

## AA Sign Language and Deaf Culture and AAS Interpreter Prep into the BAS Sign Language Interpreting

Siena Heights University, with seven (7) Michigan degree completion centers, an online center, and a main campus in Adrian MI and Community College of Baltimore County with three (3) main campuses and three (3) extensions centers believe that collaborative programs benefit the community, employers, and students in their regions. It allows smooth transition for students transferring between institutions and maximizes allowable transfer of credits. Therefore, Siena Heights University and Community College of Baltimore County agree to enter into this Articulation Agreement as cooperating educational institutions and will maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

### PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

Siena Heights University (hereafter known as ‘SHU’) and Community College of Baltimore County (hereafter known as “CCBC”) confirm the following points of agreement, to assure equal treatment of university/college and transfer students.

1. Credit completed at CCBC, will transfer towards a SHU baccalaureate degree according to the parameters below and the published transfer guide for the specific degree major. Students must have completed the Associate of Arts in American Sign Language and Deaf Culture prior to entering into this transfer agreement. Students need the Associate of Applied Science degree in Interpreter Preparation posted on their transcript prior to the completion of the degree at SHU to qualify for the major in Sign Language Interpreting.
2. To receive a baccalaureate degree from SHU, CCBC students must complete the admissions and program requirements of the SHU program of study, as identified in SHU’s undergraduate catalog. Upon fulfillment of baccalaureate degree requirements, the degree conferred is a SHU degree.
3. Candidates must submit an official CCBC transcript to SHU showing completion of CCBC coursework (including completion and designation of the Associate of Arts in American Sign Language and Deaf Culture degree). CCBC coursework will be posted to the student’s SHU transcript after initial enrollment at SHU. Coursework will be posted in accordance with the SHU baccalaureate degree requirements and requisite transfer policies.
4. SHU will accept CCBC credit by Portfolio Assessment or Departmental Exam if applied to the CCBC transcript as part of a program of study. Students should submit official transcripts directly to SHU from CLEP, DSST, IB, AP, Military trainings and other formal exams or trainings for evaluation of that credit.
5. No time limit (years) shall be placed on the acceptance of credit transferable from CCBC to SHU unless there is a specific policy limitation identified by SHU.
6. CCBC students transferring to SHU will be treated the same as native SHU students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid and when pre-registering for classes

or accessing other student services.

7. SHU and CCBC 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.
8. This agreement will be reviewed every 5 years unless personnel from CCBC and SHU determine that a meeting is necessary to review and/or amend this agreement prior to the renewal. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice of at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. All students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete their designated program of study at SHU.
9. Oversight of this agreement, to represent the respective institutions and to communicate any necessary changes and updates to appropriate parties as needed rests with Interpreting Program Coordinator at CCBC and the Associate Director of Partnership Relations at SHU.
10. SHU and CCBC agree to the development of joint promotional and communications efforts to graduates and current students, which may include email and mailing lists. Ongoing promotional opportunities will be reviewed and approved between the appropriate representatives at each institution.
11. Each party may provide on its website, a link to the partner institution's website.
12. Both institutions will provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students concerning their respective program of study and the transfer process between institutions.
13. SHU will provide transfer student performance data to CCBC officials annually upon request.
14. Each party shall be separately responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The contract term includes applicable sections of the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act (Act 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCLA 37.1101 et seq.) and the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act (Act 453 of the Public Arts of 1976 as amended, being CMLA 37.2101 et seq.) and, in particular, the provision that illegal discrimination by either party may be considered a material breach of this agreement.
15. Full time employees of Community College of Baltimore County are eligible for a discounted tuition rate for undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students requesting the discount need to complete the application verify full time employment at CCBC and complete the FAFSA.

Transfer Plan for Community College of Baltimore County

(3+1) Associate of Applied Science in Interpreter Preparation to Siena Heights University's Bachelor of Applied Science in Sign Language Interpreting (3+1)

This transfer plan is intended for students pursuing an (3+1) Associate of Applied Science in Interpreter Preparation at Community College of Baltimore County who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Sign Language Interpreting. The equivalencies below demonstrate how a student can meet both the requirements of the associate degree and prepare for a seamless transfer to Siena Heights University. Please note:

Only courses that have course equivalencies are displayed. This guide does not show all transferable courses from this college.

Siena Heights University grants credit by exam through CLEP, DSST, IB and AP. More information can be found at [Transferring to Siena Heights University](#) For financial aid and scholarship information, please see [click the website, Financial Aid](#), for more information.

CCBC Degrees the A.A. ASL and A.A.S. Interpreter Preparation (90 Credits) transferred into the B.A.S. Sign Language Interpreting at Sienna Heights University

CCBC General Education Courses:	Credits	Sienna Transfer Notes
ENGL 101	3	Meets liberal arts
ENGL 102	3	Meets liberal arts
CMNS 101	3	General elective credit
Math Course	3	Math 153 and 163 meet proficiency Math 165 and above meet proficiency and liberal arts. Liberal arts not needed if completed 4
Science	8	Lab credit Science course Meets liberal arts requirement if 4 semester hours of Science with lab course
Information Technology	3	General elective credit
PSYC 105	3	Meets liberal arts requirements
SOCL 141	3	General elective credit
Health and Wellness	3	General elective credit
ASLS 121	3	General elective credit
Total Gen Eds Transferred	35	

- A.A. Degree ASL and Deaf Culture Credits: 26
- Total for A.A. Degree: 60-61
- Additional A.A.S. Degree Interpreter Prep Credits: 36
- SHU accepts maximum of 90 toward Bachelor degree.
- Credits to be completed at SHU: 30
- Total credit needed for BAS: 120

SHU Requirements Remaining to Take: 9

- LAS 301, Adult Learner: 3 credits
- Religion or Philosophy course: 3 credits
  - LAS 401, Senior Seminar course: 3 credits

Total SHU Electives Remaining to Take: 21

- A total of 21 semester hours of 300/400 level SHU courses.
- If a minor is included within the degree, course selection is specific. See SHU advisor for details.

Minimum Total to take at SHU: 30 credits.

#### Notes

- Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester hours.
- A minimum of thirty- (30) semester hours residency required at SHU at 300/400 level.
- Cumulative grade point average must be at least 2.0 to transfer to SHU.
- Courses with a grade of 2.0 or higher transfer to SHU. Courses with a 1.0 grade will transfer within an associate degree; however, it cannot fulfill SHU major requirements.
- SHU will accept up to 6 semester hours of developmental credit and up to 4 semester hours of physical education courses within a bachelor degree.
- Additional credit may be awarded for work, military, departmental exam, CLEP and Professional licensure.

#### ARTICULATED PROGRAMS AT SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Candidates, for a SHU academic program of study, are required to complete the specific degree requirements for that program as outlined in SHU's undergraduate academic catalog. Candidates are required to present official transcripts from CCBC and any additional institution(s) attended, where applicable, and fulfill the admissions requirements, as identified, for the respective programs. The completed coursework (including degrees, where applicable) will be accepted by SHU following the admissions and academic policies of Siena Heights University.

#### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Siena offers over a variety of majors and a number of baccalaureate degrees, both completely online and on-campus. SHU also offers completely online and on-campus graduate programs. SHU does not offer all degrees and/or majors at all site locations. Consultation with an academic advisor will assist students in the development of their degree plan.

Completely Online and other Degree Completion Centers in Michigan

CCBC students are welcome to complete their SHU baccalaureate degree at any of our degree completion centers in Michigan, or through our Online Program.

Please consult the university website for locations: <http://sienaheights.edu/Locations>

#### Adrian—Main Campus

Those students interested in completing their baccalaureate degree through a residential experience should contact the Adrian Campus Admissions Office at 800-521-0009, ex. 7180 or 517-264-7180 or <http://sienaheights.edu/Locations/Adrian-Main-Campus>

NOTE: Admissions criterion for the College of Arts and Sciences on the Adrian Campus are different from those of SHU's online and off-campus, degree completion locations.

#### Graduate College

Siena Heights University also offers online and on-campus graduate programs upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. Please consult the university website for additional information about graduate programs at <http://sienaheights.edu/Academics/Graduate-College>