

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
AND
OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on this 1st day of June, 2025 by and between Fairleigh Dickinson University, a New Jersey non-profit corporation ("University" or "FDU"), and Ocean County College ("Institution" or "OCC"), (each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Institution offers Associate in Science in Social Work;

WHEREAS, University offers a combined bachelor's degree program in Psychology and master's degree program in Social Work ("Program");

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement under which all qualified students of OCC will be eligible to receive credits toward the Program at FDU; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall become effective on June 1, 2025 and shall remain in effect until May 31, 2028.
2. This Agreement and its requirements will be reviewed as necessary but at least annually.
3. Institution and University will each assign a staff person to serve as liaison to coordinate the performance of this Agreement.
4. Institution and University will provide students with all Program requirements, information, and a list of course equivalencies pertaining to this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Appendix A.
5. FDU retains decision-making authority with respect to its admission criteria and standards in accordance with its routine practices.

6. Term and Termination.

a. This Agreement will have an initial term of three (3) years and will automatically renew for up to three (3) subsequent one-year terms unless terminated by either Party.

b. This Agreement may be terminated at any time upon the mutual written agreement of FDU and OCC. In addition, this Agreement may be terminated without cause upon 30 days prior written notice by either Party.

c. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Parties will take reasonable measures to assure that students already participating in the Program are able to progress toward their degree as contemplated by this Agreement.

7. Notices. Every **legal** notice required or permitted under this Agreement will, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, be given in writing, and may be sent by either United States Postal Service Certified Mail, return receipt requested, or by reputable overnight courier, provided that such courier obtains and makes available to its customers evidence of delivery. All notices shall be addressed by the Party giving, making, or sending the notice to the other Party at their address set forth below or to such other address as either Party may designate from time to time by written notice.

Notice shall be deemed to be given upon receipt. Notwithstanding the above, a notice of change of address shall not be effective until received.

Fairleigh Dickinson University
1000 River Road
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666
Attn: General Counsel

Ocean County College

Non-legal notices may be directed to Fairleigh Dickinson University
1000 River Road
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666
Attn: Anthony Mastropietro,
Director of Community College Programs
Email: mastro@fdu.edu.

8. Other.

- a. During the term of this Agreement and thereafter as required by law, both Parties will keep all student information confidential in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R- 99.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A: 32-7.1 et seq.
- b. It is expressly understood that FDU and OCC are independent contractors with respect to each other.

- c. The Parties to this Agreement hereby agree that they will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, creed, color, national origin, marital status, ancestry, age, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy status, veteran status, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, or other protected status under applicable law; and that each will fully comply with all federal and state statutes, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, in the performance of this Agreement.
- d. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.
- e. Neither FDU nor OCC shall have any liability for failure to perform under this Agreement due to events or conditions beyond its reasonable control or which make an essential purpose of this Agreement impractical to achieve. These circumstances may include, without limitation, natural disasters or acts of God; acts of war, terrorism, riots, or widespread criminal activity; changes in law, regulation, or rule; government acts or orders (including the extension or modification of a pre-existing governmental act or order); a state of emergency; labor disputes or stoppages; fire, storm, or other natural disaster; quarantines; new outbreaks or resurgence of Coronavirus or other communicable diseases, viruses or illnesses requiring quarantine or significant curtailment of activities; other pandemics or epidemics; or any other cause, whether or not similar in kind to the foregoing that is beyond a Party's reasonable control, taking into account the associated budget allocated by each Party to the activities contemplated hereunder.
- f. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter it addresses and supersedes all other agreements, representations and understanding between the parties with respect thereto. This Agreement may not be supplemented or modified except through a written and dated amendment signed by both parties.
- g. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of the Agreement to be void, the remaining provisions shall be deemed severed and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.
- h. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original agreement and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic signature by either of the Parties and the receiving Party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically or by facsimile as if the original had been received.
- i. If necessary to comply with applicable law, this Agreement is subject to ratification and final approval by OCC after receipt from FDU of a signed Agreement. In such event, OCC will seek to expeditiously obtain the necessary ratification and approvals and will promptly inform FDU of any associated issues or delays.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Benjamin Rifkin

Name: Benjamin Rifkin, Ph.D.

Title: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: _____

Ocean County College

Pamela Monaco

Name: Pamela Monaco

Title: President

Date: May 12, 2025

Appendix A

Program Requirements

Fairleigh Dickinson University, School of Psychology and Counseling and the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences shall be solely responsible for the requirements of its Program.

Students will be required to meet all admission requirements for Fairleigh Dickinson University, in addition to the following Program requirements:

- Successful completion of Associate in Science in Social Work with a minimum of 2.0 overall average on a 4.0 scale for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Program.
- Students must have completed the Associate in Science in Social Work Program at Ocean County College to earn credit at Fairleigh Dickinson University towards their Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- Students must meet with an FDU advisor.
- Upon confirmation of acceptance to FDU, the student will submit an official transcript for consideration for enrollment to the Program.
- Psychology majors must apply to the Social Work program prior to earning 80+ credits.
- Psychology majors must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 for consideration for the Social Work program.
- Psychology majors will complete 90 credits toward the undergraduate degree and the remaining 30 credits will be completed in their 1st year of the Master of Social Work program.
 - 9 credits will count as PSYC Electives
 - 21 credits will count as Free Electives
- The 4th and 5th year for the student will be the 1st and 2nd year in the Master of Social Work program and courses will follow the program requirements.

Meeting minimum admissions criteria does not imply a guarantee of admission to FDU. Students who are admitted to FDU and enrolled in the Program will be awarded 60 credits from FDU in accordance with Appendix B.

Appendix B

Course Equivalencies

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE - FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
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B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY/MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE A.S., SOCIAL WORK			FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY B.A., PSYCHOLOGY/MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK		
COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CR.	COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CR.
ENGL 151	English I	3	WRIT 1002	Composition I	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3	PSYC 2210/2221	Statistics	4
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3	PSYC 1201	General Psychology	3
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2	UNIV 1001	Transitioning to University Life	1
			UNIV 1002	Prep. For Professional Life	1
ENGL 152	English II	3	WRIT 1003	Composition II	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3		Social Science	3
SOWK 207	Group Dynamics	OR	PSYC	Elective	OR
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSYC 3315	Abnormal Psychology (Clinical/Dev.)	3
	Technology Gen Ed Requirement	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
	Elective	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
SOWK 194	Interviewing and Communication Techniques	3		*Free Elective	3
SOCI 282	Sociology of the Family	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
ANTH 134	Cultural Anthropology	OR			
SOCI 238	Race and Ethnicity	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
BIOL 114	Principles of Biological Science	OR			
BIOL 119	Science of the Human Body	4		Lab Science	4
	Elective	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
SOWK 201	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	OR		*Free Elective	OR
PSYC 278	Life Span Development	3	PSYC 3309	Lifespan Development (Psychology Elective)	3
SOWK 202	Social Work Seminar and Practicum	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
PHIL 190	Introduction to Critical Thinking	3		Ethical Reasoning	3
HIST 230	America and the West After World War II	OR			
POLI 161	American Federal Government	OR			
POLI 183	Introduction to Political Science	3		Gen Ed. Waiver#	3
	Elective	3		*Free Elective	3
TOTAL CREDITS		60	TOTAL CREDITS		61

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*Exact course will determine transferrability

#Courses will waive general education requirements not met by equivalent courses ONLY upon completion of A.S. degree.

^Successful completion of SOWK 194 & SOWK 201 will satisfy Free Elective requirements toward the B.A. degree and waive graduate-level requirements per departmental review.