

**RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE (KENTUCKY)  
AND SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ILLINOIS)  
2007-2013**

**I. Parties**

*For Kentucky:* Council on Postsecondary Education, West Kentucky Community and Technical College, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System

*For Illinois:* Shawnee Community College

**II. Purpose**

The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Shawnee Community College desire to provide postsecondary opportunities for the residents of designated counties in both states in a way that will increase educational opportunities and benefits for participating students and provide an avenue for offering educational services in a cost-effective and cost-saving manner. Under this agreement, eligible students from either state will be able to attend designated institutions in the other state while paying reduced tuition rates through an innovative and cost-effective reciprocity/"dual enrollment" (see note) provision. This agreement describes how both states provide such opportunities.

**Note:** Throughout this agreement, the term "dual enrollment" applies only to Shawnee Community College.

**III. Period Covered By Agreement**

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2013

**IV. Eligible Students**

- A. To be eligible for reciprocal-dual enrollment tuition under the terms of this agreement, students must (1) reside in one of the counties designated as an eligible county, (2) be accepted by the eligible institution, (3) be approved for enrollment by the participating colleges, and (4) enroll at that institution.
- B. Eligible students may enroll in designated classes or programs offered by either of the participating colleges.

- C. Eligible students may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis.
- D. For Kentucky residents: Eligible students will be charged the resident rate at Shawnee Community College.

For Illinois residents: Eligible students will be charged the resident tuition and fee rate at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

- E. Eligible students from Illinois will be dually enrolled in parallel classes by Shawnee Community College. Such students will be claimed for enrollment purposes by Shawnee Community College. The procedures for accomplishing dual enrollment by Shawnee Community College will be simplified to the greatest extent possible. Reimbursement claims for dual-enrolled students will be made in accordance and compliance with existing procedures, rules, and guidelines that are in effect for Shawnee Community College. The concept of dual enrollment does not apply to West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

## **V. Terms Of Agreement**

- A. Shawnee Community College:
  - 1. Will accept eligible students from the following Kentucky counties: Ballard, Livingston, and McCracken.
  - 2. Will identify eligible courses and seek state approval of any courses not already approved.
  - 3. Will enroll students designated as eligible for reciprocity/dual enrollment.
- B. West Kentucky Community and Technical College:
  - 1. Will accept eligible students from the following Illinois counties: Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander.
- C. The Commonwealth of Kentucky and Shawnee Community College:
  - 1. Will jointly monitor cross-border student flows under this agreement.
  - 2. Will jointly designate those classes and programs in which students can enroll at the participating institutions.
  - 3. Will meet periodically to assess the progress of this agreement and to consider changes as might be appropriate.

- D. Shawnee Community College and West Kentucky Community and Technical College:
1. Will treat eligible students as reciprocity students when assessing tuition and fees.
  2. Will treat eligible students as in-state students for admission and placement purposes.
  3. Will treat eligible students as in-state students with respect to registration, refunds, student records, and academic advising.
  4. Will assist with the record-keeping necessary to monitor cross-border student flows and will report data as deemed necessary by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Illinois Community College Board.
  5. Will continue to report eligible students as out-of-state students when reporting enrollment data to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Illinois Community College Board based upon existing reporting requirements.
  6. Are responsible for direct instructional costs.
  7. Will maintain separate transcripts and/or student files for all participating students.
  8. Will meet periodically with the appropriate state higher education agency to discuss the agreement and its impact, and to recommend changes as might be appropriate.

## **VI. Termination Or Renewal Of Agreement**

- A. This agreement will begin on July 1, 2007, and end June 30, 2013.
- B. Any party to the current agreement must notify the other parties of its intention to renew, or not to renew, by January 1, 2013.
- C. This agreement is subject to review and revision. Any party must notify the other parties by January 1 of its intention to change any term of the agreement or to cease participating in the agreement, to be effective the following July 1.
- D. This agreement may be terminated by action of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education or Shawnee Community College.

