PATHWAY AGREEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTERS (CTC), AND CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SENDING INSTITUTIONS BETWEEN

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

AND

BUTLER COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

INSTITUTIONAL FOOD WORKER CIP CODE 12.0508

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of a Pathway Agreement is to demonstrate a valuable partnership between Pennsylvania College of Technology (Penn College) and a high school, career technology center (CTC), or career and technical education (CTE) sending institution.

This agreement establishes a mechanism for students of Butler County AVTS to earn credit for the below defined coursework at Penn College in Culinary Arts Technology A.A.S. (CY), Baking & Pastry Arts A.A.S. (BK), Culinary Applications Certificate (CUA), and Professional Baking Certificate (BB).

II. GOALS

A. To attract qualified students to Penn College who will enter with earned credit.

B. To provide a well-defined mechanism for students of Butler County AVTS to earn Penn College credit for work completed at the high school, CTC, or CTE sending institution.

C. To recruit students whose career goals include the acquisition of degrees offered at Penn College.

III. ELIGIBILITY/ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Penn College will accept Butler County AVTS coursework for Penn College credit for the courses listed in Appendix A if students meet the following requirements.

A. Students must have gained admission to Penn College and met placement requirements.

B. Students must demonstrate they have earned the ServSafe Manager Certification. Documentation to Penn College must include all the following items:

   a. Final official Butler County AVTS transcript prior to enrollment to receive credit for their Butler County AVTS coursework.
   b. Official transcript showing a minimum cumulative GPA of 'C' (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).
   c. A copy of the ServSafe Manager Certificate for verification.

C. Penn College will accept Butler County AVTS coursework for Penn College credit for students who enroll at the College within two (2) academic years of graduation from Butler County AVTS.

D. Penn College will only consider those credits earned through Butler County AVTS for the terms of this agreement. Students must request transcripts from additional institutions to be evaluated on an individual basis at Penn College.

E. Credits will post on the student's official academic transcript upon the successful completion of twelve (12) credits of academic work at Penn College. Whether Penn College credits will be accepted by another college or university is at the discretion of the receiving college or university.

IV. COURSE CREDIT OUTLINE

A. Appendix A will outline block course equivalency as it relates to the coursework associated with this Pathway Agreement at Penn College.

V. MARKETING AND PROMOTION

A. Marketing and promotion of this Pathway Agreement is the joint responsibility of both institutions. At a minimum:

   I. Both institutions should provide information about the Pathway Agreement in the appropriate prominent locations on their public websites and any internal sites.

   II. The sending institution should actively promote the Pathway Agreement with students and parents, counselors, teachers, college fairs, and marketing materials. Additionally, the sending institution will help ensure that students provide the proper documentation to Penn College.

   III. Penn College representative(s) will visit the site or provide virtual meetings with students when/if it is mutually agreeable to both institutions.

VI. UPDATES AND EXPIRATION

This Pathway Agreement has been reviewed and approved by those indicated on this signature page. A representative from each institution will inform the other party of any curriculum changes, which will then be reviewed to re-establish this Pathway Agreement. This Pathway Agreement is effective the date signed and will be reviewed annually by both institutions. Either institution may terminate the Pathway Agreement by notifying the other party.

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Ms. Joanna Flynn
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BUTLER COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Regina Hiler

Executive Director

Signature

APR 09 2026
Date

APPENDIX A – COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Butler County AVTS Coursework	Penn College Coursework	Number of Credits
CIP 12.0508 & ServSafe Manager Certification *Must present completer status & certificate*	FHD118 Sanitation	1
	National Sanitation Certification	0
	TOTAL CREDITS	1