

## **SALUKI STEP AHEAD ONLINE PROGRAM**

**For Accounting, Business Administration, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Psychology, Health Care Management, and Radiologic Sciences**

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

This Intergovernmental Agreement ("IA" or "Agreement") is entered into this 1st day of October, 2021 ("Effective Date") by and between Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), on behalf of the Illinois Community College System (ICCS), and The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, by and on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). SIUC and ICCB may hereafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties.

Whereas, the ICCB and SIUC desire to provide ICCS students and graduates increased access to, and success in educational programs; and

Whereas SIUC is ready, willing and able to provide educational courses, programs, and degrees for eligible students and graduates of the ICCB to meet their academic needs;

Now therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Subject to SIUC general admission requirements and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, ICCS students and graduates from any of the 48 ICCS community colleges within the state of Illinois will receive automatic admission to SIUC's online Accounting, Business and Administration, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Psychology, Health Care Management, and Radiologic Sciences programs pursuant to the Saluki Step Ahead Online program ("SSAO Program") provided that the college in question has agreed by separate written agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement (each such separate written agreement will hereafter be referred to as a "Subagreement"). Additional academic programs may be added to this Agreement by amendment in accordance with Section 14 herein.
2. The term of this IA shall commence on the Effective Date of this instrument and continue through June 30, 2024 unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement may be renewed or extended only by further written instrument signed by the authorized representative(s) of each Party. The term of any Subagreement entered hereunder shall commence on the Effective Date of that instrument and continue through the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other Party. The termination or expiration of this Agreement shall automatically terminate any Subagreements entered hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no otherwise eligible student then-enrolled in a course or program pursuant to this Agreement shall be deprived the opportunity to complete the relevant course or program requirements solely due to termination of this Agreement.

The ICCB and SIUC agree to meet no less than 90 days prior to the expiration of the current term of this Agreement to discuss Agreement status, renewal, termination, expansion of the

Agreement's scope and other matters pertinent to the Agreement and its implementation.

3. The Parties and any ICCS college entering into a Subagreement agree that the courses and programs subject to this Agreement will be delivered via an online/virtual/internet-based method.
4. Each and every participating ICCS college will, free of charge, provide adequate space for SIUC to host two one-day transfer meetings/sessions per semester on that college's campus. In addition, in cooperation with SIUC, participating ICCS colleges will promote, market and advertise those transfer meetings/sessions, including without limitation promotion of the meetings/sessions on each ICCS college's website. These meetings/sessions will be to deliver transfer services, resources, and information with prospective transfer students, as identified by the respective community college's admission applications, advisors, and self-selected students.
5. Within 60 days of the Effective Date of the relevant Subagreement the ICCS college will implement procedures by which it can track, collect and share contact information of their respective students who have indicated they are transfer bound and the contact information of all their respective students who are scheduled to graduate. Subject to the foregoing, upon SIUC's request, which shall be made no more often than once per SIUC academic semester, ICCS colleges agree to supply SIUC Undergraduate Admissions Office with the contact information of all their respective students who indicate they are transfer-bound and the contact information of all their respective students who are scheduled to graduate that semester. As used herein, the term "contact information" means, at a minimum, name, full permanent address, and electronic mail address.
6. Within 60 days of the Effective Date of the relevant Subagreement, SIUC and the applicable ICCS college will agree upon a pre-determined transfer pathway for each of the academic programs identified in Section 1 of this Agreement. The transfer pathways will set forth a 2+2 model for coursework, whereby the respective ICCS community college students who meet SIUC's admission criteria will matriculate to SIUC after two years at the respective community college. SIUC and the ICCS colleges will meet on an annual basis and no less than 90 days prior to the start of the next SIU Fall Academic semester to review the transfer pathways referred to this Section.
7. Both Parties and any ICCS college entering into a Subagreement agree to co-market and co-brand the SSAO Program and the SIUC online Accounting, Business Administration, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Psychology, Health Care Management, and Radiologic Sciences programs.
8. SIUC will award students from participating ICCS colleges who enter SIUC through its SSAO Program a monetary award valued at \$4,000 for the student's first year at SIUC. SIUC will award students from participating ICCS colleges who remain enrolled at SIUC and qualified for the SSAO Program a second monetary award valued at \$4,000 to cover the student's second year at SIUC. The monetary awards will, in SIUC's sole and absolute discretion, take the form of scholarships, tuition waivers, fee waivers or some combination thereof. ICCS students from participating ICCS colleges who transfer to SIUC pursuant to this Agreement must possess and maintain a GPA of 2.0 to enter and remain eligible for the SSAO Program. Students will be eligible for the monetary award only if they are enrolled full time during their years at SIU.
9. SIUC will dedicate transfer admission coordinators specific to each participating ICCS college to address the needs of its students and graduates.

10. The Parties and each participating ICCS college agree to cooperate with one another in the implementation of this Agreement and the accomplishment of its goals, including but not limited to maximizing the opportunities for ICCS students to earn SIUC transferable credit while at the ICCS college; the successful transfer of ICCS college students to SIUC as full juniors; and the completion of a four-year degree at SIUC. SIUC and participating ICCS colleges will cross-train admissions and academic advisors to support these efforts.
11. As permitted and in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") ICCS colleges and SIUC agree to share student educational information to help SIUC recruit bachelor degree seeking students for transfer in the SSAO Program. Education information includes, but is not limited to, admissions, advising, academic, financial aid, student accounts, grades, academic progress, and program completion/graduation information/documentation. Information will be shared on a semester basis.
12. SIUC and each ICCS college shall enter into a Reverse Transfer Agreement (in accordance with state mandate) within 60 days of the Effective Date of a Subagreement between SIUC and that college. As used herein the term "reverse transfer agreement" means "an agreement under which a student who has transferred from said community college to SIUC may transfer academic credit earned at SIUC back to the community college and the college will apply such credit toward an associate degree." This initiative will ensure that qualifying students will have the credential of an associate degree to leverage for employment while they pursue further education. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties anticipate that ICCS students will complete the first two years of study at the ICCS community college prior to transferring to SIUC's Saluki Step Ahead program.
13. The relationship created by this IA and any Subagreement entered hereunder is exclusively one of independent contractors.
14. This IA represents the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings, oral or written, regarding same. Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, this IA may be amended only by further written instrument signed by the authorized representative(s) of each Party.
15. For purposes of administration and implementation of this Agreement, including without limitation written notices required by this Agreement, the Parties primary contacts are as follows:

SIUC Contact:

Josi Rawls  
 Assistant Director for Transfer Relations  
 Undergraduate Admissions  
 Student Services Building – MC 4710

ICCB Contact:

Dr. Marcus Brown  
 Deputy Director for Academic Affairs and  
 Student Success  
 Illinois Community College Board

Southern Illinois University  
1263 Lincoln Drive  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
Phone: 618/453-2992  
Fax: 618/453- 4609  
[josi.rawls@siu.edu](mailto:josi.rawls@siu.edu)

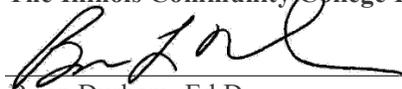
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Phone: 217/524-5503  
Fax: 217/785-0090  
[marcus.brown@illinois.gov](mailto:marcus.brown@illinois.gov)

The contact information provided in this section may be updated by either Party by providing written notice to the other to the address provided herein. Any notice sent via mail shall be considered given upon the date of receipt reflected in the return mail receipt or ten (10) days after mailing, whichever occurs first. Notice sent via email shall be considered received on the date the recipient acknowledges receipt in writing.

16. Neither Party nor any participating ICCS college will unlawfully discriminate on the basis of religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, national origin, or age.

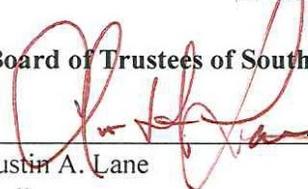
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the each of the Parties has signed this Agreement by its duly authorized representative.

**The Illinois Community College Board**

  
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Brian Durham, Ed.D  
Executive Director  
Illinois Community College Board

Date 9/14/21

**The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University**

  
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Dr. Austin A. Lane  
Chancellor  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

9/14/21  
Date

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## **SALUKI STEP AHEAD ONLINE PROGRAM**

**For Accounting, Business Administration, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Health Care Management, Psychology, and Radiologic Sciences**

### **SUBAGREEMENT**

This Subagreement is entered into this thirtieth day of June, 2022 by and between Black Hawk College, a member of the Illinois Community College System ("ICCS"), and The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, by and on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). SIUC and College may hereafter be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, SIUC and the Illinois Community College Board have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") regarding SIUC's Saluki Step Ahead Online Program and access to that program by ICCS colleges;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides in relevant part that students and graduates of ICCS colleges that have entered into a subagreement with SIUC in which the college agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement will receive automatic admission to SIUC's online Accounting, Business and Administration, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Psychology, Health Care Management, and Radiologic Sciences programs pursuant to the Saluki Step Ahead Online program ("SSAO Program");

WHEREAS, College is a member of ICCS, desires that its students have access to the SSAO Program, and is ready, willing and able to comply with the terms of the Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. College covenants and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, which to the extent they are applicable to College or this Subagreement are incorporated by reference as though fully stated herein.
2. The term of this Subagreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue through the expiration or termination of the Agreement. In the event the Agreement is renewed or extended, this Subagreement shall be renewed or extended, as applicable, for the same amount of time. This Subagreement may be terminated by either Party, without or without cause, upon sixty days prior written notice.
3. Each Party grants to the other permission to use, display, reproduce, and publish, without compensation, each other's trademarks and other promotional and branding materials for the sole purpose of informing interested parties about this Agreement on websites, cobranded web portals, and in-print marketing publications, with such use conforming to the marketing standards each sets forth. Minimally, the Parties will provide access to this Subagreement, including any mutually approved modifications, and advising contacts on their respective public websites.

4. Within 60 days of the Effective Date of this Subagreement, Black Hawk College will implement procedures by which it can track, collect and share contact information of its currently active students in good standing who have indicated they are pursuing, or are scheduled to graduate with, an AA degree, an AS degree, or an AAS degree if the AAS is the basis for a 2+2 transfer plan. Subject to the foregoing, upon SIUC's request, which shall be made no more often than once per SIUC academic semester and not to exceed a total of three times per calendar year, BHC agrees to supply the SIUC Undergraduate Admissions Office with the contact information of the aforementioned students. As used herein, the term "contact information" means, at a minimum, name, full permanent (physical) address, date of birth, and electronic mail address. Students "pursuing a degree" means those students who have completed at least twelve (12) semester credits and attained at least a 2.00 GPA at Black Hawk College. Students "scheduled to graduate" means those students who have submitted a graduation application to the BHC Enrollment Services Office by each semester's published due date.
5. As permitted and in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") BHC and SIUC agree to share student educational information for students who have opted-in to the SSAO Program through completion of an SIUC admission application. Education information is admissions, academic, grades, academic progress, and program completion/graduation information/documentation. Information will be shared on a semester basis. Advising notes, financial aid, and student account information/documentation may also be shared by individual request for specific students who have opted-in to the SSAO Program. Students opting-in to the SSAO Program will order and pay for an official BHC transcript when applying to SIUC. SIUC requests for unofficial transcripts may be fulfilled either by students through accessing their BHC student portal, or by BHC Enrollment Services through providing a pdf document to SIUC.
6. Each Party shall have the opportunity to review in advance any information included on, but not limited to, the aforementioned platforms. Each Party reserves the right to terminate, suspend, or reject the other's use or proposed use of that Party's intellectual property.
7. For purposes of administration and implementation of this and for purposes of notice, the Parties primary contacts are as follows:

SIUC Contact:

Josi Rawls  
Assistant Director for Transfer Relations  
Undergraduate Admissions  
Student Services Building – MC 4710  
Southern Illinois University  
1263 Lincoln Drive  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
Phone: 618/453-2992  
[josi.rawls@siu.edu](mailto:josi.rawls@siu.edu)

BHC Contact:

Cathryn Lass  
Articulation/Transfer Coordinator  
Black Hawk College  
6600 34<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Moline, IL 61265  
Phone: 309/796-5474  
[lassc@bhc.edu](mailto:lassc@bhc.edu)

8. This Subagreement represents the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings, oral or written, regarding same. Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, this Subagreement may be amended only by further written instrument signed by the authorized representative(s) of each Party.

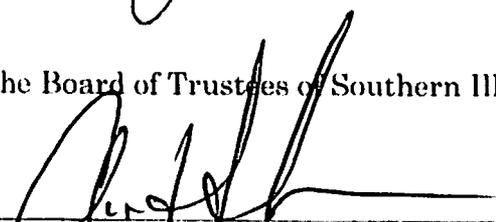
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the each of the Parties has signed this Agreement by its duly authorized representative.

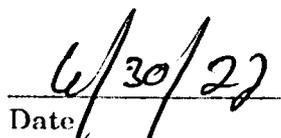
Black Hawk College

  
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Tim Wynes, J.D.  
President

  
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Date

The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University

  
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Dr. Austin A. Lane  
Chancellor  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

  
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Date