AGREEMENT BETWEEN BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY FOR IMPLEMENTING A DUAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

This dual admissions program agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of the date of the last signing party below ("Effective Date") by and between Bergen Community College ("BCC") and Saint Peter's University ("SPU").

BCC and SPU desire to implement a program, as set forth below, that will afford qualifying BCC students, who otherwise meet SPU's admissions requirements, to be seamlessly admitted with full junior status into the corresponding program at SPU (either full-time day, full-time evening or part-time evening, with an opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree a Qualifying Program within the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, School of Education, School of Nursing or School of Professional and Continuing Studies (see Appendix A).

The parties hereby agree as follows:

- Any BCC student who earns an A.A. or A.S. degree in a Qualifying Program and otherwise meets SPU's respective admissions requirements to the program, will: (i) be admitted to SPU's corresponding Qualifying Program, (ii) be granted full junior status, and (iii) will be conferred a B.A. or B.S., as appropriate, upon completion of the degree requirements for the Qualifying Program and fulfilling the University's requirements for conferring of degree.
- 2. Any BCC student enrolled in a Qualifying Program may apply for entry into this dual admissions program with SPU ("Program") at any time prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student graduates from BCC.
- 3. Any BCC student enrolled in the Program will be held to the same academic standard as any other SPU student upon enrollment at SPU.
- 4. To be eligible for the Program, BCC students must be in good academic standing and working successfully towards graduation. Admission requirements at SPU include in general: a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 or better. Additional admission criteria are as follows: (1) completed application; (2) receipt of official college transcript(s) from all colleges/universities attended; (3) personal statement; (4) letter of recommendation; (5) good disciplinary record. Students may also need to meet specific Qualifying Program requirements.
- 5. Should BCC candidates not meet the above criteria or fail to make successful progress toward graduation, SPU will commit to reviewing students for general admission as per general A.A. and A.S. degree completion transfer agreements in place.

- 6. In assessing each student's records, full faith and credit will be granted to each institution's academic transcript, at least to the extent of such courses set forth in Appendix B of this Agreement or as otherwise agreed to as between the parties. Students presenting additional transcripts and coursework to meet SPU Bachelor program curriculum requirements will be evaluated at the point of admission for additional credit to meet introductory and/or upper level coursework.
- 7. SPU admission and financial aid representatives will coordinate with its BCC counterparts to advise any student enrolled in the Program. Students participating in the Program will be eligible for any current scholarship/grant program associated with transferring to SPU.
- 8. BCC Office of Admission will publish an application for admission to the Program subject to SPU's prior written review and approval (the "Application").
- 9. A BCC student will submit the Application to a transfer counselor at BCC who will forward it to the SPU Office of Admissions for immediate consideration.
- 10. SPU will waive the Application fee for any BCC student who applies to the Program.
- 11. Upon SPU's acceptance of the BCC student's Application, SPU will issue an acceptance letter welcoming students and outlining the parameters and guarantees of the Program, including but not limited to student's obligations to remain eligible for the Program.
- 12. BCC will maintain records for its students enrolled in the Program and will provide SPU, at no cost to SPU, with copies of student transcripts on or about February 1st for students intending to enroll in the fall term of that year, and by October 1st for students intending to enroll in the following year.
- 13. BCC will send a final official student transcript to the SPU Dean of Undergraduate Admissions following completion of BCC A.A. or A.S. program. Transcripts will be received at SPU within 30 days of the start of the enrolling term.
- 14. BCC will provide SPU graduation lists of Winter, Spring and Summer graduates, or potential graduates for said terms no later than December 1st, April 1st and August 1st (respectively). SPU will use graduation lists for marketing and communication with graduating students and will honor "opt out" requests of students, ceasing further communication.
- 15. On at least an annual basis, SPU will provide BCC, at no cost to BCC, aggregate, anonymized data on retention and graduation rates for students enrolled in the Program.
- 16. Subject to the time limits set forth in paragraph 17, immediately below, SPU will not change its graduation requirements for a B.A. or B.S., as appropriate, in the Qualifying Programs for any BCC student who participates in the Program.

- 17. A BCC graduate enrolled in the Program matriculating at SPU within four years of the student's first enrollment in a BCC course covered by this Agreement will fall under the SPU undergraduate degree requirements in force at the time of such initial enrollment at BCC. BCC graduates enrolled in the Program who matriculate at SPU more than four years after such initial enrollment must fulfill the SPU undergraduate degree requirements in force at the time of such matriculation.
- 18. SPU will grant students the equivalent of junior status (typically minimum 60 credits) and additional credits will be evaluated for application degree completion at the point of admission.
- 19. BCC and SPU will each, at their sole expense, promote and publicize the Program in appropriate publications and at appropriate forums. The respective Marketing Offices, or those offices charged with managing enrollment and admission material, will coordinate message and share materials for final approval prior to release.
- 20. BCC will designate articulation liaisons that will each have a direct relationship with the cognate program, department chairperson or College Dean at SPU.
- 21. Each BCC student enrolled in the Program will be assigned an advisor from both SPU and BCC. The advisor's role will be to guide the student through academic course offerings and requirements as well as to keep the student informed through the application, admission and enrollment processes.
- 22. The designated SPU advisor will take residence (minimum 10 hours/week) in an appropriately located office so as to provide counseling (within the regulations of FERPA) and advising to prospective Program students. BCC will provide an email address, telephone support and other relative services to meet BCC Program student needs. SPU will provide office supplies including computer, and printer to run the office.
- 23. The parties will notify each other of any curricular changes in any of the Qualifying Program.
- 24. The Agreement shall continue for an initial period of three (3) years from the Effective Date xx and shall thereafter renew automatically for additional one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Period") unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew to the other party at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the Initial Period or of the then-current Renewal Period.
- 25. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between parties with respect to the Program and each has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives. All negotiations, oral agreements, and understandings are merged herein and any modification in the terms must be made in writing and signed by all parties.

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Appendix A

List of Qualifying Degree Programs

Accountancy (BS) Applied Science & Technology (BS) Biological Chemistry Biotechnology Physics Business Administration (BA) Criminal Justice (BA) Computer and Information Science (BS) Elementary Education (BA) Natural Science (BS) Professional Studies (BPS in Humanities, General Studies and Social Sciences) Psychology (BS) Upper Division RN to BSN Appendix B

Qualifying Degree Program Curriculum Mappings