

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2+2 ENROLLMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT



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This document establishes a joint-admission, cooperative-degree 2+2 program agreement between Niagara County Community College (all campuses) and Medaille College (Buffalo campus undergraduate programs).

Upon completion of a prescribed sequence of courses leading to an associate's degree (A.A.S., A.A. or A.S.) from Niagara County Community College, students selected for matriculation in this program will continue their studies at Medaille College with assurance that they *may* complete all requirements for a corresponding baccalaureate degree within two years of full-time, continuous study at Medaille.

STUDENT SELECTION

The Office of Admissions at Niagara County Community College is responsible for the selection of candidates for admission to the cooperative degree program. In general, applicants will be expected to present strong records of academic achievement, including four years of English, three years of social studies and mathematics, and at least four years of study in science. In addition, Niagara County Community College will designate appropriate prerequisites for matriculation in any of the curricula included in the cooperative-degree program with Medaille.

Candidates accepted into the joint-degree program by the Director of Admissions at Niagara County Community College will also receive an admittance letter from the Director of Admissions at Medaille College that outlines the criteria for successful

matriculation. The Admissions Office at Niagara County Community College will notify Medaille’s Admissions Office in writing of any new enrolled candidates on a regular basis. In addition, students selected for the program will be advised in the letter of admissions of any special conditions which may affect their eligibility to continue studies at Medaille College (e.g., grade point average requirements for select programs).

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

This cooperative-degree agreement covers **only** the following specific degree-granting Niagara County Community College and Medaille College programs:

<u>Niagara County Community College</u>	<u>Medaille College</u>
Business: Accounting (A.A.S.)	Accounting (B.S./M.S.)
Business: Business Administration (A.S.)	Business Administration (B.S.)
Public Communication (A.S.)	Communications (B.S.)
Criminal Justice (A.S.)	Criminal Justice (B.S.)
Liberal Arts and Sciences (A.A.)	Business Administration (B.S.) English (B.A.) Psychology (B.A.)
Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science (A.S.)	Biology (B.S.) Mathematics (B.S.) Veterinary Technology (B.S.)
Sport Management (A.S.)	Sport Management (B.S.)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students graduating with an associate degree from Niagara County Community College will not be expected to meet a higher minimum program grade point average than a Medaille College student entering her/his junior year except in instances where special, cumulative program G.P.A. standards exist that apply equally to all juniors and

seniors. Medaille College's standard, published policies and criteria for satisfactory academic progress and academic standing, however, shall apply. Satisfactory academic progress criteria and policies are published in the undergraduate catalog on the college's website (http://www.medaille.edu/academics/catalogs/0910/undergrad_catalog_2009.pdf)

Transfer students are advised to be familiar with them.

Niagara County Community College students must present a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 for most of the baccalaureate degree programs covered by this agreement. However, students intending to transfer to the B.S. degrees program in veterinary technology **must** earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at NCCC in order to be accepted.

In the case of baccalaureate programs not covered by the cooperative degree agreement, Niagara County Community College students shall follow normal procedures for transfer admissions and be dealt with on an individual, case-by- case basis.

STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Niagara County Community College staff will assume primary responsibility for the advisement of students who enroll in the cooperative degree program.

Staff members from Medaille College Advisement Center are available to assist cooperative degree students at Niagara County Community College as they complete their two-year degree and prepare for the transition to Medaille. In addition, Medaille College faculty and professional advising staff are available when needed to provide assistance to anyone at Niagara County Community College involved in consulting with and advising students enrolled in the cooperative-degree program.

Specific staff members from the Office of Admissions at Niagara County Community College and Medaille College will be designated as primary contact persons and coordinators of this cooperative-degree program agreement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students accepted into the cooperative degree program will be required to complete a formal application for admissions to Medaille College during their second year. For a fall semester start, the application must be filed no later than March 31 of the same calendar year. For a spring semester start, the application must be submitted no later than November 1 of the previous calendar year.

All first time and returning Medaille students are required to make an enrollment deposit by August for the Fall semester and by mid January for the Spring semester. Students matriculating at Medaille through this agreement will be required to pay the normal transfer student enrollment deposit required at the time of entrance before receiving final clearance to attend class. Also, students who wish to reside in campus residence halls should contact the Office of Student Affairs at least five months before their expected start date for classes at Medaille. Like all Medaille students, they will be required to submit a room deposit as soon as possible or by July 15 for the Fall semester and by October 15 for the Spring semester.

INFORMATION SHARING

Niagara County Community College will provide Medaille College with the periodic reports on the progress toward matriculation of students covered under this agreement so that officials at each college can effectively monitor the flow of students through the program. Biographic data on each student will be provided to the

Admissions Office at Medaille College so that literature and other relevant programmatic information can be sent to students during the time that they are pursuing their studies at Niagara County Community College.

In lieu of information which would be provided on an application for admissions, Niagara County Community College will provide Medaille College with an official Niagara County Community College transcript of previous course work completed at any other colleges or universities. Conversely, Medaille College will provide appropriate information on the academic programs and progress of students who subsequently matriculate at the College. (Students matriculated in this cooperative degree program must sign a consent statement authorizing the release of all appropriate academic and biographic information.)

CHANGES IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

While it reserves the right to make changes in its curriculum and graduation requirements, Medaille College will honor the provisions of this agreement for students enrolled in the cooperative degree program (a) who maintain continuous registration at Niagara County Community College and (b) who have fulfilled the curricular requirements originally designated for their prospective Medaille major at the time they first enrolled at NCCC.

Medaille guarantees that students who are affected by changes in its curricular and/or graduation requirements during their time at Niagara County Community College will have the same opportunity to normally complete their baccalaureate degree in usually no more than two years of full-time, continuous study. In matters of curricular change Medaille will treat transfer and currently enrolled students in an equally fair

manner.

The guarantee of admission to Medaille College will be honored for a two-year period after graduation from Niagara County Community College, provided the student does not register for courses at a third institution in the interim.

**Approval for Niagara County
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Approval for Medaille College

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