Montgomery County Community College &

Philadelphia University Transfer Partnership Agreement for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Programs (evening)

Overview

Philadelphia University's Office of Continuing & Professional Studies offers bachelor of science degrees in nine majors: Behavioral and Health Services, Health Sciences, Health Services Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Law Enforcement Leadership, Leadership in Emergency Services, Organizational Leadership and Pre-MBA. Each of these degree programs is offered on an accelerated basis which consists of 8-week terms, offered 5 times a year, instead of the traditional 15-week semesters. Classes meet once a week for 4 hours. In addition, because this program is designed for the adult learner, opportunities exist to earn academic credit for lifelong learning and professional development and training.

The Mission of Philadelphia University

Since 1884 Philadelphia University has offered professional education in a variety of fields. Founded to raise the art and technology of the American textile industry to international standards of quality, the University has maintained its commitment to academic excellence while greatly expanding its undergraduate and graduate programs. The University's unique blending of the liberal arts and sciences with professional studies prepares graduates for successful careers.

At the University, students, faculty and staff form close relationships in an environment that encourages personal and intellectual growth. Students gain professional skills combined with a broad general education that enables them to thrive in diverse and changing contexts and to maintain a global perspective. While outstanding teaching is central to its mission, the University also encourages research and professional practice as a basis for faculty and student development and as a service to industry and society.

Through its dedication to maintaining a community that is varied and intellectually stimulating, and a campus rich in learning resources and natural beauty, the University enables students to establish a foundation for success, lifelong learning and active citizenship.

Benefits to the Student

- Philadelphia University will waive the \$35 application fee for students who are graduates of any MCCC associate degree program
- Students have the opportunity to take and transfer a minimum of 72 credits
- Students have an opportunity to earn academic credits for prior learning
- Scholarships are available for Philadelphia University's Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Programs to MCCC graduates who have earned at least a 3.0 GPA
- Faculty members with extensive experience in their fields of study
- Opportunities to meet with a Philadelphia University advisor on a regular basis to facilitate the transfer process
- Flexibility with transfer of credits

Requirements

- MCCC students must complete any associate degree program with at least a 2.0 final GPA
- Complete an application for admission, submit a personal statement, professional resume and all official college/university transcripts, and complete an admissions interview
- Follow the registration procedures and schedule for tuition payment that apply to other entering students at Philadelphia University
- Students must earn at least 33 credits in order to meet Philadelphia U's residency requirement for undergraduate evening programs

Accelerated Scholars Scholarship Program

Montgomery County Community College students who graduate with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 - 4.0 will be granted a scholarship of 25% per credit at Philadelphia University. MCCC students who graduate with a GPA of 3.0 - 3.49 will be granted a scholarship of 20% per credit. In order to qualify for this scholarship, students must adhere to the following:

- graduate from MCCC with an associate degree and enroll at Philadelphia University within 3 years after MCCC graduation
- apply, be accepted and enroll in Philadelphia University's Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program within three years of graduation from MCCC
- maintain a GPA of at least a 3.0 while enrolled at Philadelphia University
- once enrolled at Philadelphia University, students are not permitted to take courses at other institutions without the written permission from the Director of Student Services in Philadelphia University's Office of Continuing and Professional Studies
- sign a scholarship agreement that acknowledges a clear understanding of the regulations listed above

* All scholarships will be renewed each year contingent upon the student maintaining a 3.0 GPA at Philadelphia University. Should a student's GPA fall below a 3.0, and he/she has earned 12 credits or more at Philadelphia University, the scholarship agreement will be deemed invalid.

Please note that while Philadelphia University welcomes applications from all MCCC students who have completed at least 45 semester hours, certain benefits, including the waiver of the application fee and the eligibility for the scholarship program, apply only to those students who have earned an associate degree from MCCC.

For more information about the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program or the transfer agreement with MCCC,

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