

**INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATED  
PATHWAY AGREEMENT**

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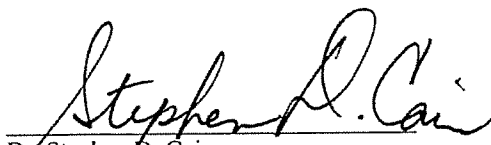
**A.A. in General Studies (Social Sciences, Administration, and Health Core)**


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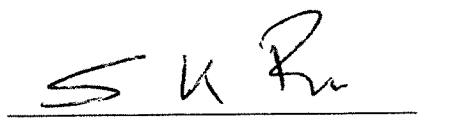
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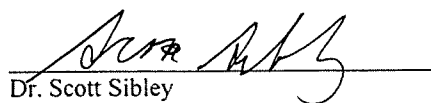
**B.A. in Psychology**

Entered into this 8 day of Sept, 2018.  
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This agreement is effective with new school admits beginning in fall, 2018.

This agreement will be reviewed biennially.

## **INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATED PATHWAY AGREEMENT**

Montgomery College (MC), a community college in Montgomery County, Maryland, and Goucher College (Goucher), a four-year private university in Baltimore Maryland, agree to the following pathway that will lead to the award of a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology to students successful in that program.

### **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this institutional articulated pathway. It will set expectations for administrators, faculty, and staff at both institutions, and foster a working relationship between the parties. Finally, it will encourage students to continue their education for their own personal and professional development.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PRINCIPLES**

The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

1. The pathway is designed for graduates of the A.A. in General Studies, SSAH Core at MC. A maximum of 60 credit hours from MC will be allowed towards fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion at Goucher.
2. Goucher, in its sole discretion, will determine the applicability of course work taken at other postsecondary institutions. Transfer credit is only awarded to courses from any institution, including MC, where the student has earned a grade of "C-" or better.
3. This Agreement is for the purposes of transfer credit only and does not address nor guarantee any expectations of institutional or degree admissions requirements, financial aid, and scholarship eligibility, unless otherwise noted.
4. This Agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. One semester, or six months' notice, must be provided in writing should either party wish to terminate the agreement. In the case of termination of this agreement, the institutions will work together to provide information for students currently using the pathway.
5. Both institutions agree to notify the other, in writing, of curriculum changes within sixty days of the change. Notwithstanding section 13, changes to curriculum can be made without completing the signatory process. The degree requirements will be reviewed biennially; the agreement will be reviewed every five years. The appendix can be changed by mutual written agreement, without the procedural process review or revision of the entire institutional articulated pathway.
6. The office of record for institutional partnership agreements at Goucher is the Office of the Provost. The office of record for institutional partnership agreements at MC is the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.
7. The parties will comply with all provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in all disclosures of FERPA protected information between MC and Goucher. For

example, the parties may be able to share personally identifiable information from a student's record for purposes related to a student's enrollment or transfer, per 34 C.F.R §§ 99.31 (a)(2) and 99.34. In addition, pursuant to 34 C.F.R § 99.31 (a)(6)(i), the parties may share with each other personally identifiable information from students' educational records without consent for the sole purpose of conducting studies to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction. Also consistent with FERPA, the parties shall use reasonable methods to ensure that they provide only those education records that are necessary in the administration of this agreement. Under this agreement, the use of data shared is for no purpose other than this initiative. Nothing in this Agreement may be construed to allow the parties to maintain, use, disclose, or share student record information in a manner not allowed under Federal law or regulation.

8. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.
9. This Agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.
10. MC and Goucher, in accordance with all applicable laws, do not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, religion, mental or physical disability, sex, gender identity, veterans' status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by applicable law or institutional policies.
11. Nothing contained in this agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, or by any third party, as creating a relationship between MC and Goucher as principal and agent and/or employer and employee. The relationship between the parties to this agreement to each other is that of independent contractors and does not constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
12. Neither MC nor Goucher may refer to the other party in advertising or use the other party's logos, trademarks, or service marks without prior written consent of the other party. Each party acknowledges that the other party's logos, trademarks, and service marks are the sole property of the other party.
13. This Agreement may only be modified in writing with the same formality as this original Agreement.
14. Neither MC nor Goucher shall assume any liabilities to each other beyond those defined within this Agreement. Regarding liability to each other, death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract.

## **APPENDIX**

As part of this agreement, the following has been included:

1. A suggested Transfer Pathway and degree audit showing the current classes required for an A.A. in General Studies (SSAH core) degree from MC to the B.A. in Psychology at Goucher.