



Academic Partnerships: Bachelor's Degree Agreements

- 1.) **Albright College** – Renewed in Spring 2017, Albright College's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a small liberal arts college. Albright College has advising guides for Biology, Business, Crime and Justice, Liberal Arts, and Psychology. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates based on cumulative GPA.

- 2.) **Alvernia University** – Renewed in Fall 2018, Alvernia University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a Franciscan education. Alvernia College has created advising guides for health care professions, business, and criminal justice programs. Graduates can earn up to \$17,000 through merit and transfer scholarships. Also new to the agreement is a concerted co-branding marketing campaign.

Alvernia University has committed to a new RACC Scholars program, modeled after the Reading High Alvernia Scholars program, starting fall 2019. Details about how the program will work are still being designed by Alvernia. RACC's commitment will be to recruit at least 10 RACC students from the incoming freshman class.

- 3.) **Bloomsburg University** – First signed in Spring 2014, Bloomsburg University's articulation agreement was crafted for students in RACC's Technical Academy at Berks Career and Technology Center and Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center and in career programs. RACC students in more than 20 associate of applied science degree programs can choose Bloomsburg's Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership program where courses can be completed using online technology and classes on RACC's campus. A block transfer of 60 credits will be accepted from RACC, with up to 75 RACC credits applicable to Bloomsburg's Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership. A renewal agreement is being reviewed by Bloomsburg, which includes a Letter of Understanding for use of RACC resources, sent to Bloomsburg on February 20, and was created from a similar LOU with LCCC for the BAS-TL agreement.

- 4.) **Boise State University** – Renewed June 2020, Boise State University's program-to-program, "Degree Advancement" agreement was crafted as a pathway for graduates of RACC's AAS in Respiratory Care with the earned credential of being a Registered Respiratory Care Therapist by the NBRC to complete their Bachelor's of Science in Respiratory Care through a completely online program. This degree completion agreement provides an affordable and online option for a BS in Respiratory Care for a nationally recognized program with respiratory care practitioners teaching all courses.

- 5.) **Bucknell University** – First signed in August 2015, Bucknell University's program-to-program agreement was crafted as a stackable pathway from Early College, targeting students taking either Project Lead the Way and/or STEM Academy courses and RACC dual enrollment at their high school. Bucknell accepts at least 54 credits of the Engineering Transfer degree, including high school dual enrollment credits into the College of Engineering. RACC students who maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA for their AS in Engineering Transfer Program are eligible for admission consideration to one of Bucknell University's Bachelor of Science programs of study: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

- 6.) **California University of Pennsylvania** - Renewed in Spring 2015, California University of Pennsylvania's program-to-program agreement was crafted for RACC graduates in Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Machine Tool Technology and Electric Utility Technology with minimal loss of credit. Students transfer their associate of applied science to the Bachelor of Science in Technology Management program at California University of Pennsylvania.

This pathway provides a 2+2+2 articulation model that allows students to progress seamlessly from the secondary CTC, to RACC's associate of applied science, to California University of Pennsylvania's Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology Management.

- 7.) **Chamberlain University** – First signed Spring 2016, Chamberlain University's RN – BSN online pathway accepts the entire nursing program. Chamberlain is a highly reputable nursing school with a 10% discount on tuition.
- 8.) **DeSales University** – First signed Summer 2018, DeSales University's core-to-core dual admission agreement accepts the full programs for associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of applied science of Criminal Justice. The agreement allows for students to take a DeSales course at no cost to "try out" the University. Graduates will receive ½ off the prevailing tuition rate when enrolling as full-time students. RACC graduates are considered junior status.
- 9.) **Drexel University eLearning, Inc.** First signed Spring 2012, Drexel University's e-learning Letter of Understanding (LOU) was crafted for graduates of RACC's ADN and licensure. Up to 90 credits accepted with 40% off tuition rates for this online program.
- 10.) **Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)** – Renewed Spring 2017, Eastern Mennonite University's agreement was crafted for an RN – BSN pathway. EMU is a hybrid/online model and accepts up to 80 RACC credits (71 Nursing + 9 additional general education credits).
- 11.) **Elizabethtown College (EC)** – First signed Spring 2018, Elizabethtown College's Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for graduates of eleven guided pathways. Up to 64 RACC credits are accepted. RACC students who sign a letter of intent prior to 30 credits with RACC are eligible to take two tuition-free courses with Elizabethtown College. Phi Theta Kappa students are eligible for scholarships as well as RACC associate degree graduates are eligible for scholarships based upon their GPA.
- 12.) **Kutztown University** - Renewed in Spring 2017, Kutztown University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates' seamless transfer of general education core requirements. Transfer scholarships are available to RACC graduates. Changes to the Spring 2017, agreement include GPA minimums for admissions to specific programs, such as Education, and scholarship dollars for tuition and books.

RACC has a reverse transfer agreement with Kutztown University, and through this agreement, KU sends to RACC students' transcripts who have transferred to KU prior to graduating with RACC. Reverse Transfer allows for students to earn their associate degree with RACC through transferring KU credits to RACC. RACC's completion coach works with these students to graduate them in a program.

Fall 2018, Kutztown University began to implement the BSW Cohort Agreement. This agreement outlines an on-campus RACC program for graduates of RACC's AA in Social Work. Students take 39 upper-level social work credits with Kutztown University in an accelerated model and the remaining credits of general education and electives with RACC to fulfill the 120 credit BSW program requirements. Two cohorts are currently running at RACC's campus.

Fall 2021, Kutztown University will begin its BSED (PreK-4) Cohort Agreement. This agreement outlines an on-campus RACC program for graduates of RACC's AAS in Early Childhood Teaching and begins coursework through the Teacher Academy, a partnership with the Career Technology Centers (CTC)

- 13.) **La Salle University** – First signed Fall 2017, La Salle's Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for seamless transfer of the general education core requirements. Sizable merit scholarships are available to students.

La Salle University also has a program-to-program agreement crafted for graduates of the AA in Social Work to complete their Bachelor's of Social Work on an accelerated pathway or a traditional day pathway.

- 14.)Lebanon Valley College** – First signed Fall 2018, Lebanon Valley College’s Dual Admissions agreement was crafted for seamless transfer of the general education core requirements. A small, regional liberal arts college close to home and the right size for many of Berks County high school students, Lebanon Valley College offers sizable merit scholarships to students. Students seeking degrees in Actuary Science, Analytical Finance, Music Business, and Accelerated Accounting/MBA Program.
- 15.)Lock Haven University** - First signed in Spring 2010, Lock Haven University’s program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates of the AS of Science and want to complete a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology, Biology/Chemistry, and Science with a minor in Nanotechnology.
- 16.)Lycoming College** – First signed Spring 2016, Lycoming College’s program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates of the AA in Sociology/anthropology or Liberal Arts. A beautiful liberal arts school in Williamsport, PA, the students have opportunities to study abroad and develop service learning projects. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates based on cumulative GPA.
- 17.)Millersville University** - A long-standing agreement, Millersville University has a dual admissions agreement as well as a number of program-to-program agreements
- a. AAS in Nanoscience to AS in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology: Agreement is in conjunction with Pennsylvania State University (PSU) prepares students to enter the Bachelor of Science program in Industrial Technology with a concentration in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology at Millersville University. Of note, the summer semester, which is 18 credits with PSU, has a \$2500 laboratory fee.
 - b. Signed in September 2016, Millersville University’s program-to-program agreements were crafted for graduates of the following:
 1. AA in Communication to BS in Speech Communication;
 2. AA in Liberal Arts to General Education Curriculum;
 3. AA in Business Administration to BS in Business Administration;
 4. AS in Science to BS in Biology, and
 5. AA in Secondary Ed to BS in Education.
- 18.)PA College of Health Sciences** - Renewed Spring 2016, the PA College of Health Sciences program-to-program agreement was crafted for graduates pursuing the following pathways: RN in Nursing to BSN in Nursing, AS in Health Sciences to BS in Health Administration, AAS in Respiratory Therapy and Medical Laboratory Technician to BS in Health Sciences, and AAS in EHR to BS in Healthcare Administration.
- 19.)Penn State University – Berks Campus** - New agreements signed Spring 2017, Pennsylvania State University – Berks Campus’ program-to-program agreements were crafted for graduates pursuing the following **program-to-program agreements**:
- a. AA in Business Administration to BSBBK in Business;
 - b. AA in Communication to BA in Professional Writing;
 - c. AA in Creative Writing to BA in Professional Writing;
 - d. AAS in Criminal Justice to BS and BA in Criminal Justice;
 - e. AA in Psychology to BA Applied Psychology;
 - f. AS Science Transfer to BS Science, Life Science Option;
 - g. AA Addiction Studies/Human Services to a BS in Rehabilitative Health and Human Services.
 - h. Spring 2021, AS in Engineering to BS in Electromechanical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering with guidance from an RACC advisor. This pathway begins with the Technical Academy (see below for more details)
 - i. Renewed in Spring 2015, the PSU – Berks Campus’ program-to-program agreement was crafted for students pursuing Nanoscience. This agreement prepares graduates to enter the Bachelor of Science in Science, General

Science option with a concentration in Nanoscience. RACC graduates take a capstone semester studying at Penn State's main campus.

- 20.) **Purdue University – Calumet** - First signed in Fall 2008, Purdue University-Calumet's program-to-program agreement was crafted for students pursuing Mechatronics engineering. RACC graduates with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechatronics can transfer up to 66 credits to Purdue's Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics program.
- 21.) **Shippensburg University** First signed in Summer 2019, Shippensburg University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of Shippensburg's programs; in particular in engineering and business.
- 22.) **Southern New Hampshire** – First signed in Spring 2020, the fourteen Pennsylvania Community Colleges signed a general agreement, coordinated through the PA Commission statewide agreement. This agreement provides community college alumni 10% off tuition.
- 23.) **Susquehanna University** – First signed in Spring 2021, Susquehanna University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates who will be considered juniors (third-year students), fulfilled general education requirements, and up to \$31,000 in scholarships based on GPA's, and an additional \$5,000 for Phi Theta Kappa members.
- 24.) **St. Joseph's University** – First signed Fall 2013, St. Joseph University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking a bachelor's in general studies or liberal arts, both programs housed in St. Joseph University's Online College of Professional and Liberal Studies. Typically, though, the College of Professional and Liberal Studies serves an adult population, not direct-from-high-school graduates. The agreement allows for 75 transferrable RACC credits and a 10% reduction of St. Joseph's tuition rates.
- 25.) **Temple University** – First signed in Fall 2013, Temple University's dual admissions agreement was crafted for graduates seeking the many benefits of a Philadelphia university experience. Transfer scholarships available for RACC graduates.

In Fall 2017, RACC signed a Core-to-Core agreement enhances the dual admissions agreement by guaranteeing the general education requirements are met with a RACC associate of arts and associate of science degree.

Effective Fall 2020, RACC business administration students can transfer their complete program to Temple University's Fox School of Business.
- 26.) **University of Cincinnati** – Renewed June 2020, this agreement details for two health professions program-to-program agreements. articulation of 60 credits, plus review of the math requirement (statistics)
 - a. AAS in Medical Laboratory Technician to the BS program in Medical Laboratory Science at the College of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Cincinnati. This is an online program, with working professionals as a target population.
 - b. First signed June 2020, Reading Area Community College's AAS in Respiratory Care details a P2P for 70 credits fulfilling the BS in Respiratory Care. An online program, this agreement is great for working professionals.
- 27.) **Higher Education Council of Berks County Cross Registration Agreement:** The HECBC agreement allows full-time students (12+ credits a semester) attending Alvernia University, Albright College, Kutztown University,

Reading Area Community College, or Penn State Berks to cross-register one course a semester at no additional tuition cost.

Reading Area Community College also participates in the Transfer Articulation and Oversight Committee and has statewide program agreements that allow graduates to transfer their program to a PASSHE school and complete their corresponding bachelor's degree in 60 credits. These statewide agreements include: Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Psychology, and Art. For more information on these agreements, please visit <https://www.collegetransfer.net>.

Community College Cooperative Agreements: The benefit of these agreements is students pay in-county/sponsorship tuition rates.

- 1.) **Lehigh Carbon Community College** – RACC students transfer to LCCC Physical Therapy Assistant Clinicals; LCCC students transfer to RACC Respiratory Care and Medical Laboratory Technician Clinicals.
 - 2.) **Northampton Community College** – NCC students transfer to RACC Respiratory Care and Medical Laboratory Technician Clinicals.
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