** with a Pima Community College Health Professions Advisor to discuss academic progress and evidence of engagement that support Pacific’s PharmD co-curricular goals:
   - Strong commitment to service/empathy
   - Exposure and commitment to diversity
   - Leadership development
   - Academic enrichment
   - Professionalism and Communication

3) **With guidance of their Health Professions Advisor**, Bridge participants complete one self-assessment by the conclusion of the fall semester in the 2nd year that summarizes their pre-professional activities and academic achievements, demonstrating their preparation or readiness for entering Pacific’s PharmD program.

4) Bridge participants meet with a Pacific faculty member, typically by the conclusion of fall of the 2nd year, to review their self-assessment, evaluate status in meeting expectations for entering PharmD, and receive guidance on enhancing their portfolios.

5) Information about Pima Community College students possessed by the Pima Community College may be shared with Pacific University to the extent such information sharing is allowed by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

II. **Transitioning to PharmD (2nd year)**

- Pacific representatives facilitate workshops at Pima Community College to help candidates prepare for the formal application process, including drafting personal statements and preparing for interviews.
- To formally apply to the PharmD program, Bridge students must complete Pacific’s application process by the conclusion of fall semester of the 2nd year and complete all prerequisite courses by mid-July of the year they plan to start the Pacific University PharmD program (the PharmD program begins in August of each academic year). Students are also encouraged to apply to Pacific University through the Early Decision process, detailed on Pacific’s website. A complete application occurs when the PharmCAS application is submitted.

  - **PharmCAS Application**: which requires (2) reference forms, official transcripts, and a personal statement.
Bridge Program students who meet the criteria listed under Completing Bridge Program Requirements and submit a complete application as required by the PharmD program will receive Guaranteed Conditional Admission into the PharmD program.

ATTACHMENT A
TO TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

PCC and PU Equivalent Courses

To be eligible to apply for the Pacific University Bridge Program, students must complete 30 credit hours at Pima, including the following courses:

- BIO 181IN General Biology 4 cr.
- CHM 151IN General Chemistry 4 cr.
- WRT 101 English Composition I 3 cr.
- PSY 101 Intro to Psychology 3 cr.
- BIO 182IN General Biology II 4 cr.
- CHM 152IN General Chemistry I 4 cr.
- WRT 102 English Composition II 3 cr.
- MAT 220 Calculus 5 cr.
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