



**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM
BETWEEN
HARPER COLLEGE AND RASMUSSEN COLLEGE**

I. PURPOSE

This Dual Degree Program (DDP) is designed to outline and promote collaborative pathways for completer students with maximized transfer of credit, guaranteed admissions, academic advising, and preferred pricing between Harper College (Harper) and Rasmussen College (Rasmussen).

II. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

- 1. Student Eligibility and Guaranteed Admissions.** To be eligible for the DDP, a student must currently be in good standing at Harper and be currently enrolled and have completed a minimum of twelve (12) semester college level credit hours at Harper. Once admitted to the DDP, a student with, or who completes, an associate's degree and is in good standing with Harper shall be guaranteed admission to Rasmussen for completion of a bachelor's degree as set forth below. This agreement covers all related associate's degrees.
- 2. Advising.** Harper and Rasmussen agree to provide each student participating in the DDP with access to academic advising for the purpose of encouraging associate's degree completion at Harper. Rasmussen will provide each student with access to an advisor who, in collaboration with the student's Harper counselor, will assist the student in developing and following a four to six-year academic plan so the student can avoid losing credits and is scheduled appropriately when the student transfers to Rasmussen.
- 3. Authorization for Disclosure of Education Records.** As a requirement for admission and participation in the DDP, the student must provide a signed, written authorization to disclose the student's educational records including, but not limited to, academic, admission, program completion status, financial aid, and advising information to the other party. This authorization is a requirement for completion of the DDP application.
- 4. Policies and Procedures.** The student must adhere to each school's policies and procedures, including, but not limited to those dealing with admissions, enrollment in courses, transfer credits, financial aid, satisfactory academic progress, academic integrity, student conduct and discipline, dismissal and re-entry.
- 5. Continuing Eligibility and Completion Time Requirements.** Harper and Rasmussen will share academic records to ensure that a student remains eligible for the DDP. The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined in the Harper Catalog and the Rasmussen Catalog while enrolled at the respective colleges.

When a student selects an intended Rasmussen program, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment and continues to meet the standards of the DDP, program standards and requirements will remain unchanged for the student until completion of the program for six (6) years except for changes resulting from changes in accreditation standards and criteria

and/or changes in state or federal laws, or other course substitutions that do not change the time to completion of the program.

6. **Data Sharing.** Harper and Rasmussen shall share data on the DDP to measure effectiveness in achieving the goal of increasing the number of students who complete the associate's and bachelor's degrees.
7. **Students will be encouraged to complete an associate's degree prior to transfer.** However, when beneficial to the student from an academic and/or cost perspective, (i.e., when completion of the associate's degree would extend the student's degree completion timeline), the student may transfer to Rasmussen prior to earning an associate's degree. In instances such as this, Rasmussen agrees to provide Harper with the student's Rasmussen transcript in order to facilitate evaluation by Harper for credit transfer. If all requirements are met, including those specified by Harper and any accrediting agency, such as the Higher Learning Commission's requirement that 15 of the final 30 associate's degree credits be earned at the institution awarding the degree, Harper will confer the earned associate's degree.
8. **Tuition Rate "Lock In" and Success Grant.** A student in the DDP will be entitled to "lock in" the Rasmussen tuition rates in effect at the time of the student's enrollment in the DDP and a success grant for completion. This tuition rate lock is automatic at the time of enrollment; no additional action on the part of the student is necessary. Tuition for the DDP is currently \$260 per quarterly credit hour. Harper Students are eligible for a \$2,000 success grant, awarded to graduates for their commitment and dedication and to encourage achievement of their academic goals. This grant will be awarded in the final session of courses and applied to tuition.
9. **Recordkeeping.** Both parties, in their usual course, will maintain records for all students in the DDP.
10. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement shall begin on the date of the last of the parties to sign below and shall continue until terminated by either party with ninety (90) days advance written notice. In the event of termination, no additional students may be admitted to the DDP; however, any student already participating in the DDP shall continue with the privileges specified under this Agreement as long as all other requirements of the student under the DDP are met, including, but not limited to, the requirement to show academic progress.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. Harper and Rasmussen agree to review this agreement quarterly. Harper and Rasmussen will each designate an individual to serve as the primary contact for the provision of this agreement. Rasmussen and Harper agree to work together to make this as simple and streamlined for the student as possible.
2. Harper and Rasmussen agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, meetings, web sites, and reports.
3. Rasmussen will issue a press release about this agreement after the review and approval of Harper.
4. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing to as follows:

If to Harper:

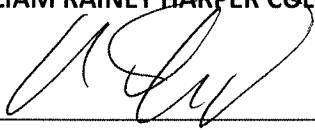
Harper College
Attn: Eric Rosenthal, Director of
Academic Advising & Counseling and
Transfer Coordinator
1200 W. Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067

If to Rasmussen:

Rasmussen College
Attn: Director of Academic Partnerships
1415 W. 22nd St., Ste. 400
Oak Brook, IL 60523

IV. SIGNATURES

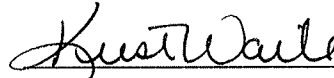
WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE



Dr. Kenneth L. Ender, President

Date: 11/14/12

RASMUSSEN COLLEGE



Kristi A. Waite, President

Date: 11/20/12