

**PROGRAM TO PROGRAM (2+2) AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY**
for
Associate of Arts in Emergency Management (AA)
to
Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management (BSEM)

PREFACE

Millersville University (MU) welcomes students from Bucks County Community College (Bucks) into our online community of learners. This agreement facilitates the seamless transfer of credits and guarantees admission to the Emergency Management online degree completion program at MU. An on-campus option is also available to students who prefer this delivery method.

Under this Agreement, Bucks students graduating with an Associate in Arts (AA) in Emergency Management will be eligible for the program-to-program articulation into the fully online or on campus Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management at MU. Students may also pursue an accelerated BSEM to MSEM option in consultation with their academic advisor upon completion of their first semester.

Benefits to Students

1. Students will complete their Associate Degree at Bucks and have a clear pathway to obtain their Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management (BSEM) from MU.
2. Students who complete all requirement for the Associate of Arts degree prior to matriculation at MU will receive a waiver of General Education requirements, except for the required Advance Writing course and any other General Education courses that simultaneously count as requirements for the major.
3. Students who graduated from the Associate of Arts in Emergency Management at Bucks with a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher will be guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management at MU and will be granted junior status accordingly.
4. A course sequence is provided outlining courses necessary for degree completion.
5. All coursework can be completed online utilizing D2L.
6. Students will work with an MU Online Admissions counselor as they progress through their Bucks associate degree program and throughout the application process.
7. Students will be invited to attend MU Emergency Management related events through that department.
8. Students will work with a Student Support Specialist in MU's Office of Online Programs to help with registration.
9. Students will be assigned an Academic Advisor in the Emergency Management program upon confirmation of acceptance to MU.
10. Bucks graduates can continue to take courses at Bucks that support bachelor degree completion at MU (i.e.: courses that fulfill additional MU general education requirements), however per MU and PASSHE policy, all transfer students will be required to complete 30 of their last 60 credits at Millersville, and must complete 50% or more of major requirements at Millersville or another PASSHE university.

Students must:

1. Submit the MU Online Application for Admission as soon as possible prior to the semester he/she wishes to transfer to MU.

2. Complete a minimum of sixty (60) credits.
3. Graduate from Bucks with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0.
4. Submit Bucks official transcripts along with official transcripts from any other colleges they may have attended.
5. If a student is applying prior to completion of their Bucks associate degree, the student must submit official final transcripts indicating degree completion upon graduation and prior to starting.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS AGREEMENT

Students interested in this Program-to-Program Articulation are encouraged to consult with the Office of Transfer Services or the Program Director at Bucks and the Online Admissions Counselor in the Office of Online Programs at MU. Transcripts will be evaluated on a preliminary basis by an Admissions Counselor from the Office of Online Programs prior to application, upon request.

OBLIGATIONS OF MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

To facilitate the transfer of Bucks graduates to MU in accordance with the foregoing, MU agrees to the following:

1. To conduct virtual program information sessions with Bucks students about the MU Emergency Management program in coordination with the program chair.
2. To ensure that incoming students will be provided with MU financial aid information and receive full consideration for MU financial aid.
3. To ensure that Bucks graduates entering MU under the terms of this Agreement go through MU's normal transfer admission process, including meeting all applicable MU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof that apply to all MU students. Incoming matriculated students will have all the rights and privileges of other MU students.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. Bucks agrees to publicize this agreement to prospective and current students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for online MU admissions counselors to host virtual sessions for students.
2. Bucks agrees to make reasonable efforts to notify recent (within 3 years of signature) graduates of its Emergency Management associate degree program of this agreement.
3. Bucks will contact students in the Emergency Management associate degree program in their final semester at Bucks and share information about applying to MU.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

1. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.

Both MU and Bucks will review this Agreement on a regular basis and make any changes upon mutual express agreement, as needed. Such changes will be effective when both Bucks and MU sign the revised agreement, amendment, or addendum.

2. Students are required to graduate from Bucks with a minimum GPA of a 2.0.

3. To collaborate in providing students with information and guidance from both MU and Bucks. MU will make available contact information for questions about MU's academic requirements, General Education requirements, degree requirements, and the process of transferring to MU.
4. To jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of program-to-program transfer.
5. This Agreement may be updated (by means of addenda), upon mutual agreement by appropriate officials of the two institutions, to allow for additional curriculum articulation sheets accommodating course equivalencies for specific major(s)/minor(s)/certificate program(s). This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, memos, writings, or agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any waiver by a party of any of its rights or of the other party's obligations must be in writing.
6. To provide, when available, direct links between the MU and Bucks websites when applicable.

REVISIONS, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at MU and the appropriate officers at Bucks are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect, as of the date of its signing, for a term of five years. It will be reviewed on a regular basis by the appropriate parties at each institution and considered for renewal by way of a new contract prior to the expiration of the term unless the Agreement has formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effect date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to MU under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Bucks to MU, and to expand student opportunities for academic success, is indicated by the following signatures. The undersigned representatives of the parties, Bucks and MU, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

Bucks County Community College

Millersville University

Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D. Date
President

Daniel A. Wubah, Ph.D. Date
University President

Kelly Kelleway, Ph.D. Date
Provost

Gail E. Gasparich, Ph.D. Date
Provost and Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Clifford R. Kelly Date
University Legal Counsel
Pennsylvania State System of
Higher Education