

## Memorandum of Understanding

## **Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College**

## Reverse Transfer Degree Pilot Program

## 2012-2013 Academic Year

Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College are entering into an agreement to pilot a Reverse Transfer Degree program effective fall term 2012 through spring term 2013. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are as follows:

This reverse transfer agreement is a pilot exclusively between OSU and LBCC for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Oregon State University:** Will send an EDI set of student transcripts at the end of the **sixth week** of each term that fit the following conditions:

- a. Are currently admitted to OSU as an OSU/LBCC DPP student, and
- b. Are currently enrolled as an Undergraduate (Level 01 only) at OSU, and
- c. The current term is not their first term of attendance at OSU, and
- d. Have articulated by the end of the sixth week of the term at least 24 (credit bearing) credits from LBCC, and
- e. Have not yet applied to graduate from OSU in that same current term, and
- f. Are currently DPP enrolled students, and
- g. Has at least 90 overall total credits earned at all institutions (OSU and any transfer credits), and
- h. Does not yet have an Associates, AAOT, or DTA award posted at OSU, and
- i. Does not have a transcript hold on their account.
- j. Students who are suspended from OSU will have a notation on their transcript record. LBCC will make a determination on the student's eligibility for the degree at LBCC.

**LBCC:** Will receive the EDI file from OSU and apply the following conditions with respect to the awarding of an Associates Degree at LBCC:

- a. The student must have been previously admitted to LBCC and not just had courses (i.e., College Now) transcribed where there was never an intent to earn a degree at LBCC.
- b. LBCC will only consider credit bearing courses in their review of degrees awarded.
- c. Will apply the students course completed list to whatever final major was recorded at LBCC or as an AAOT if the student was an undeclared major.
- d. LBCC will send notification to students regarding their earned degree, to include the benefits of having earned the degree as well as encouragement to complete their four-year degree at OSU. This may be a joint letter from LBCC and OSU.

**Marketing:** LBCC and OSU may market this to current and prospective students once the MOU has been signed by the President (or their designee) of each institution. A joint press release is recommended upon signing the Memo of Understanding.

**Training:** Training will be provided to student services staff and academic advisors at both institutions on the merits of the reverse transfer degree program, how it works, who to contact for additional information, how to provide input into the program during (and after) the pilot period.

**Accountability:** At the conclusion of the first year, representatives from both institutions will meet and write a joint status report, including recommendations for the future of reverse transfer degrees at our two institutions. There may be interest, for example, to broaden the program to additional partner institutions or to expand student eligibility.

We agree to participate in the pilot Reverse Transfer Degree program as described in this document.

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