



**DUAL ADMISSIONS TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CECIL COLLEGE
AND
ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY**

Dual Admissions

Under this Dual Admissions Transfer Agreement, Cecil students will be guaranteed admission at Alvernia on the condition that they:

1. Earn a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to attending Alvernia.
2. Submit a Dual Admissions Intent Form. It is encouraged to submit the dual admission intent form within completion of 45 college level credits to maximize credit transfer, but forms may be considered up to 75 credits completed from all colleges/universities attended.
3. Graduate from Cecil with an appropriate Associate Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for Accelerated Baccalaureate and Online Programs (through Adult Education Admissions) and 2.5 for Traditional/Residential Baccalaureate Programs.
4. Complete Alvernia's admissions application prior to the start of the semester in which they plan to begin their studies at Alvernia, and satisfy all other Alvernia program-specific admissions requirements as found in Appendix A.
5. Not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from Cecil and enroll at Alvernia.
6. Enroll at Alvernia within one year of Cecil graduation.

Students who have previously matriculated to Alvernia are not eligible for Dual Admissions to Alvernia but are encouraged to apply as a transfer or re-entry student to Alvernia.

Once students submit their Dual Admissions Intent Form, they are strongly encouraged to meet with an Alvernia Transfer Admissions Representative and/or a Cecil Academic Advisor, Counselor, or Program Advisor to develop a course taking strategy to maximize course transferability.

Cecil graduates entering Alvernia under the terms of this Agreement go through the normal Alvernia transfer admissions process and therefore must meet all applicable Alvernia requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof that apply to all Alvernia students.

Transfer and Academic Guidelines

1. Transfer credit will be awarded for courses with a grade of “C” or above for any and all courses transferred to Alvernia, with the exception of science classes for Nursing students. Nursing students will be awarded for courses with a grade of “C+” or above for all related science courses transferred to Alvernia. Alvernia will need official transcripts for evaluation of credit from other attended institutions, including military transcripts. Credit will also be awarded for AP, CLEP, etc. with appropriate documentation. Developmental courses are not eligible for transfer.
2. Graduates of approved Cecil A.A., A.S., A.A.S., A.A.T and A.F.A degrees and who transfer to Alvernia will be waived from placement tests under this agreement.
3. The maximum number of semester hours that can transfer to Alvernia is 75 (90 credits maximum for RN-BSN program only). Students enrolled in an undergraduate program of study at Alvernia are required to complete a minimum of 123 credits with a residency credit minimum of 45 of the last 60 credits; at least half of the requirements in the major or area of specialization must be taken with Alvernia.
4. A full-time student admitted with Mid-Degree status to Alvernia will be able to complete a bachelor's degree at Alvernia in approximately two years (fall/spring/summer semesters) provided the student completes the appropriate associate degree at Cecil, appropriately sequences their remaining course work at Alvernia, and that the program’s experiential requirements can be completed within two years.
5. Under this Agreement, Alvernia guarantees that all Cecil credits from Cecil programs of study listed in this Agreement will fulfill general education, elective, or major requirements in the corresponding Alvernia major that the Cecil transfer student wishes to pursue.
6. Students who have pursued a Cecil associate degree study other than those designated in this Agreement and who wish to transfer to Alvernia may still be considered for admission on an individual basis and their credits will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.
7. University Application will be required to follow and satisfy all Alvernia degree requirements, as stated in Alvernia’s Undergraduate Catalog, that are in effect at the time of the application signing and submission to Alvernia University.
8. For Traditional/Residential Baccalaureate Programs, students must confirm their intention to matriculate at Alvernia by submitting a deposit by May 1st for the fall semester, and by October 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other regular Alvernia admissions requirements.

Financial and Scholarship Incentives

To assist Cecil graduates to transfer to Alvernia, Alvernia agrees to the following:

1. **Application Fee:** Alvernia will waive the application fee for students who apply at Alvernia pursuant to this Agreement.
2. **Academic Scholarships:** Alvernia will award academic scholarships annually to all Cecil graduates admitted to Alvernia pursuant to this Agreement. All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students submitting their FAFSA and remaining in good academic standing at Alvernia.

Traditional/Residential Programs (in Reading, PA): The following scholarships are given to qualified

full-time undergraduate day-time students transferring from Cecil for work toward their first bachelor's degree. Cumulative GPA includes Cecil and any other colleges/universities attended:

- **Provost Scholarship:** \$21,000 scholarship = **member of Phi Theta Kappa** or non-PTK student with final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- **Bernardine Scholarship:** \$19,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.
- **Dean Scholarship:** \$17,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.24.
- **Transfer Scholarship:** \$15,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 2.99.

In addition to the scholarships noted above, Alvernia's Traditional/Residential Programs also offers the following:

- **Alvernia Connects with Transfers** - \$1000 scholarship for all transfer students who have filed the FAFSA (by date provided) and accepted admissions into Alvernia's Traditional/Residential Programs with at least a 3.0 final cumulative GPA

Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Programs: All adult/non-traditional learners receive discounted tuition. The RN-BSN program tuition is competitively discounted, and no further scholarships may be awarded. Qualified students in all other programs may receive the following:

- **Dual Admissions Scholarship:** \$1000/year
Awarded to dual admissions students who enroll at the Reading Main Campus or other On- site Regional Campus, at half-time or full-time enrollment, as a one-time award for their first year (or first two consecutive semesters).
- **Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship:** \$1000/year
Awarded to students holding current membership in PTK for continuous for full-time enrollment for up to 4 semesters and requires maintaining a 2.0 GPA.
- **Adult Transfer Award:** up to \$2000 total for 4 semesters (\$500 each semester)
Awarded to transfer students with a final minimum cumulative Cecil GPA of at least 2.0 and who enroll in at least half-time continuous enrollment.

***IF a student is enrolled FULL-TIME at Alvernia, they would qualify for both the PA Community College Transfer Award and the PTK Scholarship. A student will ALSO qualify for the Dual Admissions Scholarship IF the student declares Dual Admission with Alvernia before completing no more than 45 college-level credits from all colleges/universities attended.

3. **Financial Aid:** All students will be provided with Alvernia financial aid information and receive full consideration for Alvernia financial aid upon matriculation at Alvernia.
 - Financial Aid will be awarded to transfer students on the same basis as all Alvernia students. They will have equal access to all state and federal financial aid programs.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) before May 1st each year to determine if they are eligible for a state grant.

Appendix A

Academic Admissions Requirements for Specific Majors

Prelicensure BSN Guidelines

Students wishing to transfer to Alvernia University from another institution of higher education must meet the general admission requirements of Alvernia and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. A grade of C+ or higher is expected for transfer science courses. Students may not have repeated any required science course more than one time for a passing grade and may repeat no more than three total required science courses at any/all institutions they have attended, including Alvernia.

Transfer students who have completed at least 30 credits of college level work, including the prescribed science courses for the first year, may be eligible to transfer at the sophomore level. To be eligible for admission to and placement in the nursing program at the sophomore level, applicants must complete all general admission requirements, and:

- Must have a GPA of at least a 3.0 with considerations given to individual courses. Science course grades of C+ or higher are ordinarily required for admission. Grades and credits from developmental courses are not considered
- Not have repeated any required science course more than one time for a passing grade and may have repeated no more than three total required science courses at any/all previous institutions they have attended
- Demonstrate successful completion of three of four of the required sciences (Anatomy and Physiology 1, Anatomy and Physiology 2, Microbiology, Chemistry; each including a lab), two of which must be Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2.

RN to BSN Guidelines

Students must submit a photocopy of current Pennsylvania Registered Nurse License. Students may be admitted to the RN to BSN Completion program prior to passing the NCLEX; however, RN-BSN students are not permitted to progress and register for the two clinical courses (NUR 403 & NUR 405) without a current and valid RN license.

Occupational Therapy Guidelines

Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher for admittance to the combined BSHcS & MSOT program. Upon completion of the following general education and related requirements, transfer students may enter the program in the Fall semester of the Sophomore year:

- (3 cr) COM 101
- (3 cr) World Language I and II
- (3 cr) THE 105
- (3 cr) ART, Music, Theatre
- (3 cr) PHI 105
- (3 cr) COM (not 100 or 101), **or** (3cr) HIS/POS, **or** (3 cr) ENG

- (3 cr) SOC 111
- (3 cr) BIO 107
- (1 cr) BIO 117
- (3 cr) PSY 101

Due to the combined bachelors/master's, and sequential content requirements of the OT program, students are not accepted as transfers into **the Junior year**.

Progression/retention - Students may use the repeat/delete option three times for grades below a "C" in the undergraduate phase and twice for grades below a "B" in the graduate phase of the program, and includes courses taken elsewhere.

This repeat/delete option can be used only one time for any one course. If the second attempt does not result in the required "C"/"P" (undergraduate) or "B"/"P" (graduate), the student will be dismissed from the program.

Engineering Guidelines

Transfer students will be reviewed by both the Undergraduate Admissions Department and the Engineering Department for admissions into the program and will enter the program at an appropriate spot to be determined by the Engineering Program Director. Students must meet the general Alvernia admissions requirements and are highly recommended to hold a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8. Transfer students are highly recommended to have taken a college level course of Precalculus and/or Calculus, and Chemistry and/or Physics prior to matriculating at Alvernia University.

Athletic Training

Transfer students may enter the program at an appropriate spot to be determined by the AT Program Director. These students will typically matriculate as an Athletic Training major student. These students will focus on the completion of the undergraduate requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Science, along with any required prerequisite coursework (for the MSAT degree). Students will formally notify the AT Program Director (PD) of their intention to complete the professional phase of the Master of Athletic Training degree once all prerequisite course work is completed. The PD will complete a review of the student's transcript to ensure each student meets the admissions/retention standards of at least a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.0 GPA in natural and applied science courses.

Education

Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 in compliance with Pennsylvania State requirements. Transfer students may enter the program at an appropriate spot to be determined by the Education Program Director.