

KASKASKIA COLLEGE / EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

MASTER PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

In an effort to provide a continued, articulated higher education baccalaureate degree program that will build on community college and university learning experiences, and also eliminate duplication of instruction, this Master Program Articulation Agreement ("Master Agreement") is entered into as of the date of the last signature below ("Effective Date") by and between Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501 ("KC"), and Eastern Illinois University ("EIU"). KC and EIU are hereafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

I. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. Term. This Master Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date (or if no Effective Date is indicated upon the date the Master Agreement is fully executed by the Parties) and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) years thereafter. The Parties may renew or extend this Master Agreement only by written instrument signed by the authorized representatives of each Party.
- B. Termination. This Master Agreement or an individual Degree Plan (as defined in Section II.C. herein) may be terminated by either Party, with or without cause, upon 60 days advance written notice. The Parties agree that no additional students shall be accepted pursuant to this Master Agreement or into the relevant Degree Plan (as applicable) after a Party's receipt of any written notice of termination. No qualified student then enrolled in a degree program pursuant to this Master Agreement shall be deprived the opportunity to complete the program requirements solely due to termination of this Master Agreement or the relevant Degree Plan, as applicable.

II. ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

- A. This Master Agreement shall serve as the agreement pursuant to which the Parties may enter into Degree Plans (as defined in Section II.C. below). This Master Agreement does not commit the Parties to any financial obligation, and each Party is responsible for any expenses it may incur as a result of this Master Agreement. Further Degree Plans concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each Party and shall not become effective until fully executed by authorized representatives of each Party.
- B. This Master Agreement does not guarantee admission to EIU or to any specific academic program at EIU. All KC students wishing to transfer pursuant to this Master Agreement shall be subject to all of EIU's admission requirements and those of the applicable academic program.
- C. Subject to EIU's admission requirements and the applicable academic department's enrollment criteria and space availability, all graduates of KC will be considered for admission to EIU pursuant to and in accordance with a degree plan agreed to by the Parties pursuant to this Master Agreement ("Degree Plan"). Each such Degree Plan shall be considered part of this Master Agreement as fully set forth herein; provided however, that to the extent of any conflict between a Degree Plan and this Master Agreement, this Master Agreement shall govern.
- D. Subject to EIU's policies, including without limitation the Undergraduate Catalog, upon successful completion of all degree requirements, KC students will be eligible to receive a Bachelor's degree from EIU as set forth in the relevant Degree Plan.

III. KC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- A. Designate in writing a person or persons as point of contact between KC and EIU on all matters related to this Master Agreement.

- B. Reserve the right to approve and edit all news releases, advertising and other public announcements and information pieces relating to the performance of this Master Agreement.

IV. EIU RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- A. Designate in writing a person or persons as point of contact between EIU and KC on all matters related to this Master Agreement.
- B. Reserve the right to approve and edit all news releases, advertising and other public announcements and information pieces relating to the performance of this Master Agreement.

V. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

- A. Each Party shall endeavor to develop dual admission and reverse transfer processes between the Parties so that the movement of students between the Parties' institutions is as seamless as possible. Any such reverse transfer or dual admission processes to which the Parties agree shall be enforceable only when set forth in a further written instrument signed by each Party's authorized representative.
- B. Pursuant to each Degree Plan, each Party will appoint a representative from the relevant degree program who will be the contact for general advisement and degree planning purposes.
- C. Program Promotion - Each Party shall promote the relationship created by this Master Agreement so that it is disseminated to prospective and existing students by reasonable means, which may include but is not limited to the Internet, student catalogs, view books, program brochures, and other advertising. Advertising copy created pursuant to this Section shall be reviewed and approved in writing by each Party prior to publication. Each Party shall have a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferrable, royalty free right to use the name, trademarks, and logos of the other Party in the promotion of the relationship created by this Master Agreement.
- D. Should changes occur in the content or requirements of a course or program that is part of a Degree Plan entered into pursuant hereto, the Party making the change will notify the other Party in writing no less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the academic semester in which the change will first be implemented. Within 15 days of the receipt of such notice the Parties will commence a discussion to reevaluate the subject Degree Plan and make any changes deemed necessary to the subject Degree Plan. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement pursuant to those negotiations within 15 days of their commencement, either Party may terminate that Degree Plan by providing further written notice to the other Party.
- E. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the terms of this Master Agreement may result in the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records protected from disclosure and re-disclosure by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA"). Accordingly, the Parties agree that all disclosures or redisclosures of such personally identifiable information shall be in accordance with FERPA. As used in this section, the terms "personally identifiable information" and "education records" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in 34 C.F.R. § 99.3.
- F. Reasonable efforts will be made to resolve problems with student(s) through discussions with the student's program instructor, supervisor, and EIU's faculty members; however, EIU reserves the right to remove any student from enrollment at EIU in accordance with its policies, including without limitation the Student Conduct Code and its policies governing academic performance.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. To the extent permitted by law, Kaskaskia College shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Eastern Illinois University, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Kaskaskia College, its agents or employees, in the performance of Kaskaskia College's obligations under this agreement.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, Eastern Illinois University shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Kaskaskia College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Eastern Illinois University, its agents or employees, in the performance of Eastern Illinois University's obligations under this agreement.

VII. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Neither party will discriminate against any applicant or student in the nomination, selection, or training because of religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, national origin, or age.
- B. Notices should be submitted in writing, by mail or confirmed email to the Parties' contacts listed below:

For Eastern Illinois University:

Eastern Illinois University
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For Kaskaskia College:

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- C. The waiver by either Party or a breach or violation or any provision of this Master Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision hereof.
- D. Headings appear solely for convenience or reference. Such headings are not part of this Master Agreement and shall not be used to construe it.
- E. All the provisions of this Master Agreement are severable. If any provision of this Master Agreement is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the remainder of the Master Agreement shall remain in full force and effective to the extent permitted by law.
- F. Each Party to this Master Agreement shall have exclusive control of its respective organization unless and except as otherwise expressly provided herein. The relationship created by this Master Agreement is exclusively that of independent contractors.
- G. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, regarding same between KC and EIU. No

alteration or modification to this Master Agreement will be valid unless made in writing and signed by the authorized representative of each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Master Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates associated with their signatures below.

Eastern Illinois University



Holly Farley
Interim Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs

5/19/2026
Date

Kaskaskia College



George Evans
President

5/16/26
Date