

**INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AND  
CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY**

**Article I**

**Statement of Cooperation**

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) and Cornerstone University wish to facilitate the transfer of students who complete an Associate Degree at GRCC to a degree program at Cornerstone University. Both institutions wish to provide students with a smooth curricular transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. This agreement is intended to clarify the terms and conditions of our institutional partnership which will facilitate the development of program agreements. These program agreements will be developed and maintained separately from this Institutional Agreement.

**Article II**

**Agreement on Principles**

1. GRCC and Cornerstone University will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.
2. Program agreements must be aligned with the GRCC Curriculum Model and GRCC graduation requirements.
3. All program agreements will appear as program offerings in the GRCC academic catalog.
4. This Institutional Agreement provides GRCC and Cornerstone University the opportunity to collaborate in developing academic programs that are aligned with the GRCC Curriculum Model and GRCC graduation requirements. Initiatives that fall outside the parameters of this Institutional Agreement may be pursued separately.
5. There shall be no monetary consideration paid by either party to the other, it being acknowledged that the program provided hereunder is mutually beneficial. The parties shall cooperate in administering this program in a manner which will tend to maximize the mutual benefits provided to GRCC and Cornerstone University students.
6. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share information about the academic programs that are created under the umbrella of this institutional agreement.

7. Both institutions will provide counseling and advising to students and prospective students about the academic programs that are created under the umbrella of this institutional agreement.

### **Article III**

#### **Agreement on Program Specifics**

1. Program agreements are signed at the school level.
2. GRCC and Cornerstone University agree to facilitate the development of program agreements beneath this Institutional agreement via the collaboration of faculty, administrators, and staff at both institutions.
3. Students utilizing a program agreement associated with this Institutional Agreement must adhere to the admission process of Cornerstone University.
4. GRCC students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid.
5. Both parties agree to communicate curricular changes in their respective programs immediately.
6. Programs will be reviewed by both institutions every 4 years, or as curricular changes take place at either institution that impact the program agreement.
7. All program revisions require a revised program agreement reflective of the changes, and the attainment of new signatures at the school level.
8. Upon termination of this Institutional Agreement (See Article V), all program agreements shall be honored for three academic years immediately following the notification to terminate this Institutional Agreement.

### **Article IV**

#### **Review and Modification**

This agreement will be reviewed upon the request of either party. GRCC and Cornerstone University agree to communicate institutional changes that would impact this Institutional Agreement. Revisions and modifications may be made accordingly with the consent of both parties. All revisions or modifications require signatures of representatives from both institutions.

## Article V

### Termination of Agreement

This agreement will not expire without a formal written request by either party. With 90 days written notice, this agreement may be terminated. At the time the formal written request for termination is received, development of future program agreements will cease. At the time this Institutional Agreement is terminated, all program agreements must have a formal teach out plan to ensure the students who are engaged in the associated programs have a secured pathway to completion.

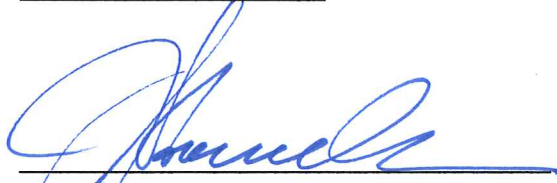
## Article VI

### Signatures


This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are hereby merged into this agreement.

We, the representatives of Grand Rapids Community College and Cornerstone University agree to the terms of this agreement, effective on the last date of signature.

#### Cornerstone University



Joseph M. Stowell  
President

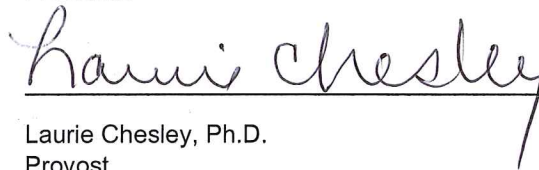


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