



**Memorandum of Understanding
between the
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the
Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities**

This memorandum of understanding (agreement) between the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), whose address is 1102 Q Street, 6th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811 and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), whose address is 1121 11th Street, Suite 802, Sacramento, CA 95814, is effective , 2018.

AICCU, the organizational voice for the Independent California College and University (ICCU) sector, enters into this agreement with the CCCCCO, the system-wide office for the California Community Colleges (CCC) system. This agreement permits CCC students who have completed a CCC Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to transfer to an AICCU-PI (AICCU -PI).

The CCC and ICCU recognize that student transfer from community colleges to California's four-year higher education institutions as being central to providing accessibility to a baccalaureate education for the citizens of California. The Master Plan for Higher Education in California sought transfer opportunities to both public and independent higher education institutions. The ICCU bring together highly talented students and faculty and provide a highly personalized education in liberal arts as well as career focused fields.

This agreement is for the purpose of articulating and promoting the ADT; however, the effort will also support the streamlining and strengthening of other existing transfer pathways, resulting in more CCC students who are academically prepared and provided greater opportunity to transfer to a program and institution that best helps them succeed and earn their degrees in a timely manner. Today, ICCUs have the highest four-year graduation rates and provide tremendous financial aid to ensure students have affordable access. Taken together, this means transfer students can find a space at an independent institution, attain a high-quality education, and enter the workforce sooner.

To accomplish this, AICCU and the CCCCCO commit to the following:

I. Admission

AICCU participating institutions (AICCU-PIs) recognize that ADT students have received a rigorous, quality education at the CCC and, thus, are prepared to succeed at the AICCU-PIs. AICCU-PIs will extend a guarantee of admission to all qualified CCC ADT students, to be in

place before students enter the CCC in Fall 2019. The ADT guarantee of admission does not displace or supplant any existing or future campus-based admissions guarantees.

II. Transferability of Credit

With respect to students wishing to complete their education at AICCU-PIs, credits taken and accepted by that CCC as associate level, up to a maximum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units will be transferable to AICCU-PIs for core courses that align to the major for as long as the student received a passing grade/grade equivalent to a C or better in the applicable course (with the exception of licensure programs or state requirements where a grade of B or better may be required).

III. General Education Requirements

With respect to students wishing to complete their education at an AICCU-PI, AICCU-PIs agree to accept an ADT in lieu of the AICCU-PI's lower division general education requirements. AICCU-PIs will recognize Statway for purposes of quantitative reasoning requirements.

IV. Articulation

The CCC ADT will be articulated by the AICCU-PIs at the degree level to comparable AICCU-PI majors. AICCU-PIs will publish transfer information for the CCC Transfer Centers. Students awarded an Associate in Art for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) and accepted for admission in a similar AICCU-PI program will enroll at that AICCU-PI at junior standing, and require no more than 68 additional semester units and 102 additional quarter units at AICCU-PIs to complete a bachelor's degree within the similar program. High unit majors and additional campus-specific courses or requirements that an institution requires for graduation by all undergraduate students, and that would not otherwise be considered an educational requirement at a public institution shall be exempt.

V. Student Advising

The AICCU-PIs will provide additional pre-enrollment information and advice to CCC students through in-person, online and telephonic advising, including around the ADT and additional coursework that may be required of all students prior to graduation.

CCCs will ensure that AICCU-PIs have the opportunity to come onto the campuses to engage with potential CCC transfer students about potential pathways, including the ADT, and financial aid available. AICCU-PIs' Office of the Registrar will maintain articulation agreements with CCCs and a list of active partnerships will be made available on the AICCU-PIs' websites.

Faculty advising and mentoring are a hallmark of an independent higher education will be available by discipline to students once enrolled at the AICCU-PI. Materials for potential students will be available online and degree program guides may be printed.

VI. Financial aid

AICCU member institutions are committed to providing access through need-based financial aid and guidance for qualified students. AICCU-PIs will examine ways to provide the most affordable access to students transferring via the AS-T and AA-T, and will provide financial aid counseling regarding all financial aid options. AICCU-PIs will share this information with the CCCO and campuses are part of the guidance and promotional materials. The CCCs commit to continued education of their students on best use of financial aid monies and preserving aid for use at the AICCU-PI.

VII. Data collection and analysis

Under this agreement, AICCU will provide to the CCCCO annual data related to ADT admissions, enrollment, persistence, and graduation. AICCU will work collaboratively with CCCCO to identify agreed upon data that can be calculated and analyzed. AICCU will work with AICCU-PIs to track students entering via the ADT.

VIII. Marketing and communications

The CCCCO supports and will encourage CCCs to collaborate with AICCU-PIs so that partnership information is available to students, faculty, and staff, including the ADT programs at AICCU-PIs. AICCU and AICCU-PIs will also work in collaboration with the CCCCO to assist in dissemination of information to students, faculty, and staff at CCCs, including transfer via the ADT to AICCU-PIs. CCCs will be encouraged to publicize locally the CCCCO's support of this agreement to inform students, faculty, and staff of the agreement's benefits. Information will be encouraged through established internal CCC communication channels (such as student and employee newsletters, website pages, and listservs).

AICCU and the CCCCO will co-promote the ADT program in the A Degree with a Guarantee website (<http://adegreewithaguarantee.com>), individual campus website related to the ADT, marketing materials, social media and other communication channels, and other avenues to disseminate information to students, faculty, and staff.

IX. ADT Major Development

The CCCCO and its faculty representatives and AICCU and its faculty representatives will work with the California State University and its faculty representatives to consider the development of new ADT majors.

X. Term and Other Miscellaneous Provisions

The term of this agreement shall be ongoing commencing on the date first set forth above. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, for any reason (e.g., with or without cause), upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

In the unlikely event the partnership is ended, CCC ADT students who are in the admission process, and those receiving any educational benefit described in this agreement, will receive the

full value of the benefit toward their degree, as long as they remain in good academic standing at AICCU-PIs.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the transaction and may not be amended, unless in writing and signed by both parties. The agreement supersedes all prior agreements, representations, warranties, promises, or commitments, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter contained in this agreement.

AICCU and AICCU-PIs retain and reserve all of their rights, title, and interest, including all intellectual property rights, in and to the courses and related materials and information they or their affiliates provide in connection with this agreement.

Except as expressly provided, this agreement is entered into solely between, and may be enforced only by AICCU and the CCCCCO.

NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND ITS SUBJECT MATTER, AND EACH PARTY EXPLICITLY DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, NON-INFRINGEMENT AND FIRSTNESS FOR A PARTICULAR POSE. IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PART BE LIABLE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, HOWEVER CAUSED, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY WILL APPLY NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY LIMITED REMEDY IN THIS AGREEMENT.

This agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one single agreement.

*On behalf of the
California Community Colleges
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Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor

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