

STATE ORCHESTRATED TRANSFER AGREEMENT
 PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 and
 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

In order to serve the students impacted by the precipitous closure of Education Corporation of America, doing business as Brightwood College in Maryland ("Brightwood"), which had locations in Towson, Baltimore, and Beltsville, Maryland, Prince George's Community College (the "PGCC"), located in Largo, Maryland, has entered into this *State Orchestrated Transfer Agreement* ("Agreement") with the Maryland Higher Education Commission ("MHEC").

A. Qualifying Brightwood Students

This Agreement pertains only to the transfer of "Qualifying Students", *i.e.*, those students who:

1. Fall into one of these categories:
 - o Enrolled in Brightwood when Brightwood precipitously closed on December 7, 2018;
 - o Enrolled in Brightwood during the 120 days prior to closure (August 9, 2018); or
 - o Were on an approved Leave of Absence from Brightwood between the dates of August 9, 2018 and December 7, 2018; and
2. Were enrolled in one of Brightwood's MHEC-approved programs.

B. Duties of PGCC

PGCC agrees to implement the transfer of Qualifying Students in accordance with the following requirements and protocols:

1. A Qualifying Student may transfer into a comparable program that PGCC is approved by MHEC to offer.
2. Comparable programs that PGCC is willing to accept credit for include:

Brightwood Program of Study	PGCC Comparable Program of Study
Computer Networking Technology, AAS	Information Technology AAS
Computer Support Technician, Certificate	A+ Preparation Certificate (missing 1 class)
Computer Support Technician, Certificate	Computer Service Technology Certificate (missing 2 classes)

3. Comparable courses that PGCC is willing to transfer credits for include:

Information Technology AAS (PGCC) Computer Networking Technology, AAS (Brightwood)

Brightwood Course			PGCC Comparable Course		
Course Number	Course Name	Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
CN299	Associate's Capstone in Computer Networking Technology	5	INT 1550	Introduction to Networks: Network+ Preparation	3

IT101	Introduction to Information Technology	5	INT 1010	Introduction to Information Technology	3
IT163	Database Management	5	INT 2150	Introduction to Database Management Systems	3
IT172	Introduction to Web Tools	2	INT 1800	Internet and Web Technology	3
IT182	Introduction to Programming	5	INT 1111	Programming Logic and Design	3
IT190	Computer Hardware and Operating Systems	5	INT 2540	Computer Hardware II: A+ Preparation	4
IT273	Networking Concepts	5	INT 1550	Introduction to Networks: Network+ Preparation	3
IT275	Linux System Administration	5	INT 2761	Linux Operating System II	3
IT276	Windows System Administration	5	INT 2310	Windows Server Administration	3
IT283	Networking with TCP/IP	5	INT 1550	Introduction to Networks: Network+ Preparation	3
IT287	Introduction to Routing and Switching	5	INT 1550	Introduction to Networks: Network+ Preparation	3

A+ Preparation Certificate (PGCC) Computer Support Technician, Certificate (Brightwood)

Brightwood Course			PGCC Comparable Course		
Course Number	Course Name	Quarter Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
CSB120	Desktop Operating Systems	6	INT 2300	Windows Desktop Client	3
CSG120	Networking Fundamentals	6	INT 1550	Introduction to Networks: Network+ Preparation	3
ITW101	Introduction to Software Technology	6	INT 2540	Computer Hardware II: A+ Preparation	4
ITK101	Introduction to Systems Technology	6	INT 1540	Computer Hardware I: A+ Preparation	4

- The Qualifying Student shall not pay, and PGCC shall not charge to the student, any tuition or fees in excess of the lesser of: (1) the remaining amount that the student would have paid to Brightwood to complete the program pursuant to the student's enrollment contract with Brightwood; or PGCC's otherwise applicable tuition and fees. For example, if the student

paid tuition in full to Brightwood, the student may be charged only the cost of books and materials to complete the program. If partial tuition was paid to Brightwood, the student may be charged no more than the lesser of the balance due to Brightwood, or PGCC's otherwise applicable tuition and fees.

5. If additional books, materials, or industry test exams are required to complete the program, the Qualifying Student shall be given the choice of purchasing these through the PGCC, or through other sources.
6. PGCC must ensure that the Qualifying Student signs an enrollment agreement with the PGCC before enrolling. The enrollment agreement shall disclose the program for which the student will be enrolled in, the Brightwood courses for which the student will receive credit for, and the tuition to be charged, which shall not exceed the maximum permitted amount under Paragraph 4, above.
7. PGCC shall enroll the Qualifying Student only in a program comparable to the one that the student was unable to complete at Brightwood, as stated under Paragraph 2. Enrollment in a non-comparable, different program is not covered by the terms of this Agreement.
8. PGCC shall designate, and shall provide to MHEC the contact information for, a staff person at PGCC who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students.
9. If the Qualifying Student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits), PGCC shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).
10. PGCC shall enroll a Qualifying Student who is using Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits) only in a VA-qualified program or educational institution.
11. Regarding GI Benefits, PGCC understands that courses that were successfully completed by the Qualifying Student at Brightwood generally may not be certified again for VA purposes if the courses are repeated. However, if a student failed a course, or if a program requires a higher grade than the one achieved in a particular course for successful completion, then PGCC may be able to re-certify the course in accordance with applicable federal regulations.
12. PGCC shall require each Qualifying Student to sign an acknowledgment that the student has been provided with information regarding the U.S. Department of Education's loan discharge policy by PGCC. PGCC will not advise Brightwood students regarding whether the student is eligible for loan discharge.

C. Duties of Maryland Higher Education Commission

1. MHEC shall provide to PGCC the contact information of MHEC staff members who are coordinating the transfer options for Brightwood students, including the contact information of a staff person from whom to obtain Qualifying Students' transcripts.

2. MHEC shall provide to Qualifying Students information concerning the transfer opportunity with PGCC.

D. Termination

1. MHEC or PGCC may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon delivering 30 days written notice to the other party.
2. Upon any termination, Sections G, I (if applicable), and J shall survive the termination of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect.

E. Amendment

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of MHEC and PGCC with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both parties.

F. Term of Agreement

This Agreement is for a term commencing on the date that this Agreement has been executed by both parties (the "Effective Date"), and shall terminate upon: (1) either party delivering notice to the other pursuant to the terms of Section D of this Agreement; or (2) the program completion of all Qualifying Students at PGCC.

G. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

H. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

I. Indemnification (NOTE – Delete this section for public institutions.)

To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, PGCC shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Maryland, its officers, and employees, and MHEC, its commissioners, employees, and contractors, from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, including without limitation attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of PGCC or any agent, employee, or subcontractor of PGCC in the execution or performance of this Agreement.


J. Representations and Warranties of the Parties

Both parties to this Agreement represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the Term of this Agreement:

1. The parties are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each party has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement, and execution by the persons signing on behalf of each party is duly authorized and has been made with complete and full authority to commit the party to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, which shall constitute valid, binding obligations of each party.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

By: 

Dr. Charlene M. Dukes
President
Prince George's Community College

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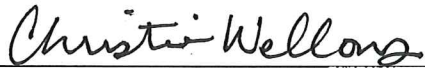
By: 

Dr. James D. Fielder
Secretary
Maryland Higher Education Commission

1/15/19
Date

1/18/19
Date

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

By: 

Assistant Attorney General
Maryland Higher Education Commission

Date: 1/18/19

1. The first part of the report is a summary of the work done during the year. It is written in a clear and concise manner and is easy to read. It gives a good overview of the project and the results achieved.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed account of the work done. It is written in a more technical and detailed manner and is intended for those who are interested in the details of the project. It gives a good insight into the methods used and the results obtained.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results. It is written in a more analytical and critical manner and is intended for those who are interested in the implications of the results. It gives a good insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the project and the conclusions drawn.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion. It is written in a clear and concise manner and is intended for those who are interested in the overall findings of the project. It gives a good summary of the work done and the results achieved.

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