

# CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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**Affirmed: October 2017**  
**To Be Reviewed: April 2022**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the terms and conditions under which the NewSpring Leadership College (NSLC) will function in relation to Columbia International University (CIU) as it relates to students transferring into CIU after completion of a two-year program at NSLC. The key responsibilities of each institution are enumerated below to enable NSLC students to be awarded institutional credit when transferring to CIU.

## **COMPATABILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL MISSION:**

The mission of CIU is to educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. This mission is encapsulated in the motto "To know Him and to make Him known."

The mission of NSLC is to raise up passionate leaders who reach people far from God and teach them to follow Jesus step by step. NSLC offers a targeted education to equip and develop young leaders who know their call is to full-time ministry within the local church and are looking to carry out that call right away. NSLC's curriculum is fixed, with all students receiving the same core courses. Students may choose either a Ministry Leadership track or Student Ministries track; the track experiences are directly ministry-related and thus do not impact the final credit hour count.

The CIU educational unit that will implement this agreement is the College of Arts and Sciences.

## **NSLC agrees to:**

NSLC agrees to make its students aware of this agreement with CIU so they are aware of the possibility of applying their NSLC coursework to a program at CIU. NSLC will also provide an academic transcript for students who apply to CIU as the next step in their educational journey.

## **CIU agrees to:**

CIU agrees to grant alumni of NSLC (i.e. those who complete the full two years of study) 30 semester hours credit in accordance with its policy of awarding up to 2/3 credit for credit earned at non-accredited institutions (Policy 104.000 Section 1.4). As part of the 30 hours NSLC students transfer in, CIU will count these students as having met the requirement for the following courses (assuming grades of "C" or better in the related NSLC courses):

- BIB 1116 Old Testament Survey (3)
- BIB 1120 New Testament Survey (3)
- MSD 1110 Encountering Spiritual Formation (3)
- Christian Service Learning (all)
- MSD 4400 Ministry Skills Development (3)
- General Studies Concentration: Ministry Leadership (18)

NSLC graduates may also attempt a proficiency exam for THE 3310 Christian Theology to earn further credit. This exam must be completed within one calendar year of matriculation to CIU.

Students who participate in this program may be eligible for a renewable Partnership Discount each semester if they are enrolled full-time in CIU's residential undergraduate degree seeking

programs or enrolled at least part-time in CIU's online undergraduate or online graduate degree seeking programs.

Prospective students should contact the Admissions Office for details. Current students should contact the Financial Aid Office to ensure continued eligibility for the Partnership Discount.


CIU and NSLC will review this policy every five years.

**The specific terms of this agreement are as follows:**

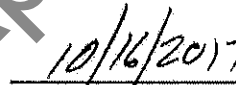
- This document does not establish an academic partnership but an articulation agreement for the benefit of qualified students.
- This agreement shall be reviewed every five years (unless otherwise noted in agreement and may be cancelled at any time by either institution with appropriate protection for students enrolled in any given semester.
- The agreement may also be amended with the consent of both institutions.
- If there has been no activity for the previous five years, then the program and agreement will be terminated and a review for renewal is not required.

**Authorization**

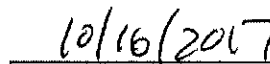
  
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