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# Husson and KVCC Sign Agreement to Facilitate the Transfer of Course Credit

**BANGOR AND FAIRFIELD, MAINE – November 13, 2014** – Today, Husson University and Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) signed agreements that will create a smooth process for the transfer of credits from KVCC to Husson. The signing ceremony, representing the culmination of the agreement process, occurred at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014 on KVCC's Harold Alford Campus, 17 Stanley Hill Road, Hinckley, Maine in the new KVCC Sustainable Agriculture classroom building.

The agreements cover the transfer of credits from the following KVCC Associate degree programs into the corresponding Husson University baccalaureate degree programs:

- Courses from KVCC's Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Business Administration with a computer systems integration option will qualify for up to 55 credits toward a Husson University Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS). Students who complete the required 55 credits worth of coursework specified in this agreement would only need to complete an additional 66 credits in order to earn a bachelor's degree from Husson University.
- Courses from KVCC's AAS degree in Business Administration with a marketing/management option will qualify for up to 63 credits toward a Husson University BS degree in Business Administration. Students who complete the required 63 credits worth of coursework specified in this agreement would only need to complete an additional 60 credits in order to earn a bachelor's degree from Husson University.
- Courses from KVCC's AAS degree in Business Administration with an accounting option will qualify for up to 69 credits toward a Husson University BS degree in Accounting. Students who complete the required 69 credits worth of coursework specified in this agreement would only need to complete an additional 51 credits in order to complete their bachelor's degree at Husson University.

- Courses from KVCC's AAS degree in Business Administration with a computer systems integration option will qualify for up to 64 credits toward a Husson University BS degree in Software Development. Students who complete the required 64 credits worth of coursework specified in this agreement would only need to complete an additional 57 credits in order to earn a bachelor's degree from Husson University.
- Courses from KVCC's AAS degree in Culinary Arts will qualify for up to 51 credits toward a Husson University BS degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Students who complete the required 51 credits worth of coursework specified in this agreement would only need to complete an additional 72 credits in order to earn a bachelor's degree from Husson University.
- Coursework from KVCC's AAS in Mental Health and the AAS in Autism Spectrum Disorder Studies now qualify for credit toward Husson University's Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree. Up to 60 credits from each of these AAS programs will now seamlessly transfer to Husson University. Since the BS in Psychology degree requires students to complete 120 credits in total, **students transferring 60 credits from KVCC will already be halfway toward completing their bachelor's degree at Husson.**

"Thanks to these agreements, KVCC students who pre-plan their college careers will now be able to avoid taking unneeded credits and spending money on courses that won't count toward a bachelor's degree," said Husson University's College of Business Dean Marie Hansen. "The students will be able to enjoy success at both the associate's level and then continue on to a bachelor level degree in a variety of business-related disciplines."

Husson University Dean of the School of Science and Humanities Patricia Bixel added, "By creating a more seamless credit transfer process, we are making it easier and more cost effective for students to complete a Bachelor's degree with Husson University. These agreements help aspiring professionals advance their education and provide our mental healthcare system here in Maine, and beyond, with a more knowledgeable workforce. We welcome the opportunity to develop such agreements with as many community colleges as possible for appropriate Husson programs."

KVCC Vice President and Academic Dean Jon Connolly praised Husson for the ease with which the partnership unfolded. "Developing this partnership and these articulation agreements was smoother than any we have ever conducted. Husson's openness to putting students' degree attainment and advancement above all else is evident in both the attitude of the partnership's construction and in the structure of the agreements themselves."

**Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC)** is one of seven community colleges in Maine that operate under the authority of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees. KVCC is a public, non-profit, post-secondary institution supported in part by State legislative appropriations and federal funds. The College offers more than 35 programs of study ranging from two-year associate degrees to certificates, as well as a comprehensive schedule of continuing education courses and business and industry outreach programs. For more information on KVCC go to [www.kvcc.me.edu](http://www.kvcc.me.edu).

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campus and satellite education centers in Southern Maine, Wells and Northern Maine provide advanced knowledge in business; health and education; pharmacy studies; science and humanities; as well as communication. In addition, Husson University has a robust adult learning program. For more information visit [Husson.edu](https://www.husson.edu).

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