



Articulation Pathways Agreement

between

Dorset College, Dublin, Ireland

and

**York County Community College, Wells,
Maine, USA**



1. Scope of the Agreement

This agreement pertains to articulation pathways that enable certain graduates of York County Community College to articulate into bachelor level programs offered by Dorset College.

2. Responsibilities

- i. Academic matters requiring coordination, discussion or resolution between Dorset College and York County Community College will be the responsibility, from the Dorset College side, of the Dean of Academic Affairs, and, from the York County Community College side, of
- ii. Non-academic matters requiring coordination, discussion or resolution between Dorset College and York County Community College will be the responsibility, from the Dorset College side, of the Director of International Relations, and, from the York County Community College side, of

3. Structure of the articulation pathway

- i. Dorset College will offer entry, with credit, into specified programmes to applicants who have successfully completed specified programmes at York County Community College, subject to specified conditions for admission. The relevant York County Community College programmes, the relevant Dorset College programmes, and the relevant conditions are specified in Schedule One.
- ii. Where feasible, credit will be offered as block credit, where articulating students are awarded credit for a specified year or years of a Dorset College programme, as opposed to credit for particular Dorset College modules.
- iii. Credit will be determined by Dorset College, taking account of:
 - i. the alignment of the relevant prior programmes successfully completed at York County Community College with the levels in the Irish Qualifications Framework
 - ii. the levels within in the Irish Qualification Framework of the destination programmes at Dorset College
 - iii. the curriculum of the relevant programme completed at York County Community College
 - iv. the curriculum of the destination programme at Dorset College.

4. Quality Assurance and Monitoring

- i. Dorset College will monitor curriculum changes at York County Community College annually to ensure that existing credit arrangements do not require modification
- ii. Dorset College will monitor the academic performance of students who have utilized the articulation pathway to assist in the identification of changes



required to existing credit arrangements, the quality of Dorset College's delivery and its systems of student support. This will be an element of Dorset College's standard quality assurance cycle

- iii. Dorset College will take into account any implications for the articulation pathway of any decisions it makes regarding changes to its own curriculum

5. Duration

- i. This Agreement shall be effective as from the date of signing by both parties and will be for an initial period of 5 years. It will be reviewed by Dorset College and by York County Community College before expiry of the Agreement and a decision as to whether to continue will be made at least three months prior to the expiry of the Agreement.
- ii. The duration of the renewed agreement will be agreed by both parties at the time of any decision to extend.

6. Promotion of the Articulation Pathway

- i. York County Community College will publicise the articulation pathway on its website, and internally, in the same way that it publicises other such articulation pathways.
- ii. York County Community College will allow Dorset College to promote the articulation pathway to York County Community College students through mechanisms mutually agreed by Dorset College and York County Community College.

7. Financial Arrangements

Students articulating from York County Community College to Dorset College are responsible for paying their own fees due to Dorset College, in accordance with Dorset College's processes and procedures.

8. Termination and Provision for Students

- i. Either party, upon 3 months' written notice, may terminate this Agreement.
- ii. In the event of the termination, Dorset College will keep the articulation pathway open for a further 2 years so as not to disadvantage students who have planned to articulate into a Dorset College programme.

9. Force Majeure

Neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Agreement, if, and to the extent that, such party's performance of this Agreement is prevented by reason of Force Majeure.



10. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of Ireland.

11. Signatures

Signed on behalf of York County Community College by

Name: Tracey Cornell

Position: Academic Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Cornell".

Signature:

Signed on behalf of Dorset College by

Name: Hugh Hughes

Position: Director

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Signature: