

Alliance Agreement

This Alliance Agreement (“Agreement”) is made this 1st day of October, 2010 (“the Effective Date”) by and between the University of Maryland University College (“UMUC”) and Bossier Parish Community College (“BPCC” who together with UMUC are collectively referred to as the “Institutions”).

I. Introduction

a. UMUC is an accredited institution of higher education located in Adelphi, Maryland and providing its academic courses and programs in Maryland and through distance delivery. UMUC offers four-year undergraduate and graduate programs and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. UMUC is a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, an agency of the State of Maryland.

b. Bossier Parish Community College is a regionally accredited community college located in Bossier City, Louisiana and providing its academic courses and programs in Louisiana. BPCC offers associate degrees, certificate/technical diplomas, and technical competency areas and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. BPCC is a constituent institution of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

c. The Institutions recognize the programs and courses offered by the other and desire to establish their understanding regarding the transfer and applicability of credits from one institution to the other. The Institutions further desire to allow simultaneous admission to BPCC and UMUC. To that end the Institutions enter into this Agreement.

Now therefore, the Institutions agree as follows:

II. Term

a. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of October 1, 2010 (the “Effective Date”), and continue in effect for an initial period of one (1) year and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods.

b. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other ninety (90) days prior written notice. During the notice period the parties may discuss continuation of a formal relationship between them.

c. Provided neither Institution’s programs, courses or graduation requirements have changed materially to the effect that articulation or the transfer of credit is no longer academically appropriate, UMUC shall accept the transfer of BPCC credits and afford the students the status as stated herein on the terms and conditions of this Agreement for those students who, at or before the termination Agreement, have enrolled in UMUC and remained continuously enrolled.

III. Dual Admission and Articulation

a. **Dual Admission.** The Institutions agree to allow simultaneous admission to BPCC and UMUC. UMUC will not promote transfer to UMUC before a student has completed 45 credit hours at BPCC and shall encourage students to continue to attain their associates degrees.

Students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program shall be subject to the laws, regulations, practices and policies in effect at the institution the respective student is attending. UMUC will waive the UMUC admission application fee if student completes the application prior to graduating from BPCC.

The programs offered under the Dual Admission Program are set forth on EXHIBIT 1 as modified from time to time in accordance with this Agreement. With respect to students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program, UMUC and BPCC shall abide by the following procedures:

b. **Specific Programs —Acceptance of Degrees.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, UMUC shall afford students graduating from BPCC with those degrees identified on EXHIBIT 1 the opportunity to transfer to UMUC into the UMUC programs identified on EXHIBIT 1 (“Articulated Programs”).

The Articulated Programs and the courses conducted by UMUC within those programs may be modified by UMUC from time to time and by notice to BPCC of amendment to EXHIBIT 1, to substitute appropriate courses and/or Articulated Programs.

c. **Transfer of BPCC Credits to UMUC.** This Paragraph III (c) applies to BPCC degrees, programs and to credits other than those included in the Articulated Programs and credits for BPCC courses if BPCC has not awarded a degree. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, UMUC shall accept transfer of BPCC credits under this Paragraph III (c) up to a maximum of seventy (70) credit hours on the following terms and conditions:

- i.) the grade earned in the course in question is at least a C;
- ii) the student does not take the equivalent course at UMUC; and
- iii) the course in question is not being awarded UMUC credits directly.

d. **Evaluation of Transfer Credits.** UMUC will grant prospective students from BPCC a tentative evaluation of all transfer credits within 1-3 business days. Students who apply to UMUC and submit official transcripts to UMUC will receive an official evaluation of their transfer credits within 5 business days of receipts of all documentation. Evaluations may take slightly longer if courses from BPCC have not been evaluated by UMUC.

e. **Changes in Programs.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the