

**ALTERNATE ADMISSION PATHWAY AGREEMENT**  
**Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**  
**And**  
**Luzerne County Community College**

**Preface**

This Alternate Admissions Pathway Agreement is made between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (BU) and Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) and is intended to provide an alternate pathway for admission to BU for those BU applicants who were rejected for admission to BU or for those BU students who began their studies as part of the Summer Start program and did not continue enrollment in the fall.

This agreement does not pertain to the following BU majors; Medical Imaging, American Sign Language, Nursing, Speech Pathology and Engineering 3+2.

Students who successfully complete the requirements for this pathway will be guaranteed admission into BU. This guarantee is only for admission to BU and not to a specific major as many BU majors do have additional admission requirements above and beyond what is required for admission into BU.

**Student Obligations**

Students intending to take advantage of this agreement must meet the following requirements;

1. Apply and successfully enroll at LCCC.
2. Have earned a minimum of 30 credits at LCCC. It is highly recommended that students complete a full associate degree prior to transfer to BU under the terms of this agreement.
3. Have a minimum grade point average of a 2.0. If applying to an Education major a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 is required.
4. Complete an "Alternate Admission Pathway" application with a **BU application** for the target semester before completing 30 LCCC credits.
  - a. **For Applicants who have never been accepted to BU** - complete an Application for Admission in addition to the Alternate Admission Pathway application. Deadlines for application are June 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester, and by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester
  - b. **For Applicants who have attended BU** - complete a Readmission Application in addition to the Alternate Admission Pathway application. Deadlines for application are June 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester, and by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester. *Students needing to submit a Readmission Application are defined as students who, having been formally admitted to degree study and attended Bloomsburg University, failed to enroll or withdrew for any academic semester, regardless of the reason.*
5. Deadlines for application are June 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester, and by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester
6. Work closely with their LCCC advisor to ensure that all Pathway requirements are met.
7. Must meet all applicable BU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission (including admission into specific majors), orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to all BU students.

**The following policy applies to Readmission applicants** (see PRP 3333 Undergraduate (Degree and Non-Degree Admissions Policy) Readmitted students are responsible for the graduation requirements and academic policies which exist at the time of reentrance. The

Director of Admissions may require an applicant for readmission to file a letter containing such supplementary information as needed for proper consideration. Students under academic dismissal are ineligible for readmission for one calendar year. They should present evidence of successful achievement at another college or university as part of their application for readmission. Applications for readmission are reviewed individually. Decisions are based upon such factors as; previous level of achievement, reasons for withdrawal, potential for completing a degree program, positive social review.

### **Obligations of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**

To facilitate the transfer of LCCC graduates to BU in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

1. To publicize this agreement to all "Summer Start" students from the LCCC region who do not enroll for fall and all applicants from the LCCC region denied admission to BU.
2. Collect, share with LCCC and maintain all Alternate Admission Pathway Applications.
3. Waive the admissions application fee for students denied admission.
4. Accept LCCC courses for transfer as specified by BU's general transfer policy. A Web link to this policy and general BU transfer information can be found at <http://www.pacollegetransfer.com/BloomsburgUniversityofPennsylvania/TransferProfile/tabid/261/Default.aspx>.
5. Meet with LCCC staff as required to maintain a smooth operation of this agreement.

### **Obligations of Luzerne County Community College**

1. To provide students with academic advising and information about transfer credits, BU academic requirements, and the process of transferring to BU.
2. Meet with BU staff as required to maintain a smooth operation of this agreement.

### **Joint Obligations**

1. To consult with each other prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this agreement.
2. To keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect this agreement or the progress of these students.
3. To exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this agreement.
4. To designate a representative or representatives from each institution who will coordinate this agreement.

### **Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement**

This Alternate Admission Pathway agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. Until the agreement is formally terminated, it will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written

notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students who have filed an Alternate Admission Pathway Application and are in the process of meeting the conditions set forth in this agreement.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between BU and LCCC regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

### **Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement**

BU and Luzerne are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement. The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Luzerne County Community College into Bloomsburg University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

- a. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter and can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- b. No modifications, alternations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.
- c. This Agreement will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically for a maximum total term of five (5) years or until the agreement is formally terminated. Not later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the five (5) year period, each Party shall review and together make any changes to an updated Agreement to be considered for execution and implementation.
- d. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to the Institution under the terms of this Agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes.
- e. The Parties understand that they shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this Agreement, and shall not be considered as employees, agents, affiliates, or subsidiaries of each other. Neither Party shall have the right to bind or obligate the other in any manner inconsistent with or unrelated to this Agreement.
- f. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- g. Neither Party shall assume any liabilities as a result of this Agreement. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the Parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of any immunities afforded Luzerne or BU by law or otherwise.
- h. Luzerne County Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For a complete copy of the LCCC non-discrimination policy, go to <http://portal.luzerne.edu/forms/dc.pdf>. Inquiries may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, John Sedlak, Dean of Human Resources, LCCC, 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, 18634, 800-377-5222 extension 7234. Inquiries related to accessibility services for students may be

directed to the Section 504 Coordinator, Rosana Reyes, Dean of Student Development and Enrollment Management, LCCC, 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, 18634, 800-377-5222 extension 7423.

- i. BU agrees that they are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- j. Any notices to be given hereunder by any Party to the other may be affected with by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses set forth hereinafter, but each Party may change their address by written notice in accordance with this paragraph. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; mailed notices shall be deemed communicated as of five (5) days after mailing.
  - a. If to BU: Bloomsburg University  
400 East Second Street, AL-124  
Bloomsburg, PA 1781  
Attention: Thomas Fletcher, Vice President - Strategic Enrollment Management
  - b. If to LCCC: Luzerne County Community College  
1333 South Prospect Street  
Nanticoke PA 18634  
Attention: Rosana Reyes, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Development

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Luzerne County Community College and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

**Luzerne County Community College:**

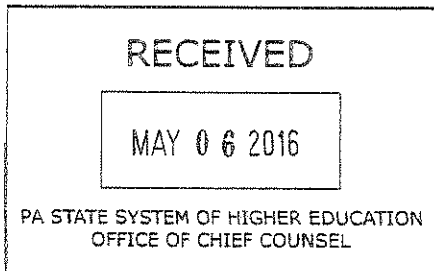
**Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:**

Thomas Leary      4-7-16  
President                      Date

David Soltz      5/4/16  
President                      Date

**Approved as to Form and Legality:**

[Signature]      5/10/16  
University Legal Counsel      Date  
Pennsylvania State System of Higher  
Education



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**Appendix A**  
**Alternate Admission Pathway**  
**Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Luzerne County Community College**  
**Application Request**

I formally request to be considered for admission into BU's Alternate Admission Pathway. I fully understand that I must apply and be accepted at LCCC, complete a minimum of 30 credits at LCCC and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 to be considered for admission to BU. If applying to an Education major at Bloomsburg, I understand that I will be required to hold a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

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*These are the basic requirements of this program. All applicants must complete all requirements (academic and procedural) for admission to BU through this program. It is highly recommended that you work closely with your LCCC advisor to ensure that all Pathway requirements are met.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BU Application # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

LCCC ID (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of LCCC Credits: \_\_\_\_\_ LCCC Major: \_\_\_\_\_

LCCC GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date