

**GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
And
BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Gwinnett Technical College and Bellevue University believe cooperative programs benefit the community, employers and students in their regions. It allows smooth transition for students transferring between institutions and maximizes allowable transfer of credit. For this reason, the two institutions are entering into the following agreement for program articulation between the Associate's degrees of Gwinnett Technical College and the Bachelor's degrees of Bellevue University, jointly developed and entered into the date of the signing of this agreement.

Parties

Gwinnett Technical College, a public community college, located at 5150 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 (hereafter the College) is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 to grant Associate of Applied Science Degrees through regular classroom delivery in its primary service area and through distance delivery.

Bellevue University, a private, non-profit University, located at 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE 68005-3098, (hereafter the University) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 to grant Bachelor's degrees, Masters degrees and a Ph.D. in Human Capital Management through regular classroom delivery in its service area in the United States and through distance delivery, including completely online degree programs.

Program Concept

The two institutions agree that if a student has satisfactorily completed any associate's degree (AA, AS or AAS) at Gwinnett Technical College, then he/she:

- 1) Will receive full recognition of that degree toward the completion of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree programs at Bellevue University. Students who hold an associate's degree will have no General Education Core Curriculum requirements to meet but must satisfy the Kirkpatrick Signature Series requirements.
- 2) Will be required to complete a minimum of 45 post-associate-degree semester hours at Bellevue University for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees, which includes a minimum of 36 credits in the major and nine credits in the Kirkpatrick Signature Series.

Bellevue University urges students to complete the remaining credits – 100 level of above – at Gwinnett Technical College. This will complete the 127 semester credits required for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees at Bellevue University. The Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree requires a total of 132 semester credit hours.

- 3) Will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree from Bellevue University upon successful completion of:
 - a. Requirements in the major course of study as stated in the University Catalog.
 - b. Required total credit hours to complete the degree as stated in the University Catalog (a minimum of 127 semester hours for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees and 132 semester hours for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree).
 - c. All other graduation requirements, as stated in the University Catalog, including those pertaining to standards or progress, upper division hours, hours in residence, demonstration of specific competencies, and articulated core where relevant.
- 4) Bellevue University agrees to exchange available admission and grade information with Gwinnett Technical College upon obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.

Accreditation

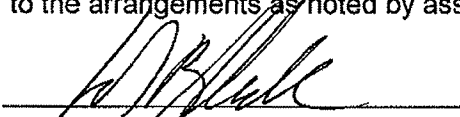
Bellevue University and Gwinnett Technical College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

Duration and Termination of Agreement


Bellevue University and Gwinnett Technical College agree that this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions. Students who have completed an associate's degree from Gwinnett Technical College and have a declared intent to transfer to Bellevue University at the time of termination of this agreement will be allowed to graduate from Bellevue University following the terms of this agreement.

Signatures


The intent of this agreement is to encourage transfer opportunities for students and enhance communications between the institutions. Both parties indicate their agreement to the arrangements as noted by assigning their signatures below.



John B. Muller, Ph.D.
President
Bellevue University
Date: 4/16/09



Sharon Bartels
President
Gwinnett Technical College
Date: 5.11.09



Mary B. Hawkins, Ph.D.
Provost
Bellevue University
Date: 4-16-09