

Memorandum of Understanding (Undergraduate)
between
Cosumnes River College
and
Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University (“GCU”) hereby establishes a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to facilitate students’ transfer from the Cosumnes River College to Undergraduate Programs at GCU.

I. Purpose

A. This MOU formally recognizes that the Cosumnes River College is committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students and GCU is committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students who transfer. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already demonstrated.

B. The purpose of this collaboration is to facilitate the matriculation of Cosumnes River College students to an academically challenging baccalaureate degree through Grand Canyon University.

C. Grand Canyon University enters into this MOU in the spirit of recognizing the Cosumnes River College as a quality institution with a history of demonstrated excellence delivering high quality educational programs. Each institution, furthermore, was and is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, or national origin.

D. Through ongoing communication with Cosumnes River College graduates, GCU will better understand the needs of students who are transferring and cooperate in responding to these needs.

II. TRANSFER ELEMENTS

A. Treatment of Associate degrees and general education core as admission criteria

1. This MOU establishes the principle that all applicable Associate degrees at the Cosumnes River College transfer to GCU, allowing Cosumnes River College Associate degrees to combine with GCU’s baccalaureate degree. Credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate college degree(s). Articulated Associate degrees will be identified, maintained, and available as Appendix A to this MOU.

2. Cosumnes River College graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, courses numbered 100 and above, entering under the terms of this MOU are guaranteed admission into the University. Students should be advised that some degree programs at GCU, specifically the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program require a 2.8 or higher GPA for admission. To be considered for this program, students must possess a current unencumbered, unrestricted license as a registered nurse in the state where they are employed as an RN. Programs in the College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, and College of Fine Arts and Production may require college-specific admission requirements. Program admission criteria are available in the GCU Policy Handbook.

3. Cosumnes River College graduates will follow GCU's transfer process and, therefore, must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, advising, registration, length of program availability, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution.

4. In order to complete the baccalaureate program in a timely manner, students are advised to follow the Transfer Guide for the academic program they plan to pursue at GCU (See Appendix C). If the student intends to change degree focus upon admission to GCU, the student may be required to complete some lower division preparation work prior to beginning the program at GCU.

B. Treatment of Cosumnes River College coursework

Students who transfer to GCU with less than an Associate degree and have not completed the General Education requirements will complete their General Education requirements at GCU. However, if these students have taken equivalent General Education courses at the Cosumnes River College, these courses will be accepted toward satisfying General Education requirements at GCU (See Appendix B).

C. Total Number of Transferable Credits

The determination of how many credit hours GCU may accept from Cosumnes River College programs is subject to accreditations and regulatory requirements. GCU agrees to provide an articulation agreement for Cosumnes River College Associate degrees and will consider up to 84 lower division credits and 6 upper division credits to equal a total of 90 credits in transfer for some programs.

D. Evaluation Process

There will be an annual evaluation of the partnership supported by this MOU. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

III. OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT

A. Internship and Work Study Agreements

If applicable to the students program GCU will endeavor to provide internship and work-study opportunities for Cosumnes River College transfer students. These opportunities will be based on availability and students must be enrolled in a course to be considered eligible. It is understood that internship and work-study employment decisions are made by the employers, not GCU. Also, applicable U.S. Federal Regulations, INS guidelines and all other laws and regulations will be followed.

B. Creating and Distributing GCU Materials

All GCU-related printed and media materials created by the Cosumnes River College shall be approved by GCU prior to their use.

C. Longevity of the MOU

This MOU shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by Grand Canyon University or the Cosumnes River College. Termination shall occur upon written notice by the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/ Provost at Grand Canyon University. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 45 day written notice. In the event of termination, GCU agrees to ensure students currently enrolled in a program under this agreement will be given the opportunity to complete their degree with GCU.

D. Opportunities to Expand the Agreement

GCU may choose to expand this agreement as mutually beneficial opportunities are presented or in response to the needs that are identified.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GCU

GCU will provide enrollment counseling and/or academic advising to Cosumnes River College students. Additionally, GCU will provide materials, catalogs, and other information to Cosumnes River College students to facilitate their understanding of University requirements and academic programs.

GCU may place Cosumnes River College students, interested in attending GCU, on its mailing list and invite the students to participate in cultural events, social activities, and presentations open to the public.

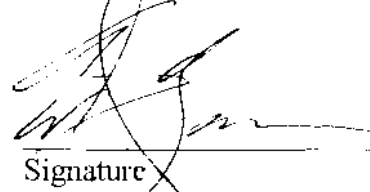
V. JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cosumnes River College and GCU agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) governs the disclosure of

information about students. The institutions will exchange admissions, grades, and retention date after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines.

In collaboration with the Cosumnes River College, the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (e.g., Transfer Guide) are the responsibility of GCU.

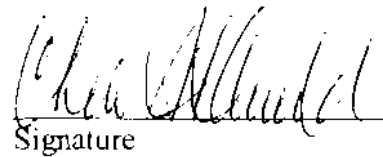
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