



**Lorain County
Community College**

**ASHLAND
UNIVERSITY**

**GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY AND LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

It is agreed that Ashland University and Lorain County Community College desire to continue a strong academic articulation agreement to enhance the transfer opportunities for students from Lorain County Community College to Ashland University for the completion of a Bachelor's Degree. Moreover, it is agreed that a general academic program articulation agreement is to be followed by the development of specific transfer pathways as appropriate. Any revisions to the specific transfer pathways during the terms of this agreement must be approved in writing by the respective Parties and will be applied to new students undertaking the applicable program. Specific program advising sheets become effective on the date they are signed.

Lorain County Community College warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and will notify Ashland University if such accreditation ceases to exist. Ashland University warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and will notify Lorain County Community College if such accreditation ceases to exist.

**PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC
PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:**

1. A student, who completes an Associate Degree at Lorain County Community College with a minimum of a 2.25/4.0 GPA, will be accepted at Ashland University with junior status, provided he/she has successfully completed a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours (90 – quarter hours) of coursework.
2. Credit earned through a recognized accredited college or university are transferable and recorded on an Ashland University transcript. Letter grades and cumulative grade point average do not transfer.
3. Lorain County Community College degree holders may transfer unlimited hours to Ashland University, however, students must meet the following residency requirements:
 - A. At least 30-semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland University.
 - B. The last 12 semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland University.
 - C. At least one-half of the student's major requirements must be completed through Ashland University.

4. Admission to Ashland University with junior standing will, in many related programs of study, mean the student will be able to complete his/her baccalaureate degree with two years of full-time study. Some students may be able to graduate in less than two years if they are willing to continue their studies during Ashland University's summer terms. In certain disciplines, however, because of their sequential nature, careful prior planning of course work is necessary and more than two years at Ashland University may be needed to complete the Bachelor's Degree.
 - A. Within the guaranteed admission under this Agreement (General Program Articulation Agreement) as outlined above, Ashland University and Lorain County Community College will collaborate to provide articulated pathways for specific degree programs, which will be added under this agreement via Addendum(s) and with the associated articulated pathway(s) as an attachment to the Addendum(s). During the term of this Agreement, additional degree program pathways may be added or removed via this method.
5. In general, remedial and/or developmental orientation courses are not generally transferable to Ashland University and do not meet graduation requirements. Usually, courses numbered 100 and above are transferable as either course-specific or general-elective credit. Technical courses, which do not match up with any Ashland University catalog course, will transfer as general-elective credit. In addition to the regular offerings of Lorain County Community College, courses eligible for transfer include those offered through their off-campus location, and through their video-based program.
6. Students transferring to Ashland University must complete all of Ashland University's Institutional Baccalaureate Degree Requirements through transfer credit and Ashland University credit where applicable.
7. Lorain County Community College degree holders with credits earned at one or more other institutions may transfer those credits to Ashland University subject to Ashland University's transfer policy.
8. Ashland University offers pre-transfer academic advising in order to ensure that the Lorain County Community College student is able to transfer his/her credits in the best manner possible. This is unofficial; an official evaluation takes place upon enrollment at Ashland University.
9. Students wishing to transfer to Ashland University from Lorain County Community College, may be eligible for federal, state and institutional financial aid. Qualified students may be eligible to receive the Ashland University Transfer Scholarship with the appropriate grade point average and appropriate semester hours of credit. This will be based on all grades earned from all schools attended. The Transfer Scholarship is only available to full-time students attending classes on the main campus.

10. Lorain County Community College and Ashland University agree to participate in regular review of program requirements and appropriate advising procedures, and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing agreement.
 - A. Upon execution of this agreement, all specific degree program(s) articulated pathways will be reviewed annually prior to the start of the academic year. Curriculum changes at each respective institution must be provided in writing to amend and update the pathways for accurate student degree advising and completion.
 - B. In doing so, Lorain County Community College and Ashland University identify, and will notify as necessary any transitions of, the following staff member(s) to serve as liaison and main contact for the Agreement to assure continued communication between the two institutions on matters relating to this agreement:
 - i. Agreement Facilitation Contact(s):
Ashland University contact: Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
LCCC contact: Partnership Developer, University Partnership
 - ii. Student and Advising Contact(s):
Ashland University contact: Assistant Director of Academic Advising
LCCC contact: Transfer Coordinator, University Partnership
11. For students who transfer to Ashland prior to earning a credential at Lorain County Community College, Ashland University will provide transcripts, at no cost to the student, to LCCC for credential conferral, upon the request of the student. To initiate this, the student will request to have the transcript sent to LCCC, following the process for transcript requests through the Ashland University Registrar's Office.

This general academic program articulation agreement will be effective immediately after the representatives of both institutions sign the agreement. This general academic program articulation agreement does not nullify existing program specific articulation agreements between our two institutions. Those program specific articulation agreements contain their own terms of renewal, modification, or termination and shall remain in force.

This general academic articulation agreement may be modified upon mutual consent; it may be terminated by either institution upon a 90-day written notice to the other. This agreement shall automatically expire on June 30, 2030 unless otherwise terminated as set forth in this Agreement. Academic curriculum pathways will be jointly reviewed annually at the time of academic year Catalog publishing and published prior to the academic year commencing.

Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, LCCC students previously accepted by or admitted to Ashland University shall continue to receive the benefits

contemplated by this Agreement and the Ashland University catalog rights from the term in which they are admitted to Ashland University.

If any degree program of study is removed, Ashland University will design and implement a teach-out plan for any active Agreement student. Additionally, Ashland University will coordinate with any LCCC students coded as intended transfer to Ashland University for the purposes of the removed degree program, to assist with a suitable and transfer favorable academic plan that honors the student's progress towards Ashland University's degree program.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, Lorain County Community College and Ashland University acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants 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 (the last signatory).

Ashland University

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Gregory McBrayer, Ph.D. Provost

05 / 15 / 2025

Date

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