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Western International University (WIU), based in Phoenix, AZ, has established new program partnership agreements to enhance their long-standing articulation agreement with Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD). These new partnership agreements will enable seamless transitions for MCCCD business students into WIU degree programs.

Phoenix, AZ—Western International University (WIU), a leader in flexible, innovative, oncampus and online adult education, has recently established additional programs qualifying for articulation for students transferring from the ten Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) colleges.

WIU and MCCCD have a long-standing partnership to ensure an efficient enrollment and credit evaluation process for MCCCD transfer students. Both institutions are committed to the importance of encouraging community college students to take the next step and complete their bachelor degrees. Through the partnership, MCCCD students can transfer a block of up to 72 credits toward a WIU online or oncampus bachelor degree program, starting their WIU program as a junior with as few as 54 credits to complete their degree. WIU also offers MCCCD students a waived application fee, and first-time WIU students who transfer credits from a nationally or regionally accredited community college can also qualify for a \$500 book voucher for use in the WIU Bookstore.

The newly designated Business Transfer Pathways Options for MCCCD students include the following programs:

WIU Business Transfer Pathways Options	
MCCCD Associate Program	WIU Bachelor Degree Programs
AAS Accounting	BS Accounting or Business
AAS Banking & Finance	BS Business, Business Administration, or Management
AAS Computer Information Systems	BS Business or Informatics IT
AAS General Business	BS Business
AAS Programming & Systems Analysis	BS Business or Informatics IT
ABUS-General Requirements	BS Business
ABUS-Special Requirements	BS Business or Informatics IT

In addition to the designated Business Transfer Pathways Options, MCCCD associate degree holders in other disciplines can select any WIU bachelor degree program and be guaranteed a block transfer of at least 51-60 credits toward the chosen degree program, with the ability to transfer up to a total of 72 credits applicable to the bachelor degree.

“Through our dynamic partnership with MCCCD, we are very pleased to offer MCCCD students these new opportunities to streamline their enrollment process and accelerate completion of their bachelor degrees,” said Karen Janitell, WIU Executive Director of Enrollment and Marketing. “WIU and MCCCD staff and faculty collaborate closely to develop curriculum programs that facilitate entry into WIU’s many degree programs and assure block transferability of course requirements.”

For more information on bachelor and master degree programs at Western International University, visit http://west.edu/your_education/WIU-degree-programs.htm.

About Western International University

WIU was founded in 1978 in Phoenix, Arizona and was accredited by [The Higher Learning Commission](#) in 1980. In 1995, WIU became part of Apollo Group, Inc., one of the leading educational corporations in the United States. Today, WIU is a for-profit corporation committed to the effective management of its human and financial resources to provide educational innovation and high-quality degree programs. The Arizona campuses are located in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Chandler, Peoria, and Fort Huachuca, with an international campus in China and our virtual campus, WIU **Interactive** OnlineSM. The majority of WIU students are busy adults who thrive on the flexibility and convenience of our course schedules and locations. WIU faculty consists of experienced practitioners who hold advanced degrees in their teaching fields and are highly successful in their areas of expertise. WIU offers associate, bachelor, and master degree programs, as well as a professional certificate in Accountancy. For more information, visit www.west.edu.

About Maricopa County Community College District

The Maricopa Community Colleges comprise 10 colleges, 2 skill centers, and numerous education centers dedicated to educational excellence and to meeting the needs of businesses and the citizens of Maricopa County. Each college is individually accredited, yet part of a larger system — the Maricopa County Community College District. The District is one of the largest higher education systems in the world and offers a wide range of opportunities with approximately 1,000 occupational programs (degrees and certificates), 37 academic associate degrees, and over 10,000 courses. For more information, visit www.maricopa.edu.

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