Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Carlow University and CCAC

April 2019

Graduates of CCAC's program will be granted junior standing at Carlow University and will be offered a path to complete the remaining requirements of the Communication and Media program at Carlow within two (2) academic years. See **Appendix A** for a detailed example of course requirements by semester for graduates of CCAC's program that enter the Communication and Media program.

IV.   Summary of the Agreement:

This agreement established a partnership between Carlow University and CCAC in order to provide a pathway to a bachelor's degree for graduates of CCAC's Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming, A.S. program. The gaming industry largely requires a bachelor's degree for many positions. This partnership allows Carlow to establish a new enrollment pipeline for the Communication and Media program.

V.   Publicity for the Agreement:

Carlow University and CCAC agree to publicize this partnership through the use of written and online materials and through social media.

VI.   Payment:

This MOU does not alter the student's obligation to ensure that all tuition and fees are paid on time and in full. Tuition for any Carlow program will be paid directly to Carlow University. No part of this memorandum shall be construed as establishing an exchange of tuition between Carlow University and CCAC.

VII.   Timeframe for the Agreement:

The terms of this memorandum will become effective, upon the signatures by both parties, and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) calendar years.

VIII.   Renewal and Termination of the Agreement:

This memorandum may be renewed by agreement of both parties. Either party may terminate this memorandum, at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other party at least 120 days prior to the intended date of termination.

Signed:

Carlow University

By:

Dr. Sibdas Ghosh, Provost

Date: 4/8/19

CCAC

By:

Date: 4/9/19

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I.   Introduction:

This memorandum of understanding memorializes the terms of the partnership between Carlow University, an institution of higher learning located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), a community college in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania region. That offers associate degrees, certificate, and diploma programs.

II.   Rationale for the Agreement:

Carlow University offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. These programs prepare students to work in a variety of organizations and is designed to build critical skills, teamwork, and aptitude for today's workplace.

CCAC offers associates degree, certificate, and diploma programs that educates adults in a variety of different areas. The Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming, A.S. program at CCAC degree provides skills and knowledge across a broad range of careers in the gaming industry, including independent game developer, computer programming, game designer, product manager, video game tester, application developer and simulation programmer. Students will learn technical training including game development, animation software tools, digital imaging and programming. Students pursuing careers in the gaming industry most often require a minimum of a bachelor's degree and it is recommended that they transfer to four-year institutions in order to pursue competitive employment opportunities.

Many students completing associate degree programs aspire to continue on to a bachelor's degree. This partnership seeks to establish a partnership that will allow graduates from CCAC's Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming, A.S. program to transition into Carlow's Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media.

III.   Agreement Specifics

In order to graduate from CCAC's Multimedia Programming, Simulation & Gaming, A.S. program, students must complete a minimum of 62 credits. Specific curriculum for the program can be viewed by visiting this link: https://catalog.ccac.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=1097

Carlow's Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media has a focus on advocacy and social justice embedded in and outside of class. The program provides students with the knowledge and skills that every employer values – excellent written, oral, and digital communication skills and a strong foundation in communication knowledge, strategies, and ethics. More information can be viewed by visiting this link: https://www.carlow.edu/Communication_and_Media_Major.aspx

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Appendix A

Example Schedule of Remaining Coursework at Carlow

FALL SEMESTER YEAR 1	SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 1
SKC 101	SKQ 101
CM 104	SKW 102
CM 200 (1 credit Seminar)	CM 120
CM 260 (even years) or CM 232 (odd years)	CM 210 (odd years) or CM 457 (even years)
CM 242 (even years) or Wisdom course	CM 360 (odd years) or CM 300 (even years)
Social Justice Course	MAT 115* (if not yet fulfilled)
16 credits	**15-18 credits**
FALL SEMESTER YEAR 2	**SPRING SEMESTER YEAR 2**
SSC 321	SO 422
CM 260 (even years) or CM 232 (odd years)	CM 210 (odd years) or CM 457 (even years)
CM 242 (even years) or Wisdom course	CM 360 (odd years) or CM 300 (even years)
ESR or SL course (overlap with Liberal arts depth or Wisdom)	CM 405 Internship
Wisdom course or liberal arts depth	CM 450
15 credits	**15 credits**

It is recommended that CCAC students take Statistics (CCAC Code MAT161 or MAT 165) prior to transferring to Carlow, as it is a pre-requisite for SO 422. However, if it is not taken before entering Carlow, it can be taken during Spring Semester of Year 1 at Carlow. This will create an 18-credit semester.