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**Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) – Registration Policy Concerning Options for Students to Earn Multiple Degrees in Less Time<sup>1</sup>**

Registration by the Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) is not required for institutions of higher education to advertise and offer students the following pathways to earning two degrees in less time<sup>2</sup>:

- Shared-credit combinations of registered programs offered by one, or more than one, institution; and
- Admission and credit transfer articulation agreements between registered programs offered by one, or more than one, institution.

Institutions remain responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met for each of the registered degree programs that are part of these pathways, including undergraduate requirements concerning liberal arts content.

All currently registered programs will remain registered. Proposals pending in OCUE for the registration of the pathways described above will not be reviewed and institutions will be notified that the proposals have been withdrawn. Institutions should not submit new proposals to OCUE requesting the registration of the pathways described above.

SUNY and CUNY institutions should contact the System Administrations concerning any System requirements related to multiple degree pathways.

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<sup>1</sup> This policy is applicable to programs registered by the Office of College and University Evaluation (OCUE) only. Programs registered by the Department's Office of the Professions (OP) are subject to the requirements of that office.

<sup>2</sup> Often referred to by institutions as "multiple award" or "dual degree" programs.