

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Between**  
**William James College**  
**And**  
**Berkshire Community College**

**WHEREAS** this guaranteed admission articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of the programmatic transfer of courses/credits between **William James College (WJC)** and **Berkshire Community College (BCC)** and encourage completion of the Bachelor of Science Degree.

Given the commitment to diversity, and the mission of the two institutions, it is only fitting that **WJC** and **BCC** form a guaranteed admission articulation agreement. Both institutions are regionally accredited by the New England Commission for Higher Education (NECHE) with long standing histories in higher education. This agreement will make opportunities for learning accessible to a wider student population in the surrounding communities.

**William James College Mission Statement**

William James College strives to be a preeminent school of psychology that integrates rigorous academic instruction with extensive field education and close attention to professional development. We assume an ongoing social responsibility to create programs to educate specialists of many disciplines to meet the evolving mental health needs of society.

**Core Values**

- Experiential Education

*Integrate rigorous academic instruction with substantial clinical experience.*

- Social Responsibility

*Educate providers to meet a diverse society's evolving mental health needs including cultural competence and language training. Develop programs and partnerships to ensure access to mental health care for all persons.*

- Personal Growth

*Foster a supportive, challenging and available learning environment that pays careful attention to personal and professional development.*

**Berkshire Community College Mission Statement:**

*BCC Vision*

- Berkshire Community College will provide equitable, accessible and transformative learning opportunities focused on the current and evolving needs of our diverse community.

*BCC Mission Statement*

- Berkshire Community College is committed to providing an exceptional education and a wide range of opportunities that meet the diverse needs of our community through college transfer, workforce and career pathways, partnerships and lifelong learning.

*BCC Values*

- Student-Centered  
We work to provide access and opportunity for our students, and we support them in exploring and attaining their academic and career goals.
- Diversity and Inclusion  
We are committed to exploration and development of the BCC community, in which we value diverse perspectives, identities and experiences to ensure individuals are welcomed, acknowledged and celebrated for their authentic selves.
- Purpose-Driven  
We create and do meaningful work that enhances the well-being of our community.
- Responsiveness  
We create innovative and accessible ways to adapt to changing needs of our community through inclusive teaching practices, community partnerships and individualized student experiences.
- Sustainability  
We promote and foster conscientious social, civic, economic and environmental sustainability.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

William James College requires all transfer candidates to provide evidence of completing a minimum of 22 general education courses covering the following domains:

**Minimum: 3 credits Natural/Physical Science**

**Minimum: 1 credit for a Natural/Physical Science Lab**

**Minimum: 3 credits Humanities/Arts**

**Minimum: 3 credits Mathematics**

**Minimum: 3 credits Social Sciences**

**Minimum: 6 credits English Composition/Writing**

**Minimum: 3 credits Humanities/Social Sciences/Natural or Physical Science/or Mathematics**

This agreement will provide a guaranteed admission arrangement for students from BCC to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree from WJC. Students who have completed an associate degree (minimum of 60 credits) from BCC in Liberal Arts (no concentration), Liberal Arts with Psychology Concentration, Human Services/Social Work Transfer, or Criminal Justice, with a **2.5 cumulative GPA** or higher, will be guaranteed admission in the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services program.

Students with 60 credits and a GPA lower than a 2.5 cumulative average are still encouraged to apply but are not guaranteed admission.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Administrative Matters**

At least one academic administrator or faculty member from each institution will be appointed to act as liaisons for the implementation of this agreement, to serve as primary contact persons, and to communicate any changes to this agreement to the respective faculty members, advisors, admissions counselors, and others. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the Vice President for Academic Affairs (or designee) at WJC and the Vice President of Academic Affairs (or designee) at BCC. Both parties agree to communicate annually regarding any changes in their respective programs that may affect this agreement.

WJC and BCC agree to collaborate in the areas of publicity, marketing, recruitment, curriculum, and transfer efforts as follows:

- All announcements, publicity, marketing, and recruitment activities by either institution relative to the articulation agreement will be done following a plan collaboratively developed and agreed to by both parties.
- Faculty and staff at both institutions will share information in this agreement with interested and qualified students, and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students.

### **Student Admissions and Enrollment Guidelines**

BCC students who graduate with one of the following Associate's degrees: Liberal Arts (no concentration), Liberal Arts with Psychology Concentration, Human Services/Social Work Transfer, or Criminal Justice, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 are guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services program at William James College (WJC). Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures as outlined in the WJC undergraduate student handbook and the program handbook.

BCC graduates will be required to complete the required application form at WJC. There is no application fee or essay requirement.

WJC will accept and apply credits from general education, open elective courses, and select content equivalent courses (60-72 credits) from accredited associate degree programs {see Appendix A}. Students must complete a minimum of twenty courses (60 credits) above the initial 60 credits required for an Associate's degree, for a total of (120) credits to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree from WJC. A

minimum of 30 credits (10 courses) must be completed at WJC for students to obtain a degree from WJC.

Course grades below a C will transfer if they are part of the Gen Ed Foundation and students have completed the block with a cumulative grade or quality point average of 2.0 or higher. The transfer of all other non-traditional credits outside the Gen Ed Foundation will be honored at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Students may additionally transfer a maximum of four (4), three (3) credit additional content equivalent courses for a total of (12) credits beyond their 60 credits from an AS degree, thus only needing 48 credits at WJC to graduate. These credits will only be transferred if the student obtained a C or above and has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), BCC Challenge Exams, and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit completed and/or accepted by BCC will be honored at WJC. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide WJC with official transcripts and official score sheets from The College Board for validation.

#### **Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities**

Students with 60 or more credits, eligible to attend through this articulation agreement will be eligible to receive financial assistance through the Financial Aid Office at WJC. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the WJC New Student Application for Financial Aid to determine scholarship, grant, and loan eligibility.

WJC participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and the post 9/11 G. L. Bill. Veterans utilizing this agreement are encouraged to meet with admissions staff at WJC for more information.

#### **Terms, Amendments, and Termination**

This agreement shall continue for a period of three (3) years. Additional program approvals may be added to this agreement with the permission of both institutions. This agreement may be renewed with the mutual consent of the parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason upon written notice to the other with at least ninety (90) day notice prior to the effective date of termination or, if a violation of the agreement occurs, may be terminated upon written notice. This agreement is not assignable and may not be amended, revised, or modified, except in writing executed by all parties. If the agreement is terminated for any reason prior to the end of the effective period, BCC students who were accepted into or enrolled in the articulated program prior to the termination of this agreement will be able to complete the degree program.

**Berkshire Community College**




**Ellen Kennedy, Ed.D.**  
President

**Date:**  
3/28/2023



**Laurie Gordy, Ph.D.** **Date: 3/28/2023**  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

**William James College**



**Nicolas A. Covino, PsyD** **Date:**  
President



**Stacey Lambert, PsyD** **Date: 4.3.2023**  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

APPENDIX A: Transfer Credit Equivalencies

**Table 1. AS in Criminal Justice at BCC to BS completion in Psychology and Human Services at WJC**

William James College	Credits	Berkshire Community College	Credits
Natural/Physical Science	3	Natural or physical Science	3
Natural/Physical Science Lab	1		
Humanities/Arts	3	Humanities and Fine Arts Elective	3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3	MAT – Mathematics (does not include developmental courses)	3
Social Science	3	SOC105 Intro to Sociology	3
Composition/Writing	3	ENG101 Composition 1	3
Composition/Writing	3	ENG102 Composition 2 or ENG116 Technical Writing	3
General Education: Social Science	3	PSY107 Intro to Psychology	3
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>21</b>
Open Elective	3	CRJ105 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ108 Drugs and Society	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ109 Police and Community Relations	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ121 Criminal Law	3
Open Elective	3	COM—Communication	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ123 Criminal Procedures	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ 127 Correctional Process	3
Open Elective	3	SOC219 Gender and Justice	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ125 Juvenile Justice Process	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ126 Criminal Investigation	3
Open Elective	3	Humanities and Fine Arts Elective	3
Open Elective	3	CRJ200 Introduction to Criminology	3
Open Elective	3	History Elective	3
<b>Total Transferrable Credits Accepted</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Total Transferrable Credits</b>	<b>39</b>

\*Students are encouraged to take a 4 credit science (with a lab). If they take a 3 credit science they are required to have a 2.5 overall GPA and they will be required to take 61 credits at William James, including BSSC217L. Nutritional Psychology Lab.

**Students will transfer a total of 60 (no lab) or 61 credits toward the 120 credit BS program at WJC.**

**Table 2. AS Social Work Transfer at BCC to BS in Psychology and Human Services at WJC**

William James College	Credits	Berkshire Community College	Credits
Natural/Physical Science with Lab	4	<b>Fundamentals of Biology</b>	4
Humanities/Arts	3	<b>COM- Communication Elective</b>	3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3	<b>MAT – Mathematics Elective (does not include developmental courses)</b>	3
Social Science	3	<b>SOC105 Intro to Sociology</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG English Composition</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG English Composition II</b>	3
General Education: Social Science	3	<b>PSY107 Intro to Psychology</b>	3
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>
Open Elective	3	<b>HSV135 Intro to Community Resources</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>HSV111 Human Service Methods</b>	3
Open Elective	1	<b>HSV151 Field Work Seminar 1</b>	1
Open Elective	2	<b>HSV161 Field Practicum 1</b>	2
BSPY220 Cross Cultural Lifespan Development	3	<b>PSY204 Human Growth and Develop.</b>	3
Open Elective	1	<b>Field Work Seminar 2</b>	1
Open Elective	3	<b>Field Practicum 2</b>	3
BSHS211 Fundamental Interventions in Human Services	3	<b>PSY208 Interviewing and Counseling</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>General Education Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>General Education Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>General Education Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>HSV280 Group and Professional Development</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>SOC216 Racial Ethnic Minorities</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Specialized Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Specialized Elective</b>	3
		<b>Total Transferrable Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

**Students will transfer in 62 total credits toward the 120 credit BS program at WJC.**

**Table 3. AA Liberal Arts/Psychology Concentration to BS completion in Psychology and Human Services at WJC: General Education and Open Electives**

William James College	Credits	Berkshire Community College	Credits
Natural/Physical Science with Lab	4	<b>Natural or Physical Science Elective with a Lab</b>	4
Humanities/Arts	3	<b>HUM – Humanities and Fine Arts Elective</b>	3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3	<b>MAT, 3 credit course (excluding developmental courses)</b>	3
Social Science	3	<b>PSY107 Introduction to Psychology</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG101 Composition 1</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG102 Composition 2</b>	3
General Education: Social Science	3	<b>SOC105 Intro to Sociology</b>	3
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>
Open Elective	3	<b>HIS113 Western Civ to 1500 or HIS121 World History to 1500</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>HIS114 Western Civilization Since 1500 or HIS122 World History Since 1500</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>BIO175 Brain, Mind and Behavior</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>COM – Communications Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	1	<b>ENV127- Environmental Awareness</b>	1
Open Elective	3	<b>ENG – Literature Elective</b>	3
BSPY220 Cross Cultural Human Development	3	<b>PSY204 Human Growth and Dev</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Professional Elective*</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>ENG – Literature Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>PSY206 Adolescent Psychology</b>	3
BSPY230 Intro to Psychopathology	3	<b>PSY226 Abnormal Psychology</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Professional Elective*</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>PSY207 Social Psychology</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
<b>Total Transferrable Credits Accepted</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Total Transferrable Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

**Total of 62 credits accepted toward the 120 credit BS program at WJC.**



**Table 4. AA in Liberal Arts BCC to BS completion in Psychology and Human Services at WJC**

William James College	Credits	Berkshire Community College	Credits
Natural/Physical Science with Lab	4	<b>Natural or Physical Science Elective with a Lab</b>	4
Humanities/Arts	3	<b>HUM – Humanities and Fine Arts Elective</b>	3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3	<b>MAT, 3 credit course (excluding developmental courses)</b>	3
Social Science	3	<b>Behavioral or Social Science Elective</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG101 Composition 1</b>	3
Composition/Writing	3	<b>ENG102 Composition 2</b>	3
General Education Elective	3	<b>ENG Literature Elective</b>	3
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>
Open Elective	3	<b>LAR101 Intro to Liberal Arts</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>HIS113 Western Civ to 1500 or HIS121 World History to 1500</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>HIS114 Western Civilization since 1500 or HIS122 World History since 1500</b>	3
Open Elective	1	<b>Environmental Studies</b>	1
Open Elective	3	<b>Natural or Physical Science Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>ENG Literature</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>COM- Communication</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>LAR285 Liberal Arts Capstone</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Behavioral and Social Science Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
Open Elective	3	<b>Free Elective</b>	3
		<b>Total Transferrable Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

**Total of 62 credits accepted toward the 120 credit**