

**Transfer Agreement
Between
Bellevue University
And
Iowa Community Colleges**

In accordance with the Iowa Community Colleges policy on transfer, Iowa Community Colleges and Bellevue University recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Recognizing that many students engage in education as a life-long learning process, Iowa Community Colleges and Bellevue University enter into this agreement to provide a transfer path to a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

1. This agreement between the Iowa Community Colleges and Bellevue University located at 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, NE 68005, is for the purpose of providing students in the state of Iowa enhanced access to upper division undergraduate programs.
2. This agreement defines the nature of the relationship and responsibilities between Bellevue University and Iowa Community Colleges. Iowa Community Colleges comprised of 15 community colleges in Iowa. The parties mutually understand that this agreement is intended to represent a good faith effort to accommodate the partnership and carry out the parameters defined below.
3. This agreement shall be always carried out by both parties in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99).

SECTION 2 - TRANSFER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bellevue University prefers that transfer students obtain an associate degree, or approximately 60 credit hours prior to transfer. All applicants not meeting these standards will be referred to Iowa Community Colleges institutions for additional coursework whenever possible. Both institutions will work together to mutually support the needs of their students, and the needs of their respective partner institutions.
2. Iowa Community Colleges students transferring with an associate degree will receive credit for all coursework in their degree program and will enter Bellevue University with junior status. This is applicable for both the traditional bachelor's degree program and the accelerated bachelor's degree completion program.
3. All Iowa Community Colleges transfer students may submit unofficial transcripts to Bellevue University for initial evaluation and to be provided information on remaining requirements for degree completion. Official transcripts are required prior to admittance.
4. Iowa Community Colleges transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 hours in residence with Bellevue University. On-line courses satisfy residence requirements.
5. Iowa Community Colleges transfer students must meet all catalog requirements for their degree program.

SECTION 3 - OBLIGATIONS OF IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

1. Iowa Community Colleges will inform students of transfer opportunities to Bellevue University under this agreement by posting links to the agreement and BU portal on the Iowa Community Colleges Transfer Website by school.
2. Provide academic advising services to assist Iowa Community Colleges students interested in transferring to BU in choosing courses that will best prepare them to complete the associate degree.
3. Allow Bellevue University representatives access to various contacts within the community colleges which comprise Iowa Community Colleges to schedule classroom and other presentation opportunities and for general recruitment purposes. Iowa Community Colleges will provide guidance on the appropriate process and protocol to follow in requesting faculty appointments and classroom presentations. Those contacts will include, but are not limited to faculty, program directors, advisors, managers and other school personnel.
4. Iowa Community Colleges agrees to provide Bellevue University students and Bellevue staff residing in the local area of their respective community colleges access to library services and computers in the libraries.
5. In the event of any agreed upon shared marketing effort, Iowa Community Colleges will provide updated logos to produce co-branded promotional material. Iowa Community Colleges reserves the right to review in advance any information including, but not limited to, websites, cobranded web portals, and in- print marketing publications.

SECTION 4 - OBLIGATIONS OF BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

1. Iowa Community Colleges student inquiries in which the student requires an associate degree or equivalent lower- division credits will be referred to the Iowa Community Colleges admissions department for additional coursework completion.
2. Bellevue University will create and maintain a co-branded microsite to provide Iowa Community Colleges students information relevant to transfer requirements, partnership agreements, and additional information as agreed upon by the partner institution.
3. An annual meeting will be coordinated by Bellevue University with a representative from Iowa Community Colleges for the purpose of reviewing all aspects of the partnership.
4. Bellevue University will maintain all transcript records for Bellevue University coursework, as well as handle the processing and administration of all Bellevue University student transactions.
5. Bellevue University will work closely with Iowa Community Colleges to coordinate a press release and press conference to announce the transfer agreement and enhance awareness of the opportunity for students.

SECTION 5- ACCREDITATION

1. Bellevue University and Iowa Community Colleges will ensure that they maintain any applicable accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and/or any applicable state or federal authorization requirements and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with any applicable requirements. This AGREEMENT shall be effective upon executive signatures below and any necessary state approvals that may be required and shall continue in force and effect until either party requests amendment or termination of said AGREEMENT. Amendment shall occur at the mutual agreement of both parties. Termination shall occur upon written notice by either party to the other submitted ninety (90) days prior to the termination date. Bellevue University programs in progress at the time of termination shall be permitted to run to completion for the sake of the student participants.

ACCEPTANCE BY PARTIES

The parties are committed to the concept of a long-standing agreement. This agreement may be amended when terms are added, deleted, or significantly modified. Amendments must be in writing and may take the form of letters signed by the signatories or their designees. The agreement may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.

SIGNATURES:

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