



## Guaranteed Admission Agreement

between

**Illinois Institute of Technology**

and

**College of DuPage**

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Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is pleased to enter into a cooperative partnership with the College of DuPage (COD) through this Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) to better serve students, minimize duplication of instruction, and facilitate a smooth, transparent, and seamless transfer process. This agreement provides an identified transfer pathway and offers COD students guaranteed admission to an IIT undergraduate degree program. Participating students must meet all of the requirements outlined in this Agreement to secure guaranteed admission.

### PURPOSE:

- The purpose of this Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) is to improve the coordination between IIT and COD in terms of transfer policies, the acceptance of transfer credit and equivalent courses, and to enable enhanced advising at both institutions.
- COD students who fall below the guaranteed admission criteria, or do not meet other terms of this agreement, may still apply to IIT and will be considered for transfer admission.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- This Agreement allows current COD students a seamless path to transfer to select IIT undergraduate degrees
- IIT accepts applications from students who wish to transfer directly from COD to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of its undergraduate disciplines. Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) transfer applications are considered for students who are pursuing COD's Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree and who apply for either fall or spring admission.
- Under this guaranteed admission agreement, students may be concurrently enrolled in both institutions. Prospective IIT applicants may take IIT "gateway" courses while they are enrolled at COD prior to transfer. These courses will be offered to COD students who have enrolled in the **FastForward** to Illinois Tech Program at a discounted rate of \$100 per credit hour.
- Students must be in good standing at COD at the time of transfer. Students must adhere to each institution's standard policies and procedures including, but not limited to, those

dealing with admission, enrollment in courses, transfer credits, financial aid, student conduct and discipline, academic probation, dismissal, and reentry.

- Failure to meet the above requirements does not preclude students from applying and being considered for admission to IIT using the traditional transfer admission process.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to participate in this Guaranteed Admissions program COD students must:

1. Enroll in the **FastForward** to Illinois Tech Program at least one year before transfer.
2. Apply to Illinois Tech by the August 1 (fall) or December 1 (spring) transfer admission application deadline.
3. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application and continue to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 upon graduation from COD or through the student's final term (applies for all IIT majors).
4. Earn a minimum technical GPA of 2.8 or above for all relevant math and science courses (applies only for IIT majors in Armour College of Engineering and College of Science).
5. Earn an associate's degree from COD or opt to earn associates degree via reverse transfer of credits from IIT at a later date. At a minimum earn 30 credit hours before transfer. These 30 hours must include:
  - COD ENGL 1101 (or transfer equivalent). Must be earned with grade of "C" or better prior to transfer to IIT (applies for all IIT majors).
  - For IIT majors in Armour College of Engineering and College of Science, at least one of the following COD mathematics courses: MATH 2231, 2232, 2232, or 2270. Must be earned with grade of "C" or better prior to transfer to IIT.

### **BENEFITS TO STUDENTS:**

COD students meeting the provisions above are guaranteed admission and may expect the following:

- IIT will guarantee the offer of a special **IIT Scholarship of \$25,000** (prorated for part-time students)
- IIT will guarantee the acceptance of applicable transferable credits earned in pursuit of a COD transfer-oriented associate degree program.
- IIT will provide important and helpful transfer resources through participation in the **FastForward** to Illinois Tech program prior to transfer
- COD students may contact the IIT Office of Undergraduate Admissions to be directed to IIT's **FastForward** program counselors for advice on preparing for transfer and information on meeting requirements for various IIT majors.
- IIT will waive its application fee if such a fee is in place at the time of transfer application submission.

### **FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- As identified above, a special **IIT Scholarship of \$25,000** will be awarded to applicants admitted under the terms of this agreement. This scholarship will continue to automatically remain in effect each year until the student completes his or her undergraduate degree. The scholarship will be applied on a prorated basis for any summer term or in any semester the student enrolls at part-time status. Students must maintain minimum academic standards to continue receiving this award.

- This **\$25,000** per year **IIT Scholarship** award will continue for any student who also applies and is admitted into the IIT **Co-Terminal** combined BS/MS degree program.
- Students who are admitted to IIT pursuant to this Agreement are eligible to apply for additional need-based financial aid and may be considered for other scholarship awards, as available.

### **TRANSFER OF CREDITS:**

Upon the student's matriculation, IIT will accept applicable credits for courses that were required for the COD associate's degree. Additional credits earned at COD that fall outside of the associates degree requirements will be considered for transfer on a course-by-course basis. Community college credits will be applied toward equivalent requirements of the IIT baccalaureate degree, with the following understanding:

- IIT will conduct a formal transfer credit evaluation upon admission. Admitted students receive a credit evaluation from the IIT Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs. The final transfer credit evaluation is released after receipt of the student's final official transcript.
- It is the student's responsibility to provide a final official transcript to the IIT Office of Undergraduate Admissions and to subsequently meet with their IIT academic advisor to understand the applicability of transfer credit toward their declared degree program.
- IIT will accept credits in transfer for courses with grades 2.0 or higher. Courses with grades of "C-" or below will not be accepted by IIT for transfer credit.
- COD courses designated 100-299 with grades "A, B or C" will be considered for transfer credit. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at IIT.
- Courses numbered lower than 100-level and courses not deemed transferable are not included in this agreement.
- Only courses taken at regionally accredited colleges are covered by this agreement. Credit awarded by COD for AP, CLEP, IB, or any other sources based on work not completed at COD, including credit by internal exams, will be reevaluated by IIT. Transfer credit is not guaranteed for these sources, and will be reviewed for credit consistency with IIT standards. IIT does not award credit for CLEP English and mathematics exams. COD applicants who meet minimum score requirements for AP, CLEP or IB credit at IIT are required to provide the IIT Office of Undergraduate Admissions an official transcript from the testing agency at time of application.
- Students who have completed COD ENGL 1101 with a grade of "C" or higher will meet the English proficiency requirements of IIT. Students will not need to submit separate proof of English proficiency at the time of application.
- IIT admitted International students who complete COD ENGL 1101 (or transfer equivalent) with a "C" or higher will have their English proficiency requirement satisfied.
- Students transferring into IIT will be required to complete a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division coursework to be eligible for the IIT degree.
- IIT will maintain an online transfer equivalency database allowing students to view course equivalencies. Wherever possible, this information will be maintained with the most recent COD information compared to the most recent IIT course offerings.
- Transfer students will be governed by the IIT catalog in place at the time of their matriculation.

## **EXCLUSIONS TO THE GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT:**

- Students who were previously enrolled at IIT (not including “gateway” or IIT **FastForward** summer courses) and transferred out to any other college or university to complete additional transfer-oriented coursework are not eligible for participation in this GAA.
- IIT reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this agreement to students who have been suspended or dismissed from any college or university, or to those who have been convicted of a felony. IIT may also deny admission or the benefits of this agreement to any applicant who presents other factors in their personal or academic background that the University deems inappropriate, as determined by the IIT Transfer Admission Committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:**

- Students who apply to IIT will be responsible for understanding the requirements for their intended major at IIT.
- Students who apply to IIT will be responsible for following the IIT application and admission processes and timelines.
- Students must declare an intent to transfer to IIT under the GAA before graduation from the COD.
- Students must meet with a COD academic or faculty advisor, or an IIT **FastForward** transfer counselor each semester to insure appropriate course selection and degree progress.
- Students must authorize COD and IIT to disclose their educational records, including but not limited to, academics, admission, financial aid, and advising information as necessary. By applying to IIT under this agreement, students agree to allow the two institutions to share information and to allow the student under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement to take advantage of the reverse transfer degree process. Students may also receive communication from IIT informing them of presentations, workshops, activities, student events, and visits
- Upon admission to IIT, students should submit the required enrollment deposit by August 1st for fall admission, or December 1st for spring admission.

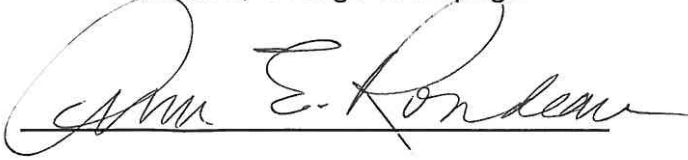
## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COD:**

- COD agrees they will make available information about IIT and the GAA to prospective students
- COD agrees to assist prospective IIT students in declaring intent to transfer to IIT under the GAA.
- COD will advise students regarding courses required to complete the COD transfer-oriented associate degree programs including clarity regarding any specific courses that will not apply to their intended IIT program.
- COD agrees to provide academic advising services to assist students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their chosen major at IIT and to prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to IIT.
- COD agrees to disseminate accurate information to current and prospective students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to IIT as set forth in this Agreement by posting such conditions on the COD website so that the particular details are available to students interested in participating in the program. IIT and COD will have the right to review and approve all advertising for the Guaranteed Admission Agreement.



**EXECUTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Dr. Ann Rondeau**  
President, College of Dupage



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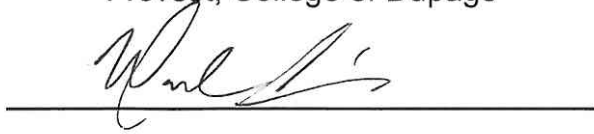
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