



**Montgomery County Community College  
And  
La Salle University  
Dual Admission and Core-to-Core  
Agreement**

Montgomery County Community College (Montco) and La Salle University (La Salle) enter into this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Montgomery County Community College to La Salle University for the purpose of entering the bachelor's degree program.

Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who completes the designated associate's degree program at Montgomery County Community College will be granted admission to La Salle University with junior status. Students may complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree program within two years as a full time day student, although certain majors may require more than 20 courses. It will take a minimum of 3 years to complete La Salle's BSN program for any students entering La Salle as a nursing major.

To be eligible to take advantage of this agreement, the following conditions must be met:

1. Students apply directly to La Salle at [www.lasalle.edu](http://www.lasalle.edu) using the dual admission application online which should be completed prior to earning 45 college level credits from Montco or any other college/university.
2. Students are required to send official transcripts as requested for application review.
3. Students must graduate from Montgomery County Community College with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in the appropriate associate's degree for those majors included in this agreement except for nursing and nutrition. Any student interested in the nursing program must achieve a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 science GPA. Nutrition students must achieve a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 science GPA. Non-nursing students must have achieved a grade of 'C' or better in all courses transferred into the proposed major at La Salle. Passing grades lower than a 'C' in CORE courses, meaning courses outside of major, will be transferable, providing the student graduates with a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
4. Students applying to La Salle's nursing, nutrition and public health programs must submit high school transcripts, two letters of recommendation (one must be academic in nature) and an essay or personal statement.
5. Dual Admission students will be guaranteed admission to La Salle as long as they complete the appropriate associate's degree with the required grade point average and complete all of the necessary admissions paperwork. Pre-RN students applying to the La

Salle nursing program are subject to the provisions outlined under the section “La Salle University’s Nursing Program.”

6. Once students have applied to La Salle, Montgomery County Community College will send official transcripts upon request. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that their final Montco transcript is sent to La Salle once their associate degree is conferred.
7. A maximum of 70 credits will transfer to La Salle.
8. Students must enroll at La Salle within one year of completing their appropriate associate degree without attending any other institution.
9. Founders Scholarship will be awarded annually to students who possess a cumulative Montco grade point average of 2.5 and above. The scholarship amounts will vary based on GPA at the time of admission review and are only offered to students who will be attending La Salle main campus as full-time day students. See Appendix A for amounts.
10. Successful full-time day dual admission candidates will qualify for a Dual Admission Achievement Scholarship at La Salle, renewable annually. See Appendix A for amounts
11. Members of Phi Theta Kappa who graduate from Montco will qualify for a PTK Scholarship, renewable annually. This scholarship is only available to full-time day students with proof of membership. See Appendix A for amounts.
12. The following associate degree programs at Montgomery County Community College are designated as part of the Dual Admission Agreement. Students must be enrolled in one of these programs to be eligible for this Agreement. Additional programs may be identified and defined under the terms of this Core-to-Core/Dual Admission Agreement.

<b>Montgomery County Community College</b>	<b>La Salle University</b>
Business Administration	Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Business Systems & Analytics, International Business, Management & Leadership, Business Administration
Computer Science	Computer Science
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice
History	History
Information Technology	Information Technology
Liberal Studies	Including, but not limited to Art History, Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Religion, Sociology, Nursing, Nutrition (Didactic program only)
Life Sciences	Biology
Mass Media-Mass Media Studies	Communication
Mathematics	Mathematics
Physical Sciences	Chemistry, Biochemistry

Psychology	Psychology
Public Health	Public Health
Human Services	Social Work

1. Under this agreement, La Salle University's CORE will essentially be fulfilled by the CORE at Montgomery County Community College. All students will be required to complete one CORE “qualifier” at La Salle, REL 100: Religion Matters. This course must be taken at La Salle because there is no equivalent course offered at the community college.
2. Students who have pursued a Montgomery County Community College associate’s program of study other than those designated in this agreement and who wish to transfer to La Salle may still be considered for admissions on an individual basis and their credits will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

#### **La Salle University’s Nursing Program:**

The following are additional requirements for students who wish to enter La Salle University’s Nursing Program:

**NOTE:** La Salle University has undergone a curriculum change for their nursing program in an effort to prepare graduates to successfully pass the NCLEX-RN ® exam and begin a nursing career as safe and competent practitioners. Due to these changes, students entering La Salle’s Nursing Program on a full-time day basis will now be required to complete an additional year in the nursing program in order to complete all of our degree requirements. Students will spend a minimum of three years on a full-time day basis at La Salle in order to complete all of their degree requirements for the BSN rather than the previous two year requirement.

1. All applicants must have taken a standardized test of English and Math which must have been taken within the past three years of application to the nursing program or the ATI-TEAS entrance exam is required. Students taking the TEAS must meet the standardized benchmark on the TEAS exam. Students who will be taking the TEAS entrance exam must do so at the time of application. ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com))
  - a. Students who have completed their SAT within the past three years with a combined score of 1080 (critical reading and math only), can submit these scores and will NOT have to take the TEAS exam.
  - b. If SAT scores are not available or do not qualify, then the TEAS exam will be required at the time of application.
2. Applications will be reviewed in February at which time all students must make sure that La Salle has the most recent transcript.

3. All applicants to La Salle's nursing program must obtain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of applying and must maintain a 3.0 or above for the remainder of their time in their current community college program in order to qualify for admission.
4. In addition to possessing a 3.0 cumulative GPA, all applicants must possess a 3.0 science GPA.
5. Students will be permitted to repeat (1) science (1) time in order to obtain the 3.0 science GPA. Students who repeat a course(s) more than once will be automatically disqualified for admission.
6. All science prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall start term. No student will be permitted to take any science prerequisite course in the summer before their fall start term.
7. Students are strongly advised to take the following prerequisite nursing courses at Montco:

English Composition I	3 credits
English Composition II	3 credits
Public Speaking	3 credits
College Level Math or higher	3 credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4 credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4 credits
Microbiology	4 credits
Chemistry	4 credits
Intro to Sociology	3 credits
Intro to Psychology	3 credits
Developmental Psychology	3 credits

Additional Courses required for the program:

Computer Science	3 credits
Nutrition	3 credits
Statistics	3 or 4 credits

8. All students who are formally admitted to La Salle's nursing program will be asked to submit a deposit to secure their place in the fall class.
9. The School of Nursing and Health Sciences is utilizing CastleBranch for background screening and immunization tracking. The student will enroll in CastleBranch when accepted into the nursing major.

There may be additional requirements as determined by the School of Nursing and requirements are subject to change at La Salle's request. Any such changes will be communicated to Montgomery County Community College in writing and in a timely fashion.

**The Agreement:**

If any of the above terms are not met, La Salle University shall determine appropriate transfer of credit and admission on an individual course basis.

Montgomery County Community College and La Salle University will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective colleges are aware of this Agreement and will support it.

Both parties agree to continue working on Program-to-Program curriculum articulation agreements that specify for Montgomery County Community College transfer students the Montco courses that satisfy major requirements for degree completion at La Salle.

Both parties agree to exchange aggregate data annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions.

This agreement will automatically renew unless personnel from Montgomery County Community College and La Salle University determine that a meeting is necessary to review and/or amend this Agreement. 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. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that students already accepted to La Salle University through the effective date of termination will continue to receive the benefits articulated in the original terms of the Agreement.

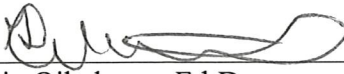
Faculty, staff, and administration of both colleges are encouraged to visit the campus of each institution. The Office of Admission will supply Montgomery County Community College with promotional literature, which will be used to assist students.


The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from the Montgomery County Community College and to expand their opportunities for academic success is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Montgomery County Community College and La Salle University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

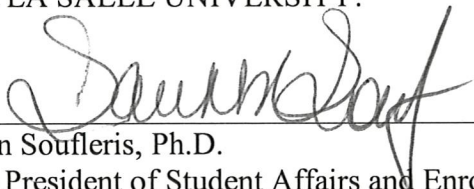


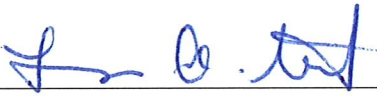
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

 Date: 11/22/19  
Gloria Oikelome, Ed.D  
Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

 Date: 12/2/19  
Phil Needles  
Vice President of Student Services

FOR LA SALLE UNIVERSITY:

 Date: 11/15/19  
Dawn Soufleris, Ph.D.  
Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

 Date: 13 NOVEMBER 2019  
Lynne Texter, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

## APPENDIX A

Scholarship award amounts for 2019-20 (only available to students attending on a full-time day basis)

Dual Admission Achievement Scholarship: \$1,500

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship: \$1,000

Founders Scholarship, based on GPA at time of admission review:

3.30 – 4.00 = \$11,000

2.80 – 3.29 = \$9,000

2.50 – 2.79 = \$4,000