

PURSUE ONU Partnership Agreement Between Olivet Nazarene University and Illinois Central College

This Agreement is made and entered into this 16th day of September, 2015, by and between Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) and Illinois Central College (ICC). The Agreement has been developed to support the seamless transition of ICC students completing their associate's degree at ICC to ONU for completion of a bachelor's program through the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

WHEREAS the parties enter into the agreement to ensure the following benefits for ICC students:

- Be assured that they are taking only the courses they need at both ONU and ICC.
- Have the opportunity to complete his/her bachelor's program more quickly by taking general education and prerequisite courses in the major BEFORE beginning as a full-time ONU student.
- Be given transfer support by an ONU Transfer Coordinator to ease the transition from the community college to ONU, working with them to identify a plan for maximizing the dual admission opportunity.
- Have the opportunity to begin taking courses at ONU during the summers (and the school year when possible) prior to full-time enrollment at ONU, ensuring that they are well prepared for the ONU program.
- Have the opportunity to lock in the ONU tuition rate for core program courses at the time of admissions, ensuring that if rates go up, the rate change will not affect them.
- Possibly be eligible for additional discounts on tuition depending on the community college partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, ONU and ICC agree to the following terms:

1. *PURSUE ONU Partnership Details:*

- A. **Student Eligibility/Admissions:** To be eligible for *PURSUE ONU*, students must have successfully completed at least twelve credit hours in their program area at ICC prior to completing the *PURSUE ONU* Application. Students must be in good academic standing at ICC, and at the time of application, have met all admissions requirements to Olivet's degree program. Students must complete the *PURSUE ONU* Application and be admitted to Olivet in order to be in *PURSUE ONU*.
- B. **Advising:** Students participating in *PURSUE ONU* will be assigned an academic advisor at both institutions. An ONU Transfer Coordinator will work with the student

to develop a plan of study that follows the articulation agreement between ONU and ICC for the desired degree program. The ONU Transfer Coordinator and the ICC academic advisor will work together to ensure that the plan will meet requirements for both ICC and ONU. Students will be required to consult with both the ONU Transfer Coordinator and the ICC academic advisor at least once a semester until enrolled full-time at ONU.

- C. **Requirements for Remaining Active in *PURSUE ONU*:** In order to maintain continued status in *PURSUE ONU*, students must enroll in at least one course within the first six months, enroll full-time in ONU courses within two years of enrollment in *PURSUE ONU*, and full-time within six months following the completion of the associate's degree. Students must remain in good academic standing throughout the associate's and bachelor's programs. Students may withdraw from *PURSUE ONU* at any time prior to completion, and students who are not enrolled in courses for more than two terms at the ICC will be automatically withdrawn. Additionally, students who have been withdrawn from ONU or the ICC individually will also be automatically withdrawn from *PURSUE ONU*.

- D. **Transfer of Credits:** Students in *PURSUE ONU* should consult with transfer counselors at the ICC and ONU regularly in order to ensure the required courses are being taken according to the institutions' program articulation agreement. The ONU Transfer Coordinator will work with each student to develop a transfer advising plan for completing ONU requirements upon acceptance in *PURSUE ONU*, and this document will be shared with the ICC-designated advisor working with that student. ONU will submit a request for official transcripts for the full list of students from ICC upon the conclusion of each semester to be returned free of charge. In return, ONU is willing to provide a reasonable and customary amount of requested data on the academic progress of these students to ICC.

- E. **Tuition/Financial Aid:** The ICC tuition rates apply for all ICC courses. See below for policies on locking in the ONU tuition rate at the time of admittance to *PURSUE ONU*. Students planning to use financial aid will be encouraged to apply designating ICC as their home school while they are completing their associate degree. When simultaneously taking courses at both institutions, additional consortial agreement paperwork will be required.

- F. **Locking in the Tuition Rate:** Students who are admitted to *PURSUE ONU* will be able to lock in the tuition rate for core program courses for the entirety of the ONU degree program at the rate currently in effect at the time of admittance to *PURSUE ONU*. Students must remain active at ONU (must enroll in at least one course within

six months of joining *PURSUE ONU*, enroll full-time in ONU courses within two years of joining *PURSUE ONU*, and enroll full-time within six months following the completion of the associate's degree) in order to continue to be qualified for the locked-in rate. The locked-in rate will be available to the student through the completion of the bachelor's degree at ONU or for up to two years after the student has enrolled full-time in the ONU program.

- G. **Student Services:** *PURSUE ONU* students will have full access to student support services from both ICC and ONU, including, but not limited to counseling and academic advising, financial aid, academic support, student resources, orientations, student activities, library services, career services, and computer labs. *PURSUE ONU* students will be invited and encouraged to participate in lectures, cultural events, and other opportunities for enrichment sponsored by both campuses.
 - H. **Education Record Sharing Authorization:** Understanding that *PURSUE ONU* is based on a joint support of the student from both institutions, students in *PURSUE ONU* must authorize the sharing of education records between institutions through a signed agreement kept on file at ONU and the ICC. Education records include, but are not limited to, admissions, advising, academic, financial aid, student accounts, and program completion/graduation information/documentation. Students must complete the authorization form during the admissions process in order to be admitted to *PURSUE ONU*.
2. **Policies and Procedures:** All *PURSUE ONU* students will be expected to follow all applicable policies and procedures as identified at each institution, including, but not limited to, admissions, enrollment, student services, academics, transfer credits, application and re-entry policies/procedures.
 3. **Accreditation:** ONU and ICC will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the appropriate regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.
 4. **Marketing and Communication Agreement:**
 - A. For the purposes of this agreement, ONU grants to ICC and ICC grants to ONU, permission to use, display, reproduce and publish, without compensation each other's trademarks as an institutional partner on websites, cobranded web portals, and in print marketing publications.
 - B. The parties will provide an electronic version of the Trademarks for the use permitted by this agreement. Each party represents and warrants that it

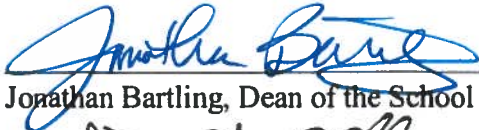
possesses all rights necessary for the granting of the permissions set forth in this Agreement.

- C. Each Institution reserves the right to review in advance any information including but not limited to, websites, cobranded web portals, and in print marketing publications.

ONU and ICC agree that this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Olivet Nazarene University and the ICC have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written above.

For Olivet Nazarene University:



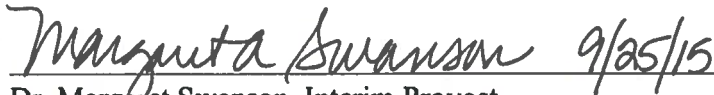
Jonathan Bartling, Dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies



Jeremy Alderson, Executive Director of Finance & Administration- SGCS

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For ICC:



Dr. Margaret Swanson, Interim Provost



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