An Articulation Agreement

Community College of Allegheny County
Associate in Science
to the
Chatham College
Bachelor of Social Work
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Community College of Allegheny County and
Chatham College

This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a long-standing, professional relationship between Chatham College and the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC). Chatham College enters into this agreement with CCAC as demonstration of this relationship and of Chatham’s commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for community college students. Based on this written agreement and the voluntary, cooperative efforts of both institutions, CCAC graduates of the Associate in Science degree will be ensured a smooth transfer and timely completion of the Bachelor of Social Work major at Chatham College.

Purpose

The purpose of this written agreement is to outline the terms and conditions of the articulation between the CCAC Associate in Science and the Bachelor of Social Work major at Chatham. The agreement also denotes the transfer policies, services provided, and information available to students who have earned college credits from CCAC and plan to transfer to Chatham College. As Chatham College offers undergraduate degrees only to women, this agreement pertains only to women students at CCAC.

Terms and Conditions of the Agreement

1. CCAC students who have earned an Associate in Science, Social Work Technician major will be considered for admission to Chatham College if they have earned a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 and are in good academic standing at all institutions attended. A separate application and a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.25 is required for admission to the Social Work major.

2. CCAC Associate in Science, Social Work Technician major degree holders who have followed the articulation curriculum planner are guaranteed that all of their associate degree coursework will be accepted at the College. The courses detailed on the attached list will be accepted in transfer as required courses for
the Chatham College Bachelor of Social Work major to a maximum of 21 credits. Additional social work courses will transfer for elective credit.

3. At the time of application to Chatham (or anytime thereafter), students may apply to the social work major. This process involves an application and interview with the social work faculty. Students can be admitted to the social work major prior to enrollment at Chatham if they have completed the admission process. A member of the Social Work program will meet with all interested CCAC social work students once per year to discuss the program and explain the process.

4. Transfer credit will be awarded for all completed associate degree, non-developmental coursework for which a letter grade of "C" or greater is earned and which are applicable to a general Liberal Arts curriculum.

5. Chatham College will provide an unofficial audit of transferable credits prior to application to the College upon the student's request.

6. At the time of evaluation of an admission application, Chatham College will provide an official audit of the student's transferable credits to the College. This audit will confirm which credits will be transferable into the social work major.

7. Students who accept Chatham College's offer of admission at least two weeks prior to the pre-registration period will be assigned an academic advisor who is a member of the social work faculty and will pre-register with current Chatham students who have the same class standing.

Responsibilities of the Parties of this Agreement

1. Chatham College and CCAC will work cooperatively to support and effectively administer this articulation agreement in the best interest of the students.

2. Chatham College and CCAC will regularly communicate regarding changes in transfer policies and procedures, curriculum requirements, and any other relevant issues and/or concerns.

3. CCAC agrees to provide information to its students regarding the Chatham College Bachelor of Social Work and all other majors and services available at Chatham College.

4. The Chatham College Admissions Counselor for Transfer Students agrees to annually visit CCAC to meet with students who plan to transfer to Chatham College.
Agreement Certification

This agreement is in effect on the date of official signature by both institutions and will be updated annually and reviewed for renewal.

In witness whereof, the parties have affixed their signatures.

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