

**Articulation Agreement  
between  
Good Fellowship Club of Chester County, Inc. and  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania**

**This Articulation Agreement** is made this 4th day of June, 2021, by and between West Chester University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter, "WCU") and Good Fellowship Club of Chester County, Inc. (hereinafter, "GFC") for Emergency Management Technician; Advanced Emergency Management Technician and Paramedic Programs to Bachelor of Science in Health Science: General degree program. The effective date of the Agreement shall be this date or the date of the last affixed signature, whichever is later.

**BACKGROUND**

GFC provides emergency medical services training and is a consortium partner of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Centers for Emergency Management and Paramedic Training Consortium (hereinafter, "UPMC-CEM", and GFC and UPMC-CEM consortium together, ("Consortium"). The GFC, UPMC-CEM Consortium is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for their Paramedic Education program. In order for GFC to be accredited and provide Paramedic Education, GFC is required to have a consortium partner as well an articulation agreement with WCU. GFC's consortium partner is UPMC-CEM. GFC is an accredited credit granting organization through its participation in the Consortium.

**Introduction**

GFC and WCU enter into this Articulation Agreement (hereinafter, "Agreement") in order to facilitate the transfer of Emergency Medical Services Professions including Emergency Medical Technician (hereinafter, ("EMT"), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (hereinafter, ("AEMT")), and Paramedic graduates into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Health Science General degree program at WCU.

The Bachelor of Science Health Science: General degree program at WCU requires the completion of 120 credits. Toward that requirement, WCU will accept EMT and AEMT course credits from GFC and Paramedic course credits from the Consortium's Paramedic program. WCU requires that students must complete a minimum of 30 of their last 60 credits, and at least 12 credits within the Health Science General program at WCU in order to earn their undergraduate degree from WCU. The three core courses required for the Bachelor of Science Health Science General degree (9 credits) and at least 1 other HEA/ENV course (3 credits) must be completed at WCU.

In order to qualify for the benefits of this Agreement, students must:

- Successfully graduate from GFC with a 70% grade average for each course;
- Students must submit their official transcript to WCU;
- Satisfy all other WCU admissions requirements.

GFC students who transfer after successful completion of the EMT, AEMT or Paramedic program will receive transfer credit for earned credits taken at GFC as outlined in Table 1 and Table 2 in Addendum A, incorporated herein.

#### **Joint Responsibilities for Maintenance of this Agreement**

- GFC and WCU will maintain curricular and course equivalency information.
- GFC will provide written notification to WCU of any curricular modifications or changes to degree requirements. WCU will review and determine if said changes or modifications shall require a written amendment to this agreement.
- WCU will inform GFC of any curricular changes and impact thereof.

#### **Additional Terms of Agreement**

1. This Articulation Agreement along with all addenda constitutes the entire Agreement and terms of understanding between GFC and WCU.
2. This Agreement will be reviewed and revised as necessary by written amendment. All revisions must be approved by each institution's official signatories, with the same formality as the original Agreement.
3. This Agreement will have a term of five (5) years beginning from the Effective Date. After the five (5) year term, the parties may agree to enter into a new Agreement.
4. The terms of the Agreement shall remain in effect unless it is terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the Agreement for any reason with 120 days written notice to the other party. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a substantial breach. However, if this Agreement is terminated while students are enrolled through this Agreement, the students may continue their educational experience under this Agreement until that experience would have concluded absent the termination.
5. The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
6. The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
7. The parties shall agree to keep confidential all personally identifiable student information from education records provided by WCU and GFC as set forth in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 34 CFR § 99.33 (a)(2) ("FERPA").
8. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or harm to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit WCU's or the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or WCU.

9. This Agreement is not a third-party beneficiary contract and confers no rights upon any students or employees of the parties.
10. For the purpose of this Agreement, a copy of the party's original signature shall be considered to be an original signature; and as such shall be sufficient to bind such parties.
11. The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.

**SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW**


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the authorized representatives of the Parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

West Chester University


Good Fellowship Club of Chester County, Inc.

 6/22/21  
Christopher Fiorentino, PhD      Date  
President

 6/21/2021  
Kimberly Holman      Date  
Executive Director

 6/25/2021  
R. Lorraine Bernotsky, D. Phil      Date  
Executive Vice President and Provost

 06/21/2021  
Heather Atkinson      Date  
Director of Education

 6/25/2021  
Jeffrey L. Osgood Jr., MPA PhD      Date  
Vice President for Academic Operations

Approved as to form and legality

 6/29/21  
Joseph Mille      Date  
University Legal Counsel

**Table 1**

Students must earn at least a 70% in each course and provide documentation as such on official Transcripts to receive WCU transfer credit.

<b><i>Good Fellowship Club of Chester County, Inc: GFC-UPMC-CEM Paramedic Training Consortium and West Chester University B.S. in Health Science: General</i></b>		
<b>Good Fellowship</b>	<b>West Chester University</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>
<b>EMT Coursework</b>		
Preparation, Airway/CPR, Patient Assessment, Medical, Practical Skills Mid, Trauma, OBGYN/Pediatrics, Operations, Practical Skills	Block Credit – HEA 199	<b>12 credits</b>
<b>AEMT Coursework</b>		
Advanced EMT, Advanced EMT Practicum	Block Credit – HEA 199	<b>9 credits</b>
<b>Total Credits:</b>		<b>21 Credits</b>
<b>Paramedic Course Work</b>		
<b>Fall</b> Anatomy & Physiology Medical Terminology Pharmacology Foundations of ALS Paramedic Lab I Paramedic Clinical I	Block Credit for HEA 199 + BIO 199	54 Credits + 3 Credits: <b>57 credits</b>
<b>Spring</b> Emergency Airway Man. Cardiac Emergencies Medical Emergencies Traumatic Emergencies Paramedic Lab II Paramedic Clinical II		
<b>Spring</b> Paramedic Capstone Paramedic Lab III Paramedic Externship		

**Table 2**

**General Education requirements for the B.S. in Health Science: General Degree  
at West Chester University:**

<b><u>Academic Foundations:</u></b>	
First Year Experience	For transfer students with 24 college-level credits, the FYE requirement is waived.
English Composition (6 credits)	Students will take: WRT 120 and a 200-level WRT course
Mathematics (3 credits)	MAT 103 and above
Interdisciplinary (3 credits)	Recommended: ENV 102
Diverse Communities (3 credits)	Recommended: HEA 109 or HEA 110 Requirement must be completed at WCU, cannot transfer credit
<b><u>Distributive Requirements</u></b>	
Science (6 credits)	<b>EMT and AEMT (only):</b> Choose 2 different approved courses in 2 different disciplines. <b>Paramedic:</b> will receive 3 credits of BIO 199 for their Anatomy/Physiology coursework at GFA. They should choose 1 course at WCU, different from BIO to satisfy the Science Gen Ed.
Behavioral & Social Science (6 credits)	Choose 2 approved courses in 2 different disciplines.
Humanities (6 credits)	Choose 2 approved courses in 2 different disciplines.
Arts (3 credits)	Choose 1 course from approved general education course list.
<b><u>Additional Baccalaureate Requirements</u></b>	
Speaking Emphasis (9 credits)	All transfer students who enter with fewer than 40 college-level credits must complete 9 credits of Speaking Emphasis coursework. Transfer students who enter with 40-70 college-level credits, must take at least 6 credits of Speaking Emphasis coursework. Students who transfer more than 70 college-level credits must take at least 3 credits of Speaking Emphasis coursework at the 300-400 level.
Ethics (3 credits)	Recommended: HEA 300
Writing Emphasis	All transfer students who enter with fewer than 40 college-level credits must complete 9 credits of Writing Emphasis coursework. Transfer students who enter with 40-70 college-level credits, must take at least 6 credits of Writing Emphasis coursework. Students who transfer more than 70 college-level

	<p>credits must take at least 3 credits of Writing Emphasis coursework at the 300-400 level.</p> <p>Recommended: HEA 310; HEA 315; or HEA345 Must be completed at WCU.</p>
Total Credits	<p>In addition to satisfying the curricular requirements, the transfer credits from Good Fellowship and WCU credits must total at least 120 credits. To qualify for graduation, a student must take at least 30 of their last 60 credits at West Chester University.</p>

**Students can review the list of approved courses for WCU's General Education requirements in WCU's [Undergraduate Catalog](#).**