



# Transfer Agreement Between McHenry County College Transfer Associate Degrees and University of Wisconsin – Whitewater

McHenry County College offers the two-year Transfer Associate Degrees. University of Wisconsin – Whitewater is a nearby public university offering baccalaureate degree programs. Both institutions recognize the mutual benefit of encouraging students who attend McHenry County College in the Transfer Associate Degrees and who plan to transfer to UW-Whitewater to complete baccalaureate degrees. Research shows that a student who establishes degree completion goals early with a clear plan is more likely to complete a bachelor's degree. By participating in this agreement, both McHenry County College and UW-Whitewater enhance support for the outcome.

This agreement provides guaranteed admission to UW-Whitewater for students who participate in the Transfer Associate Degrees at McHenry County College, who earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, and who meet the requirements detailed below.

### **Eligibility for Participation**

- 1. Submit a Declaration of Intent to Participate form prior to earning 30 credits at MCC.
- 2. Complete an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at McHenry County College. This agreement does not apply to students who previously attended UW-Whitewater.
- 3. Earn a minimum 2.0 GPA for all coursework. UW-Whitewater will compute GPA based on all transferable work at MCC or other institutions including developmental work. UW-Whitewater's repeat policy states "A course in which a grade of C- or below was originally earned may be repeated once for grade and earned credit replacement. The grade and credits earned for the repeated course will replace those earned in the initial attempt when calculating grade point average and credits towards degree." Students who intend to transfer to UW-Whitewater and wish to repeat courses should contact the Office of Admissions for further details or familiarize themselves with the repeat policy section of the *Undergraduate Catalog*. Grades earned at other institutions are considered only for purposes of determining eligibility for admission to the University and eligibility for registration in certain majors. Some UW-Whitewater programs require higher grade point averages for admission. Additional information regarding GPA requirements for specific programs can be found in the *Undergraduate Catalog* or by contacting the UW-Whitewater Admissions Office.
- 4. Complete the requirements of this agreement within five academic years from the time of enrollment in the Transfer Associate Degree at McHenry County College.
- 5. Complete the application for transfer admission to UW-Whitewater, including all supporting documentation, according to the regular admissions schedule for the planned term of entry to UW-Whitewater.

### **Transfer Credit**

- 1. An Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from McHenry County College will be considered to have fulfilled all of UW-Whitewater's general education requirements with the exception of U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity requirement. Although the associate degrees satisfy all General Education requirements, there may be additional courses required to meet degree and/or major/minor requirements. UW-Whitewater accepts the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) courses to satisfy general education requirements. McHenry County College courses listed in Appendix A satisfy the U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity requirement at UW-Whitewater.
- 2. UW-Whitewater will accept a maximum of 72 credits from a two-year institution.
- 3. Students must meet the residency requirement of a minimum of 30 credits earned at UW-Whitewater to qualify for an undergraduate degree. At least 15 of these 30 credits must be taken at UW-Whitewater immediately prior to graduation. A minimum of 25% of the major course credits and 25% of the minor course credits must be completed at UW-Whitewater.

## Additional Requirements and Considerations

- 1. McHenry County College Transfer Coordinator, in collaboration with UW-Whitewater staff and faculty, will develop transfer planning guides. McHenry County College will provide this information to students through various means.
- 2. Admission to UW-Whitewater does not guarantee admission to any specific academic major or program. Some academic majors have additional requirements for admission. Students must meet the specified GPA requirements for their intended major at the time of admission to UW-Whitewater.
- 3. As a requirement for participation in guaranteed admission, students must provide each institution with a signed, written authorization to disclose his or her education records to the other institution, including but not limited to academic, admission, disclosure of prior discipline, and advising information. The Declaration of Intent to Participate Form provides the required written authorization.
- 4. Students may voluntarily withdraw from the guaranteed admission program at any time prior to transferring to UW-Whitewater
- 5. Once a student has become a participant in the guaranteed admission program, records will be maintained by both institutions. Both institutions agree to abide by all applicable state and federal laws concerning the protection and privacy of student records, medical records, and mental health records, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

### Implementation Issues

# McHenry County College

- 1. With UW-Whitewater, develop promotional/educational materials.
- 2. Provide information to eligible students about this Transfer Agreement.
- 3. Provide advising to students interested in this Transfer Agreement.
- 4. Work with UW-Whitewater staff and faculty to develop transfer planning guides and to ensure that all advisors working with students are providing consistent and up-to-date information.
- 5. Provide transfer planning guides to students through various means.
- 6. With UW-Whitewater, track the number of students enrolled in guaranteed admission.

### UW-Whitewater

- 1. With McHenry County College, develop promotional/educational materials.
- 2. Provide advising to students interested in this Transfer Agreement.
- 3. Work with McHenry County College to develop advising materials and to ensure that students get accurate information. Work with McHenry County College staff and faculty to develop transfer planning guides and to ensure that all advisors working with Transfer Agreement students are provided consistent and up-to-date information.
- 4. With McHenry County College, track the number of students enrolled in guaranteed admission. Provide McHenry County College with a list of guaranteed admission participants, post transfer, including major and performance information.

### Term and Termination

This agreement will be effective beginning July 1, 2017 and reviewed every 5 years to be updated or extended at that time. Consideration may be given to changes in specific items at any time during the partnership of the two institutions. If either party fails to follow the terms and conditions of the agreement as set forth in this document, the other party has the right to terminate this agreement with written notice. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 30-day written notice. It is agreed that, if terminated, both institutions will honor the agreement until all students who have been granted admission to UW-Whitewater are given the opportunity to complete their transfer in a timely manner.

McHenry County College	Name	Signature	Date
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President	Clinton E. Gabbard, Ph.D.	/ SAMM	1/28/17
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater	Name	Signature	Date
Director of Admissions	Jackie Briggs	Jan Bri	10/31/17
Provost	Susan Elrod, Ph.D.	Sumalwal	11/6/17

# Appendix A

McHenry County College courses that meet UW-Whitewater's Diversity Requirement.

Soc 260: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

This list will be updated as needed.