

Teach Out Agreement Between Siena Heights University and Benedictine University

Siena Heights University, an institution of higher learning accredited by the Higher Learning Commission located at 1247 E Siena Heights Dr, Adrian, MI 49221, and Benedictine University, an institution of higher learning accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and located at 5700 College Rd, Lisle, IL 60532 and 225 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, are entering into a teach-out agreement effective as of August 26, 2025 (the "Teach-Out Agreement"). This Teach-Out Agreement provides for the fair and equitable treatment of current Siena Heights University students and a reasonable opportunity for these students to complete their program of study.

Whereas, Siena Heights University seeks receiving institutions for teach-out agreements that are well-aligned with Siena Heights University in mission and values; in relationship-centered learning practices, with a low student-to-faculty ratio; in academic program portfolio; and in athletic program characteristics and team array;

Whereas, Benedictine University offers on-campus and/or online programs that are well-aligned with most programs offered by Siena Heights University;

Whereas, Benedictine University serves a student population of similar racial and economic diversity;

Whereas, like at Siena Heights University, many on-campus undergraduate students at Benedictine University choose to attend Benedictine University for the opportunities to play their chosen sports, and the array of sports offered at Benedictine University includes many of those offered at Siena Heights University;

Whereas, Benedictine University administration, staff, and faculty have experience in, and human and facility capacity for, successfully partnering with closing institutions and in supporting their students in completing their programs through teach-out and other creative partnerships;

Therefore, Siena Heights University and Benedictine University hereby agree to the following:

Responsibilities

Benedictine University agrees to:

1. All credits of all currently enrolled Siena Heights University students will be accepted toward an equal or comparable degree for the programs listed on **Schedule A** (the "Programs") at Benedictine University for purposes of this Teach-Out Agreement. Benedictine University will accept 100% of all credits granted or accepted as a transfer by Siena Heights University and guarantee admission to Benedictine University, provided that the qualifying students are in good standing at Siena Heights University, and meet the admissions standards of the specific program to which they seek entry.

2. Benedictine University will waive admissions, application, and residency requirements for qualifying Siena Heights University students and will offer tuition and fees that are equal to or less than the posted tuition and fees at Siena Heights University. Benedictine University will individually meet with each student to assemble a clear and transparent financial aid package.
3. Benedictine University will honor all *bona fide* financial aid offers, scholarships, or other financial aid packages previously awarded or promised by Siena Heights University and such information shall be provided to Benedictine University by Siena Heights University as soon as reasonably practical following the execution of this Agreement.
4. Whenever possible, Benedictine University will match the percent of aid awarded at Siena Heights University, proportional to Benedictine University awards for the same or similar activities or accomplishments.
5. Siena Heights University students who transfer to Benedictine University will be treated in an equitable manner and will be provided with academic, administrative, and student support services and assistance to ease their transition from Siena Heights University to Benedictine University. Siena Heights University students who transfer to Benedictine University will have full access to all Benedictine University facilities and will otherwise have the full rights and privileges of all Benedictine University students.
6. Benedictine University will match Siena Heights University courses to Benedictine University requirements whenever possible, providing reasonable flexibility to support student progress toward a degree and keep them on track for graduation in the same timeframe as would have been the case if they had remained at Siena Heights University.
7. Benedictine University will make reasonable accommodations to students who wish to live on campus or nearby designated housing.
8. Benedictine University is open to Siena Heights University students who participate in intercollegiate athletics program at the discretion of the coaches of each sport.
9. Benedictine University will undertake its obligations described herein at no cost to Siena Heights University.

Sienna Heights University agrees to:

1. Provide Benedictine University with a list of potential transfer students as soon as practicable.
2. Transmit to Benedictine University all student educational records and all other related information necessary for Benedictine University to comply with its obligations under this

Teach-Out Agreement, except for those students who have elected to enroll in an institution other than Benedictine University.

3. Promptly provide Benedictine University with an official copy of the student's transcript and a complete copy of the student's admissions, academic, conduct, and financial records for all current students electing to transfer to Benedictine University.
4. All records to be provided by Siena Heights University to Benedictine University shall be in digitized form which is readily searchable and cataloged by specific academic year or term. These records for transfer students shall be treated in a manner consistent with the Benedictine University's policies for maintaining transfer student records.

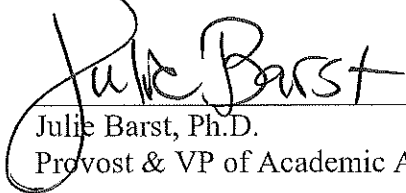
Miscellaneous

1. Siena Heights University and Benedictine University agree to adhere to the Higher Learning Commission's requirements for Teach-outs and to work with each student individually to create an appropriate path to degree completion without substantially increasing each student's time to completion.
2. This agreement is consistent with all applicable state and federal regulations.
3. Benedictine University represents and warrants to Siena Heights University that the Benedictine University is not be subject to any of the circumstances that would require it to submit a provisional plan pursuant to the Higher Learning Commission's policies or applicable regulations and that (ii) Benedictine University is not be under investigation, subject to an action, or being prosecuted for an issue related to academic quality, misrepresentation, fraud, or other severe matters by a law enforcement agency.
4. The parties will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations respecting the confidentiality of student's educational records and personally identifiable information (collectively, "Student Records"), including, without limitation, the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA"), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPPA") and the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (and the Federal Trade Commission's implementing regulations). For purposes of FERPA, Benedictine University shall be deemed a "school official" with a legitimate educational interest. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties covenant and agree to exercise diligence in protecting and safeguarding Student Records, as well as any other information protected from public disclosure by applicable federal or state law. Each party covenants and agrees it will not knowingly use, directly or indirectly, for its own benefit, or for the benefit of another, any Student Records, but instead will use that information only for the purposes contemplated hereunder. Further, each party covenants and agrees that it will not disclose any Student Records to any third party except as may be required in the course of the Teach-Out Agreement hereunder and for a legitimate educational interest or as otherwise allowed or required by law.

Duration

Students may be admitted under the terms of this agreement until January 31, 2027, and the agreement will remain in force until they graduate or stop out. Siena Heights students who stop out and are readmitted, or who enter Benedictine University after January 31, 2027, will need to abide by all policies, procedures, and requirements of Benedictine University.

For Siena Heights University:


Julie Barst, Ph.D.
Provost & VP of Academic Affairs

Date: 9-29-25

For Benedictine University:


Kate Lang, Ph.D.
Provost & VP of Academic Affairs

Date: 9/29/25

Schedule A

Siena Heights University – 2025-26 MAJORS	Benedictine University - CURRENT SIMILAR PROGRAMS
Biology, B.S.	Biology, B.S.
Criminal Justice, B.A.	Criminal Justice, B.A. or Criminology, B.A. (also available fully online)
Exercise Science, B.S.	Sport and Exercise Science, B.S.
Management, B.B.A.	Management and Organizational Behavior, B.B.A.
Psychology, B.A.	Psychology, B.A. (also available fully online)
Design, B.F.A.	Graphic Arts, B.A.
<i>Fully online completion programs</i>	
Healthcare Management, B.A.S.	Health Education, B.A.
Bachelor of Applied Science, B.A.S.	General Professional Studies, B.A.