

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this “MOU”) is made and entered into May 1, 2011 (“Effective Date”) by and between Colorado Community College System (“CCCS”) and American Public University System (“APUS”) (individually a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES

American Public University System includes American Public University (APU) and American Military University (AMU) and serves more than 70,000 learners worldwide. APUS’s relevant curriculum, affordability, and flexibility help students pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. American Public University System is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association and nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission, Distance Education and Training Council. The APUS mission includes expanding access to higher education and preparing graduates for service and leadership in a diverse, global society.

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) comprises the state’s largest system of higher education and its career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges serve more than 151,000 students annually. The system’s colleges include: Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Lamar Community College, Morgan Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Otero Junior College, Pueblo Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, Red Rocks Community College and Trinidad State Junior College. Each of the thirteen community colleges is individually accredited by The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. The official statement of accreditation for each college is published in that college’s individual catalog. In addition to regional accreditation, numerous instructional programs of the colleges have earned accreditation from national and state agencies, industry councils, and/or professional associations.

AGREEMENT

American Public University System and Colorado Community College System hereby agree as follows:

1. APUS and CCCS will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.
2. **Advising of CCCS students** – Advising of CCCS students regarding admission and program requirements to APUS will be the responsibility of the regular advising staff at CCCS and APUS. APUS will designate one or more points of contact to respond to

advising questions from CCCS advisors. CCCS will monitor the academic performance of their students enrolling under this agreement, and identify problems that may interfere with the successful transfer student to APUS.

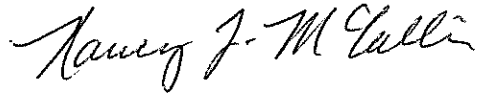
3. **On-Site Outreach** – APUS will arrange with CCCS to meet and make contact with potential CCCS transfer students at a minimum of two times annually. CCCS will provide an appropriate location(s) for presentations and advising.
4. **Communication** – CCCS and APUS agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions.
 - a. Any marketing of the MOU will be subject to the prior approval of both parties.
 - b. Each institution will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student and faculty populations.
 - c. Each institution will designate a marketing point of contact.
 - d. APUS will not market or promote to CCCS students any lower division courses that CCCS is scheduled to teach during the period of the MOU.
 - e. Faculty and staff at both institutions will communicate information about this agreement to students and prospective students.
 - f. CCCS will provide from its website a link to the APUS website and APUS will provide a link to CCCS website.
 - g. Representatives from APUS and CCCS will confer annually to exchange updated degree requirements, admissions, and transfer information to be used the subsequent academic year. Each institution will notify the other of any contemplated planned changes that would affect the future of this agreement.
5. **Exchange of Student Information** – APUS and CCCS agree to exchange transfer information for the purpose of monitoring and enhancing student academic success. The information may also be used to enhance curricular offerings. At no time will Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements be violated. In particular, the Provost Office of APUS will provide yearly statistical and global data to CCCS for the achievement of transfer students from CCCS: GPA, success in course completion after the first semester.
6. **Eligibility**
 - a. Students who were conferred a designated transfer AA or AS degree by CCCS on or after May 1, 2010 and enrolled at APU into an eligible Baccalaureate degree without selecting a concurrent minor or certificate
 - b. Only CCCS students who are admitted to APU on or after May 1, 2011 are eligible for this block agreement. Students already enrolled at APU prior to May 1, 2011 are not eligible for the block transfer.
 - c. CCCS students are eligible for this block transfer agreement regardless of where they completed all of their previous courses for their CCCS degree, as long as an eligible degree was earned from CCCS per the eligibility requirements above
7. **Award**
 - a. Eligible CCCS graduates will be granted junior status at APU and the degrees will transfer as a block.

- b. CCCS students transferring under a block agreement are not eligible for any other transfer credit outside of the block award, and will not receive course credit to fulfill any specific course requirements outside of the block award, regardless of what courses student previously completed.
 - c. Any program academic changes made by APU will not affect CCCS students CURRENTLY ENROLLED at APU at the time of the program change and they will be subject to original requirements that were in effect at the time the student enrolled in an APU program.
- 8. **Graduate School Voucher** - APUS will extend to CCCS full-time employees a graduate studies book voucher.
- 9. **Length of Agreement** – This agreement will become effective upon the execution of signatures by the responsible authority for each institution and will last for a maximum of three (3) years, after which time both institutions will undertake renegotiation of the agreement.
 - a. Both APUS and CCCS agree to provide written notice of at least one full academic year in advance of termination.
 - b. APUS reserves the right to alter the format of the transfer block, based on a change of APU program requirements, as long as the CCCS graduate is awarded 60 hours upon transferring to APU.

In Witness whereof, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the date first mentioned above by their authorized representatives.

Colorado Community College System

By:



Name: Nancy McCallin, Ph. D

Title: President

Date:

4-14-11

American Public University System

By:



Name: Wallace E. Boston, Jr., Ed. D

Title: President and CEO

Date:

4-25-11

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT-APU Degree Transfer Eligibility

APU DEGREE	Eligible COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Degree	Hours Awarded*
General Studies	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
History	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
Intelligence Studies	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
Management	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
Marketing	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
Security Management	Any AA/AGS or AS Degree	60
Information Systems Security	Any AS Degree	60
Sports and Health Sciences	Any AS Degree	60
APU DEGREE	Eligible COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Degree	Hours Awarded*
BBA	AA in Business Administration AA in Business Transfer Distinction AGS in Business Management	60
Criminal Justice (BA)	AGS in Criminal Justice	60
Philosophy	AA in Philosophy	60
Transportation and Logistics Management	AA in Business Administration AA in Business Transfer Distinction AGS in Business Management	60

* Students must select remaining courses at APU at the upper level (300-499)