

COMPREHENSIVE "2 + 2" TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Westchester Community College, SUNY

**75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY 10595**

and

Iona College

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New Rochelle, NY 10801**

I. PURPOSE

Westchester Community College (hereafter referred to as WCC), a community college in Westchester County, New York and Iona College, an institution in Westchester County, New York, agree to articulate the programs outlined in this document to ensure a smooth transfer process for Westchester Community College graduates.

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") is to establish collaboration between Westchester Community College and Iona College, to promote degree completion and facilitate the transfer process. This Agreement provides assurance that students will matriculate into Iona College with junior standing, known as a "2 + 2" agreement. The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

II. ADMISSIONS

This agreement only applies to students who have successfully met graduation requirements prior to enrollment at the transfer institution (Westchester Community College). They will be accepted to Iona College based on the following conditions:

GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE

WCC graduates with a **2.5 GPA** or better WCC grade point average will be **guaranteed transfer** admission to Iona College and will transfer with junior standing at the receiving institution.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS

All courses which have earned a C or better from the associate degree will be applied toward the completion of the articulated bachelor's degree program.

A maximum of **64** credits will be applied toward the completion of the articulated bachelor's degree program.

If all credits do not count for requirements in the major, they will then count as elective credit toward the degree.

Students will receive a transfer credit evaluation at the time of admission to assure attainment of credits consistent with degree mapping for the program the applicant is seeking admissions (see appended programmatic mappings).

IV. REMAINING CREDITS AT RECEIVING INSTITUTION

Students who attend Iona College under this agreement will be required to fulfill Iona College's bachelor's degree requirements that are in effect the semester/year they matriculate, not to exceed the number of remaining credits outlined in Appendix A.

V. GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS

By virtue of completion of the A.A. or A.S. degree at WCC, all students will be waived of the lower level general education/core requirements at the receiving institution. Students will not be required to take any additional lower level general education/core requirements. This applies to all accepted students, regardless of whether a program to program equivalency exists. The

exception to this statement is COL 150: The Columba Cornerstone, which will be a graduation requirement for these students.

Students with an A.A.S. degree may have additional lower level general education/core requirements at the receiving institution.

VI. *If applicable:* “2 + 2 +1” OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the program to program alignments, guaranteeing that students can graduate with a BA or BS (full-time) between the two institutions, the “2+2+1” alignment guarantees that students can graduate in a total of 5 years (full-time) with a master’s program.

VII. SCHOLARSHIPS

Iona College, in partnership with Westchester Community College, will create and award the Iona College /Westchester Community College Pathways Transfer Scholarship, in an effort to encourage Westchester Community College students to earn their associate degree credentials, facilitate transfer to the four-year institution, and support completion of the bachelor’s degree at Iona College. These scholarships will also serve as marketing/recruitment tools for the receiving institution.

The Iona College/Westchester Community College Pathways Transfer Scholarships will have the following criteria:

- * Students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0
- * Students **MUST** graduate with an Associate’s Degree from Westchester Community College
- * Students must register at the receiving institution as full-time, matriculated students
- * The scholarships will be renewable as long students meet the following minimum requirements:
 - * Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0
 - * Maintain full-time matriculated status
 - * Maintain satisfactory academic progress towards a degree at the receiving institution

In addition to the above, Iona College also offers several merit based scholarships to transfer students.

VIII. PROMOTION/OUTREACH

WCC and Iona College agree to publicize this Agreement via, but not limited to printed and electronic marketing materials and communications.

Iona College agrees to provide, in consultation with WCC, transfer guidelines that indicate courses students should complete at WCC for maximum transferability.

WCC and Iona College agree to collaborate to produce an annual work plan review to ensure successful transfer initiatives.

WCC and Iona College grant a reciprocal license for each to use the name and/or logo of the other educational institution for the purpose of promotion and advertisement of this specific agreement, addressing graduates of Westchester Community College, promoting their associate degree completion. Neither party is authorized to use the other's name and/or logo for any purpose other than stated herein. Advertisement will be disseminated only after consultation between the parties. WCC and Iona College will communicate their marketing and promotion plan to each other to avoid duplication and to make effective use of promotion resources.

IX. REVERSE TRANSFER

This transfer articulation agreement will be honored in the event students from WCC transfer to Iona College prior to completion of their WCC associate's degree, and sub-sequentially obtain their associate's degree through WCC's reverse transfer process.

Iona College will work collaboratively with WCC to communicate with students who have transferred from WCC prior to associate's degree completion, so that the reverse transfer process can be activated.

X. TERM/MONITOR/REVIEW

- A. The initial term of this agreement shall be four years from the date of the signature, with three (3) automatic renewals of two years each.
- B. The agreement may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.
- C. Iona College will provide WCC annually with statistics regarding transfer students from WCC. Data requested includes: number of applications, enrollments, transfer credits, majors, GPAs, financial aid awarded outside of state/federal aid, as well as completion statistics.
- D. WCC and Iona College and agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption of student progress toward degree completion.

XI. TERMINATION

The Agreement may be terminated by either party after written notification with a minimum of 90 days' notice. Termination of the Agreement will not affect any students currently enrolled at or accepted to Iona College at the time of termination.

XII. APPENDICES

As part of this agreement, the following have been included:

Appendix A: Program to Program Table, including links to program-specific advising materials.

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*There are two original signed documents, one for each institution.
Upon completion, please return documents to:*

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