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**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SIGN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING NEW PATHWAY TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY**

**(VENTURA, CA) (MARCH 14, 2016)** The [Ventura County Community College District](#) (VCCCD) and [The Chicago School of Professional Psychology](#) (TCSP) today announced the signing of an articulation agreement that allows VCCCD students to complete their undergraduate education in The Chicago School's Undergraduate Studies Division, further realizing both institutions' goal of providing access to a broad range of quality educational opportunities. Launched two years ago to offer TCSP's curriculum to a broader audience, The Chicago School's B.A. Program has expanded to a four-year degree program, and many of these students will have the opportunity to continue their post-graduate education and training at the University by enrolling in one of its many masters and doctoral-level programs.

Comprised of three colleges, Moorpark College, Oxnard College and Ventura College, VCCCD serves 50,000 students annually system-wide and offers a full range of programs to help students successfully advance to the next phase of their lives. The new articulation agreement provides current and former VCCCD students with the opportunity to complete their Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at one of the leading nonprofit universities in psychology and related behavioral health sciences.

VCCCD students will be granted admission to TCSP's [Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Program](#) upon meeting either of the following admissions criteria: The completion of specific coursework, with a minimum grade point average, and after a course-by-course evaluation to meet General Education requirements as outlined by TCSP; or possess a conferred Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree with a minimum GPA as established by The Chicago School. Lastly, all courses taken or degrees received must be from a regionally accredited institution. VCCCD students meeting these requirements are eligible for a 10 percent decrease in the bachelor degree tuition rate.

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“We are excited to partner with the Ventura County Community College District to offer this exciting opportunity to VCCCD students who are interested in pursuing a degree that will help improve mental health care in our communities,” said Michele Nealon-Woods, Psy.D., president, The Chicago School. “Both of our institutions are focused on meeting the needs of students by providing a comprehensive education in this discipline--one that will help them be successful in today’s increasingly competitive world.”

“Pathways provide a roadmap for students to achieve their goals by improving retention and increasing graduation rates,” said Dr. Bernard Luskin, Chancellor, Ventura County Community College District. “We are pleased to cooperate with colleges offering upper division courses and BA degrees in our facilities to assist students in achieving their goals,” added Larry Kennedy, Chair, Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees.

### **About the Ventura County Community College District**

The Ventura County Community College District is a member of the 113-campus California Community College system, and serves more than 50,000 students annually. The District’s three colleges- Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura- offer programs in general education for degrees and certificates, transfer to four-year colleges and universities, career technical education, and provide opportunities to engage in co-curricular campus activities. For more information, please visit [www.vcccd.edu](http://www.vcccd.edu).

### **About The Chicago School of Professional Psychology**

Founded in 1979, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP) is a nonprofit, private university devoted exclusively to psychology, and related behavioral and health sciences. The university serves nearly 4,500 students across campuses in Chicago; Southern California (Los Angeles and Irvine); and Washington, D.C., as well as through online programs. The Chicago School is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission, (WSCUC), and its Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program in Chicago is accredited by the American Psychological Association. With more than 20 graduate degree programs, thousands of hours of real-world training, and a wealth of international opportunities, TCSPP is a leader in professional psychology education. To learn more, visit [www.thechicagoschool.edu](http://www.thechicagoschool.edu).