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**Memorandum of Understanding
Prior Learning Credit Agreement:
Per Scholas
&
BMCC's AAS in Computer Network Technology (CNT)**

Rationale:

Per Scholas was founded more than 20 years ago to break the cycle of poverty by providing technology access and education in underserved communities. They accomplish this mission today by creating opportunity for people who work hard;; they create real opportunities to build better lives for themselves and their families. Per S Scholas closes the skills divide. They prepare smart, dedicated people to work in key technical roles. They are building a more diverse technical workforce by creating on-ramps for women and people of color, groups staggeringly underrepresented in IT employment today. Ninety percent of their students are people of color;; a third are women,, and a third are disconnected young adults.

Per Scholas is tasked with meeting the needs of workers by providing them with occupational and academic skills training, stackable credentials, connections to industry, job placement, and the support and assistance needed to progress to a college degree. As a result of BMCC offering bankable credits, Per Scholas will be able to attract dedicated participants who are now committed to pursuing higher education at a college after completing their occupational training program with Per Scholas.

Focusing on occupational trainings in IT and Networking, Per Scholas will be offering Network+ training and certification preparation. Trainees who complete the certificate program will have an opportunity to further their education at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that graduates from the Per Scholas' Network+ program will receive prior learning credit towards an Applied Science Associate's Degree (AAS) in Computer Network Technology (CNT) at Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC). Participants who complete the Certificate Program and choose to enroll at BMCC will earn 4 prior learning credits at BMCC towards the AAS in Computer Network TechnologyNetwork Technology. To earn credit towards an AAS Degree in Computer Network TechnologyNetwork Technology at BMCC, the following stipulations apply to the Certificate Program and its graduates:

1. The Certificate Program will follow a curriculum in computer networking developed specifically for the Network+ program in accordance with the competencies laid out by CompTIA and is designed to have outcomes which will be comparable to the following 4-credit course at BMCC: Computer hardware CIS 155. BMCC agrees that the curriculum prepared by Per Scholas for this purpose satisfies the requirements of this clause 1.
2. Participants must earn a passing grade of 70% on the challenge exam at BMCC in order to earn 4 prior learning credits towards the AAS Degree in Computer Network Technology.

3. A faculty member from the Computer Network Technology degree program will administer and grade the challenge exam. The faculty member will also collaborate with a designated Per Scholas program staff member to schedule exam dates.
4. A staff member from the Computer Network Technology degree program will work with a designated Per Scholas program staff member to facilitate the enrollment of qualified Network + Certificate Program graduates into the Computer Network Technology degree program.
5. Participants can only apply credits towards the AAS Degree in Computer Network Technology at BMCC.
6. Once enrolled in the AAS Degree in Computer Network Technology at BMCC, prior learning credits will be applied to the course transcripts of eligible Certificate Program graduates as follows: 4 credits in Computer Hardware. Students will not have to take additional electives as a replacement for these courses.
7. Credits will be valid and applicable as long as the college-level courses of CIS 155 are offered by BMCC. If these courses are changed or eliminated, the CCNA program director and faculty liaison will work to revise the Certificate Program curricula to meet any new requirements for earning prior learning credit. Graduates that complete the requirements outlined in this MOU prior to any changes, will be grandfathered in and able to receive the 4 prior learning credits.

Legal:

This agreement is legally binding on the parties, will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties.