

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

Western Michigan University

## STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

Lansing Community College (LCC) and Western Michigan University (WMU) wish to facilitate the transfer of LCC students to the WMU Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development. The completion of this WMU degree program will not lead to Michigan Department of Education teacher certification. Students participating in the Bachelor of Science in Child Development degree program must meet the admission requirements of Western Michigan University and maintain the academic standards required of all students enrolled in the University.

Students transferring to this WMU degree program have the opportunity to complete most of WMU's classes online, with a minimal amount of "face-to-face" class time required. The program can also be completed at the WMU main (Kalamazoo) campus. The WMU Child Development program advisor is available at the WMU branch campus (University Center) in Lansing on a monthly basis.

The WMU Child Development degree prepares individuals to work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children, and their families in a variety of settings. Such settings include parent education, community human services, and other agencies. This program meets the State of Michigan requirements for child care center directors. The program also meets the eligibility requirements for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.

Western Michigan University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a subcommittee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. An overview of the university, plus academic information is available at [www.wmich.edu/coe/fcs](http://www.wmich.edu/coe/fcs).

## AGREEMENT

Lansing Community College and Western Michigan University hereby agree as follows:

1. Lansing Community College and Western Michigan University will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.
2. Specific details of the articulated program are included in the LCC transfer guide, at <http://www.lcc.edu/transfer/guides/current/11086.html>.
3. **Advising of LCC Students** – Advising of LCC students regarding admission and program requirements to Western Michigan University will be the responsibility of the regular advising staff at LCC. As noted above, the WMU Child Development program advisor will be available at the WMU branch campus (University Center) in Lansing on a monthly basis. The WMU Child Development Program advisor is the designated point of contact for advising questions from LCC advisors. Each institution will monitor the academic performance of students enrolling under this agreement, and identify problems that may interfere with the successful transfer of student to Western Michigan University.
4. **Communication** – Lansing Community College and Western Michigan University agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions.
  - Any marketing of the articulation in print will be subject to the prior approval of both parties. Each institution will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student and faculty populations.

- Faculty and staff at both institutions will communicate information about this agreement to students and prospective students.
  - LCC may provide, at its website, a link to the Western Michigan University website.
5. **Length of Agreement** – This agreement will become effective upon the execution of signatures by the responsible authority for each institution, and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate. Notice of termination shall be given in writing at least 90 days prior to the effective date of termination. The agreement shall be honored for two academic years immediately following the notification to terminate so students currently under the agreement may finish their plan of study.
  6. **Review and Modification of the Agreement** – Each institution will notify the other of any contemplated curricular changes that would affect the future of this agreement.
  7. **Exchange of Information** – Western Michigan University and Lansing Community College agree to exchange transfer student information for the purpose of monitoring and enhancing student academic success. The information may also be used to enhance curricular offerings. At no time will Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements be violated.

### SIGNATURES OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES AT THE COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS

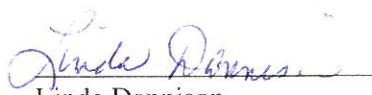
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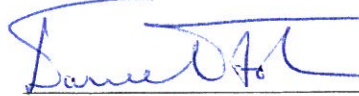
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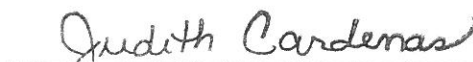
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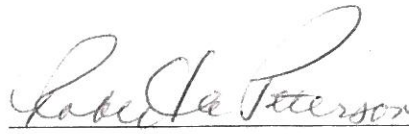
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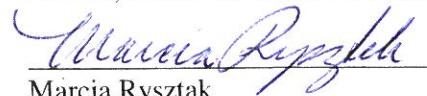
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