

MASTER AGREEMENT

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029

**Between
Kirtland Community College
And
Kirtland Community College Federation of Teachers**

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AGREEMENT

The board of trustees of Kirtland Community College hereinafter referred to as the “board” and the Kirtland Community College Federation of Teachers hereinafter referred to as the “federation” enter into this agreement for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Board, the administrative staff and faculty members are committed to the advancement of a comprehensive educational program of distinct quality for all interested in the quest for learning, and

WHEREAS, the sound development of college policies and program can best be accomplished by these groups working in harmony and with respect for the roles of each, and

WHEREAS, the parties have mutual obligation, pursuant to Act 379 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965, to bargain in good faith with respect to hours, wages, terms and conditions of employment of instructional personnel being fully described in Article I hereof, and

WHEREAS the parties, following extended and deliberated negotiations, have reached certain understandings which they desire to memorialize,

And in consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

The board hereby recognizes the federation as the exclusive bargaining representative for all board appointed full-time classroom instructional personnel and counselors.

There shall be excluded from the bargaining unit the following: part-time instructors, accounting personnel, clerical personnel, secretarial personnel, cafeteria personnel, technical personnel, maintenance personnel, custodial personnel, transportation personnel, laboratory assistants, part-time clinical nurses, paraprofessionals, and area career instructors.

In addition, there shall be excluded all administrative and supervisory personnel with administrative contracts, and supervisory personnel.

The term "instructor" when used hereinafter in the agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the federation in the bargaining or negotiation units as defined. All other personnel not specifically mentioned above are excluded from the federation bargaining unit.

Note: Clarification – reference Appendix A at the back of this agreement

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP DUES AND VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION OF SAME

1. The Administration shall deduct from the pay of each employee from whom it receives voluntary authorization to do so the required amount for the payment of federation membership dues. Such dues shall be accompanied by a list of employees from whom they have been deducted and the amount deducted from each, and by a list of employees who had authorized such deductions and from whom no deductions were made and the reason therefore, and shall be forwarded to the federation no later than thirty (30) days after the deductions were made.
2. Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted or applied to require payroll deduction of employee contributions to political action or other similar funds of the Federation or its affiliates.
3. The Federation shall notify the Administration forty (40) days prior to any change in such dues or fees.
4. If any provision of this Article is invalid under Federal or State law, said provision shall be modified to comply with the requirements of said Federal or State law.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The board hereby retains and reserves unto itself, all rights, power, authorities, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the statutes and Constitution of the State of Michigan and the statutes and the Constitution of the United States of America.

These rights and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following as deemed necessary and advisable by the board.

1. To the executive management and administrative control of the college and its properties, facilities and its employees;

2. To hire, pay, retain, promote, demote, and dismiss its employees;
 3. To establish individual courses and programs of instruction including special programs, to keep the college buildings in good repair, and to furnish materials, equipment, and non-teaching services to conduct the college properly; to provide for development and utilization of facilities, and, to provide for athletic, recreational and social events for students and the community;
 4. To determine class schedules, the hours of instruction, the duties, assignments of instructors, and other contractual services.
- B. The exercise of these rights, powers, authorities, duties and responsibilities by the board and the adoption of such rules, regulations and policies as it may deem necessary, shall be consistent with such statutory and constitutional provisions and shall be consistent with the terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE III
NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. No less than 90 calendar days before June 30th in the year of the expiration of this agreement, and upon written notice by the federation to the President of the college, the parties shall begin negotiations for a new agreement covering hours, wages, and terms and conditions of employment of instructors employed by the board.
- B. Neither party shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that the representatives selected by each shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals and bargain the course of negotiations. Both parties agree to limit their respective bargaining teams to a number conducive to maintaining good negotiation progress. Normally, no more than four negotiators and one or two consultants should be maximum. Written notice shall be exchanged prior to the beginning of negotiations indicating the chief spokesperson for each team and his or her authority if applicable.
- C. It is recognized that no final contract can be executed without ratification by the board and the federation.
- D. The parties agree that for the purposes of open communication and problem solving that the negotiating teams will meet as needed to recognize and if possible address problems and update contractual language as needed (such as health insurance). These meetings are not to be considered part of the formal contract bargaining process.

ARTICLE IV
SALARY SCHEDULE

2025-29 SALARY SCHEDULE

STEP	AD	BA	MA	MA15	MA30	MA45	PhD
0	\$44,518	\$46,254	\$50,444	\$51,218	\$51,995	\$52,769	\$56,157
1	\$46,129	\$48,130	\$53,001	\$53,781	\$54,564	\$55,341	\$58,875
2	\$47,738	\$50,006	\$55,556	\$56,345	\$57,133	\$57,911	\$61,591
3	\$49,346	\$51,883	\$58,111	\$58,907	\$59,703	\$60,483	\$64,306
4	\$50,956	\$53,760	\$60,668	\$61,469	\$62,269	\$63,056	\$67,024
5	\$52,563	\$55,637	\$63,224	\$64,032	\$64,837	\$65,627	\$69,739
6	\$54,173	\$57,515	\$65,779	\$66,595	\$67,406	\$68,199	\$72,455
7	\$55,782	\$59,391	\$68,335	\$69,158	\$69,975	\$70,772	\$75,172
8	\$57,391	\$61,268	\$70,891	\$71,721	\$72,544	\$73,342	\$77,889
9	\$58,999	\$63,144	\$73,447	\$74,282	\$75,112	\$75,914	\$80,605
10	\$60,610	\$65,023	\$76,002	\$76,845	\$77,680	\$78,488	\$83,322
11	\$62,216	\$66,900	\$78,559	\$79,409	\$80,247	\$81,058	\$86,037
12	\$64,128	\$69,103	\$81,503	\$82,365	\$83,214	\$84,033	\$89,183
13	\$66,844	\$71,821	\$84,220	\$85,081	\$85,932	\$86,749	\$91,899
14	\$68,849	\$73,976	\$86,747	\$87,633	\$88,510	\$89,351	\$94,380
15	\$70,777	\$76,047	\$89,176	\$90,087	\$90,988	\$91,853	\$96,740
16	\$72,547	\$77,948	\$91,405	\$92,339	\$93,263	\$94,150	\$98,675
17	\$74,360	\$79,897	\$93,690	\$94,648	\$95,595	\$96,503	\$100,648

Each eligible full-time faculty member will receive a step increase each academic year of this contract (2025- 2029) until the maximum step is attained.

- A. It is the exclusive right of the administration to determine placement based upon experience, qualifications, needs of the college, and the market for instructors (supply and demand).
- B. Faculty members under special projects who are required by the administration to perform non- teaching duties beyond the 32 week period will be compensated under the provisions of Article X paragraph C.
- C. Any credit classes taken at a college/university may be counted toward the master’s plus on the salary schedule if that class has the prior written approval of the chief academic administrator. Faculty must submit the request for approval a minimum of one month prior to enrollment in the course(s). The following criteria will be used in determining approval:
 - a. Approved credit hours shall include any of the following course(s):
 - i. Graduate course(s) directly related to the teaching assignment

- ii. Graduate course(s) that assist the employee in improving instructional skills
- iii. Graduate course(s) specifically designed for community college personnel
- b. All credit course work must be taken through a regionally accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- c. In the event of disagreement whether a course(s) meets the above criteria, the faculty member shall submit an appeal, in writing to the President, within seven working days after the chief instructional administrator's decision. The President will review and respond within seven working days.

ARTICLE V
FRINGE BENEFITS

A. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The college will provide each instructor with liability insurance protection for errors and omissions in the performance of their assigned duties. The policy limits are an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000.

B. LIFE INSURANCE/ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE/DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE

Teachers

Group term life insurance	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$50,000

The board shall provide for dependent term life insurance the following benefits:

Spouse	\$10,000
Child (14 days to 6 months)	\$ 100
Child (6 months to age 23 or age 25 if full-time student)	\$2,000

The individual instructor may elect, at their own expense, additional term life insurance for themselves and eligible dependents at a group rate, subject to the conditions of the insurer.

LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

The college will provide for each instructor disability coverage as follows: after a 90 consecutive calendar day waiting period, the disabled employee is eligible for a benefit of 66 2/3% of their basic monthly earnings to a maximum monthly benefit of \$5,000 to age 65 or until they reach social security normal retirement age.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Kirtland shall provide a hospital/surgical/major medical plan for each full-time employee, and eligible dependents. The contract will have current levels of coverage and copay amounts as of July 1, 2025. Coverage levels are dependent on provider and coverage availability. If at any time within the duration of this contract, the college finds that the out-of-pocket expenses for health insurance to federation members will rise by more than \$50 per paycheck deduction, the administration will meet with federation representatives to discuss the changes.

The plan in place at the beginning of this contract is a high deductible/high coinsurance medical plan. A comparable plan shall be maintained for the duration of this contract.

The college shall provide for payroll deduction into a health savings account (HSA) for eligible staff, and a flexible spending account (FSA) for non-HSA eligible staff. Payroll deductions to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Contribution Act (PA 152 of 2011) will be calculated annually. The Administration will annually recommend, and the Board will annually determine, which section of Act 152 best serves the needs of the college.

Kirtland will fund the HSA at \$3300 for 2 Person/Family and \$1650 for Single, for the calendar year 2026. Each year, it will be raised to match the 2 Person/Family and Single deductible for that calendar year per the IRS guidelines with an annual maximum increase of \$50 for single coverage and \$100 for 2Person/Family.

For those not eligible for contributions into an HSA, the college will fund an FSA to the maximum allowable amount per IRS regulations. The remaining balance of the amount that would have otherwise been funded into an HSA had the employee been eligible, shall be funded into an HRA.

C. DENTAL BENEFITS

The board of trustees shall provide dental coverage for each instructor and eligible dependents through a self-funded dental plan as follows:

Class I: Preventative services	100%
Class II: Restorative services	90%
Class III: Prosthodontic services	75%
Class IV: Orthodontic dental services	100%

Maximum contract benefit

Class I, II and III benefits - \$2,500 maximum per person total per contract year

Class IV benefits - \$3,500 Lifetime maximum per eligible person

Coverage levels are dependent on provider and coverage availability. Should the college need to change providers, coverage levels and/or availability below those in existence in the 2024-25 contract year, the Federation will be notified of the changes. The Federation may choose to seek their own coverage that will maintain the 2024-25 coverage levels and availability at what they determine is a reasonable cost for faculty and complies with the Board decision on PA 152 of 2011.

D. TRAVEL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The college shall provide travel accident coverage for each instructor while traveling on authorized college business. The beneficiary is the instructor's family as designated, and the coverage is \$50,000.

E. OPTICAL BENEFITS

The college shall provide optical coverage for each instructor and eligible dependents from a self-funded optical plan as follows:

Services provided once every 12 months per person.

Exam - \$10 co-pay

Lenses &/Or Frames - Combined \$10 co-pay

Contact lenses - Medically necessary: \$10 co-pay, then 100%

In lieu of glasses: \$120 allowance applied towards contact lens exam and the contact lens.

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F. INSURANCE OPTION CLAUSE

Employees electing to drop the college's hospitalization, surgical, and medical insurance (provided they have another plan and show proof to Kirtland's human resources office) will receive a cash payment in the amount of \$2,600 per year, equally divided over the contract year.

G. REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS

The following accounts will be made available to all eligible employees on a voluntary basis:

- Section 106 – pre-tax premiums
- Section 105 – Unreimbursed medical/dental/vision/hearing expenses
- Section 125 – Flexible Spending Accounts
- Section 129 – Dependent care expenses

H. RETIREMENT

The college shall contribute to either the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPERS) or the optional retirement plan (ORP) as required by law. The instructor shall designate the plan in which he/she wishes to participate within the first 75 days of employment.

I. SICK DAY PAYOUT

The college will pay for unused sick leave days per the following schedule of the employee's daily (hourly) rate of pay at the time of retirement.

- 0-15 years of service - 50%
- 15-20 years of service - 75%
- 20 + years of service - 100%

The computation shall be based upon 260 days (2080 hours), divided into the annual base salary. There is a maximum payout of 120 days (960 hours) and a \$45,000 total payout limit.

Procedure:

Retirement incentive pay and the sick day payout will be made to the 403(b) Special Pay Plan administered by a retirement services provider listed by the college. A payment, up to the maximum allowed by law, will first be made to the 403(b) Special Pay Plan. Any balance due to the employee will be made directly to the employee in a lump sum in the beginning of the month after retirement.

J. FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits shall apply to all full-time instructors on annual or semester contracts, including instructors on professional improvement leave; and shall discontinue when an instructor is terminated, takes military leave, or a leave without pay in excess of three months except as defined in the family and medical leave procedure, Article VIII.D.

Note: benefits as described above shall continue through the contractual year in which the instructor(s) is/are notified of the possibility of being discontinued. Such benefits shall terminate on

August 31 following the end of the contractual year such notification was issued unless otherwise extended by the college President or his/her designee.

Definition: Immediate family as it applies to Article V. – Fringe Benefits shall mean spouse and eligible children (sons and daughters).

ARTICLE VI
LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

- A. All instructor letters of appointment shall be issued electronically for returning members of the faculty upon ratification of a succeeding master agreement or by the 30th of June, whichever shall be later.
- B. Said letters of appointment are to be signed and returned to the Human Resources Office within fifteen (15) calendar days after their receipt by members of the faculty, or by July 15th, whichever is later. Failure to return contracts by the due date will be an expression of intent not to return to Kirtland Community College for the following year. Executed letters of appointment will be given to faculty by the return date to campus each year.

ARTICLE VII
FACULTY REDUCTIONS

- A. Whenever it is necessary to decrease the size of the faculty due to, but not limited to, insufficient funds, substantial decrease of student population, or changes in program, the board, upon the recommendation of the President of the college after consultation with the Federation, may cause the necessary number of instructors in the appropriate discipline(s) to be placed on involuntary leave without pay at the expiration of his/her/ their contract(s). The administration shall have the option of issuing a one-semester contract rather than discontinuance if it is in the best interest of the college as determined by the administration.
 - 1. Before any full-time instructors are laid off, adjunct positions in the affected discipline(s) shall be cancelled and those duties assigned to full-time faculty members to maintain full-time loads, if determined to be qualified by the Chief Academic Officer (CAO), in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.
 - 2. Faculty members who have been placed on involuntary leave in excess of three years shall be excluded from the provisions of this agreement.
 - 3. For a period of three years, no new appointments shall be made in the discipline while there are available instructors who have (a) been placed on involuntary leave and (b) who are determined by the administration to be adequately qualified in that discipline or disciplines. The President of the college or his/her designee will notify such instructor of position availability. The instructor must notify the President of the college or his/her designee, in writing, of their acceptance of employment within twenty-eight (28) calendar days from the date of notification by the

President or his/her designee.

4. Such re-employment shall not result in loss of status or credit of previous years of service.
- B. Whenever possible, notice of discontinuance of service of the possibility of a one semester contract shall be made at least sixty days before discontinuance takes effect. It is recognized, however, that circumstances may dictate a reduction subsequent to such notice period and in such event, the board will make every reasonable effort to give advance notice such as is possible under the circumstances.
- C. Salary set-off/unemployment benefits: it is understood that faculty members who receive unemployment benefits during the summer after layoff will have a reduction in salary by the amount of unemployment received if they are called from layoff for the next school year.
- D. The grievance procedure shall not be used as recourse in faculty member reductions.

ARTICLE VIII
LEAVES AND ABSENCES

A. **SABBATICAL LEAVE**

The college recognizes that sabbatical leave is an important means of enhancing scholarly, scientific, aesthetic and general professional competence of the faculty member. Enhanced faculty competence adds to the prestige of the college and brings to the classroom a more stimulating and recently informed instruction.

Faculty retention and recruitment is enhanced with a policy that gives a clear message that faculty have a stake in the future of the college. The faculty member and the college invest in each other to insure quality that will be of benefit to both.

GUIDELINES

The purpose of a sabbatical leave is to provide for professional growth of the full-time faculty that is not possible while teaching a basic load or fulfilling a full-time appointment. The sabbatical leave should not only be of value to the individual but must have an impact on the quality of instruction at Kirtland Community College. Sabbatical leaves may be granted for advanced study, research or other cognate purposes. Sabbatical leaves shall not be used to meet the minimum requirement of the position.

1. **Eligibility.** Sabbatical leaves may be granted to faculty members following six consecutive years of full-time employment at Kirtland Community College. Time spent on leave without pay shall not count toward consideration for sabbatical leave. Instructors completing leaves shall again be eligible after five additional years of service.

In addition to the above criteria, individuals requesting summer sabbatical leave must have worked at Kirtland the previous two summers.

2. **Application deadlines/timelines.** The proposals for sabbatical leave must be filed with the appropriate dean as outlined below:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Deadline for filing proposal	Sept. 15, prior academic year
Sabbatical Committee meets	Oct. 15
Committee decision	Nov. 15
Administration's decision	Dec. 1
Board approval	December meeting
Applicant's response	Dec. 15

3. Leaves per year. No more than three sabbatical leaves shall be granted per fiscal year (summer, fall, winter).
4. Scholarships, fellowships or grants which do not interfere with the program of professional improvement will be allowed in addition to the sabbatical leave compensation.
5. Instructors receiving a sabbatical leave will continue their employment with the college for a period of one academic year following the leave. Instructors who elect to terminate their employment with the college prior to this will repay the college the stipend and salary paid during the sabbatical leave.
6. In case of illness during the leave that prevents completing the purposes of the leave, the leave will be terminated and all provisions of sick leave will apply.
7. To insure that the terms of the leave are being fulfilled or to allow the instructor to amend the terms of the leave, the instructor shall remain in written communication with the committee during the period of the leave.

The faculty member will submit to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) a request for sabbatical leave using the minimum criteria listed:

- a. A statement of purpose of the leave including objectives to be achieved.
 - b. A statement of the actions which will be taken to accomplish each objective of the leave.
 - c. A timetable of key dates as to when each action will be completed and each objective achieved.
 - d. A method of evaluating the degree of success achieved during the leave.
 - e. A statement of the value of the leave to the applicant.
 - f. A statement of the value of the leave to the college.
8. The committee will consider the following points in the approval process:
 - a. The extent to which plans submitted for use of time while on leave are definitive and educationally constructive.
 - b. The extent to which a leave could have an immediate impact on the quality of instruction or service at the college through the faculty members' increased competence in their field of instructional techniques.
 - c. The currency of advanced graduate work or professional study completed by the applicant.
 - d. Reasonable and equitable distribution of leaves across the college organizational structure.

- e. The impact of covering the instructional load for the applicant.

The committee shall review each sabbatical leave request. It may request additional or supplemental information from the applicants in order to evaluate the merits of the request. The committee shall then evaluate each applicant.

The committee shall either recommend or not recommend each request to the President. If it chooses to recommend a request to the President, it shall provide a written report, signed by a majority of its members, certifying that the request satisfies all of the criteria provided in this section. If it chooses not to recommend a request, it shall provide a written report to the applicant, explaining why the request does not satisfy all of the criteria provided in this section. The applicant may submit a written appeal to the president.

A faculty member granted a sabbatical leave shall be responsible for accomplishment of the stated objectives of the leave. Upon expiration of the leave, the faculty member shall provide a written report to the committee, along with a presentation to the board of trustees, so that the committee and trustees may evaluate the success of the leave.

9. Sabbatical Leave Committee. The purpose of the sabbatical leave committee is to evaluate sabbatical leave proposals based on established criteria and to submit prioritized recommendations to the administration. The committee shall consist of four members including two academic administrators, and two faculty members from the professional development committee selected by the Kirtland Federation of Teachers. No member of the sabbatical leave committee may serve while at the same time applying for sabbatical leave.
10. Eligible faculty members whose applications are not acted upon favorably will be required to resubmit their applications for future consideration.
11. Rate of compensation for fall/winter sabbatical leaves. Sabbatical leaves may be granted for a period of one semester up to full base pay, one full year up to $\frac{3}{4}$ base pay based on the recommendation of the committee or two non-consecutive semesters up to $\frac{3}{4}$ base pay. Instructors whose contracts exceed 32 weeks shall be eligible for up to an additional eight weeks of sabbatical leave.
12. Expense stipend for fall/winter sabbatical leaves. To help defray the extraordinary expenses encumbered on a sabbatical leave, the college will provide a \$1000 stipend.
13. Rates of compensation and expense stipends for summer sabbatical leaves. Requests for compensation including expenses during sabbatical leave in the summer will be considered on an individual basis. The total cost per individual shall not exceed \$8,000.
14. Fringe benefits. Full fringe benefits shall continue to be paid by the college during the term of the sabbatical leave.
15. Retirement service credit. Retirement service credit under Michigan Public School Employees retirement System shall be provided according to the Guideline for Obtaining Retirement Credit and must be initiated during application for sabbatical leave.

16. The period of time covered by the sabbatical leave would apply to the instructor's placement on the salary schedule.

B. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE

Faculty members can submit professional development proposals to the professional development committee through the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). Said committee shall be made up of faculty and academic administrators who will establish guidelines for proposal submission each year and share that information on the CTL webpage.

C. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

In accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Faculty members who have been employed with Kirtland for at least 12 months and have worked at least 1,250 hours in the preceding 12 months will be eligible for unpaid leave under qualifying circumstances described in the FMLA statute.

In concurrence with leave under FMLA, the Board authorizes Faculty members, who are eligible for qualified leave under FMLA, unpaid leave up to six months, except as may be modified by negotiated agreement.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROCEDURE

1. A maximum of six months of unpaid leave may be taken under qualifying circumstances as described in the FMLA statute. The college may extend this should a faculty member have extenuating circumstances. In such cases, the college CAO and HR Director will work directly with the faculty member to determine options and make a recommendation to the President.

2. The Faculty member must provide the college with 30 days advance notice, or as much notice as is practicable before the date on which the leave will begin.

3. Such leave will be unpaid by the Board unless the Faculty member has sick or personal time available.

4. The Board will continue to pay the employer contribution towards health benefits for the 6 months of the Faculty member's leave.

a. If a Faculty member elects not to return to work for reasons other than a continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition, the Board will charge the Faculty member the appropriate health coverage premiums.

b. Continuation of benefits beyond six months may be provided at the discretion of the Board upon the recommendation of the President of the College.

5. At the Faculty member's request, the College may grant a leave on an intermittent or reduced basis for the birth or adoption of a child; serious medical condition of the employee; or serious medical condition of the employee's family member.

6. The Board requires that a Faculty member provide certification of a serious health condition for

his/her own serious health condition or that of a family member. All certification requests must be submitted to the Director of Human Resources in a timely manner.

7. A Faculty member returning from a family or medical leave must timely notify the Director of Human Resources to ensure proper placement and will be returned to either the same position as he/she had before or to a position equivalent in pay, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. Re-employment after leave in excess of six months will be conditioned by the availability of an opening for which the individual is qualified.

8. A first and second extension of child care leave shall be granted annually upon request thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the existing leave. A further extension of child care leave may be granted at the discretion of the board upon the recommendation of the President of the college

D. OTHER LEAVES WITHOUT PAY

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for a professional or personal leave of absence, a member of the bargaining unit shall have six years of continuous, full-time service with the college. Under certain circumstances, the administration may waive the six-year eligibility requirement.

2. Application for leave

The member of the bargaining unit shall submit one (1) semester or summer session prior to the beginning of the proposed leave, in writing, to the administration the request for leave stating the reason for the leave, the period of absence, and date of return.

3. Approval

Subject to the availability of a qualified replacement and approval by the administration, a leave of absence may be granted.

4. Length of Leave

Leaves of absence may be granted for a period not to exceed one year. Under certain circumstances, a leave may be extended for one additional year. A request shall be submitted in writing stating the reason for the requested extension, at least six months prior to the termination of the current leave.

5. Return from Leaves

If a member of the bargaining unit does not return to work by the date of leave expiration, he or she shall be considered to have voluntarily resigned unless he/she was unable to return due to extenuating circumstances beyond his/her control.

The member of the bargaining unit on approved leave of absence shall be placed at the same salary placement as held when the leave was granted.

6. Fringe Benefits

Members of the bargaining unit who have approved leaves of absence of three months or less, will receive full fringe benefits. A member of the bargaining unit may exercise the option (in

writing) for continuance of coverage at full group rate cost, and without college subsidy, for the period of the leave over three months.

E. SICK LEAVE

The college provides paid sick days to be used when a faculty is unable to report to work due to illness or for the care of an immediate family member. Immediate family is defined as spouse, child (including biological, adopted, foster, step, or legal ward), parent (including in-laws), brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent (including in-laws), grandchild, aunt or uncle, or relative living at the employee's residence where the employee has day-to-day responsibility for the individual.

SICK LEAVE PROCEDURE

1. If a faculty is unable to report to work, he or she must notify their dean or director using Cancel My Class notification prior to the scheduled class meeting. It may be helpful to also send an email to the Dean or Director confirming the absence.
2. It is the faculty's responsibility to file a signed absence report form promptly upon return to work.
3. Paid sick days accumulate at a rate of ten days per full academic year of employment for faculty. Counselors shall accumulate paid sick days at a rate of twelve days per year.

Faculty who teach a college credit class during the summer semester shall accrue two additional sick days per year. Cosmetology faculty who are required as part of load to teach during the Summer shall accrue two additional sick days per year, one of which may be used as a personal day.

4. Faculty will receive full pay for absences as long as the period of absence does not exceed the number of paid sick days accrued.
5. It is recognized that faculty responsibilities include more than class contact; however, for computation of sick days for short-term illness (less than 2 weeks in length), a sick day for a faculty member will be defined as: any day in which a faculty member is unable to meet all class hours that he/she has scheduled for that day because of illness.
 - a. If a faculty member has more than one class scheduled on any one day and he/she misses part of those classes because of illness, he/she will be charged sick leave on a pro-rated basis of 4 hours.
 - b. If a faculty member is absent due to illness for an extended period of time (a period that exceeds 2 weeks), he/she will be charged sick leave at the rate of five days per week, even though he/she may not have classes on all five days. Securing a substitute does not alleviate the charging of sick time.

- c. Faculty who experience an extended illness during a semester in which they have a Saturday teaching obligation will be charged sick leave at the rate of 5 days per week.
 - d. Faculty members who are compensated for teaching beyond 32 weeks on a prorata basis shall be charged sick days at the rate of 5 days per week if an extended illness occurs during that same period.
 - e. Faculty members who choose to teach a summer college credit class will be charged sick leave on any day during the summer he/she misses all or part of a class day regardless of whether or not the illness is defined as extended.
6. Any sick days not used during the fiscal year will be carried forward for future use to a maximum of 120 days. Accrued sick days are not payable upon termination of employment. Refer to Article V.K. for college sick leave payout.
7. Master Sick Leave Bank
- a. If a faculty member has reached the maximum individual accumulation of one hundred twenty (120) days or if a portion of the faculty member's annual sick leave brings the faculty member to one hundred twenty (120) days maximum, then the balance of the annual sick leave will be credited directly to the master sick leave bank until a maximum of 1,000 days have accumulated in the master sick bank.
 - b. Should additional days be needed, the faculty member may submit a request to the federation President for the use of sick days from the master sick leave bank. This request shall be submitted prior to the exhaustion of an individual's accrued sick days. A faculty member requesting days from the master sick leave bank must submit evidence of need to the federation President with a copy to the Director of Human Resources except when physically impossible to do so. The federation President shall establish a committee of three faculty to review the request.

Following the review, a recommendation shall be made to the Director of Human Resources. The following factors shall be considered when making a decision to release days from the master sick leave bank to an individual:

- Length of service of individual faculty member
 - Number of sick days available in faculty member's individual bank at onset of illness
 - Number of days available in master sick leave bank
 - Evidence of need
- c. Faculty members are not eligible for days from the master sick leave bank until they have completed their probationary period, been absent a minimum of thirty (30) consecutive days, and have exhausted all individually accrued sick days.

The exception to this is in the faculty's last year of employment. If a faculty member begins their last year of employment with 120 days in their sick leave bank, after the front loading of this year's 10 days. The faculty member may submit a request to the federation President for the use of sick days from the master sick leave bank.

- d. Days from the master sick leave bank can be used only up to the point where the faculty member is eligible for long term disability (LTD).
 - e. The availability of days from the master sick leave bank shall be on a first come, first served basis.
8. Sick leave shall not accrue during any period of unpaid leave.
9. In cases where the faculty has an illness exceeding five consecutive days or has demonstrated a pattern of absences resulting in their inability to meet their contractual obligation, the following procedure will be followed:
- a. The faculty will present to the Director of Human Resources a letter from a health care provider indicating that they are physically and mentally capable of returning to work at their previous work load.
 - b. The college reserves the right to question the individual's capability. In such cases, the college may request the faculty to submit to an examination by a health care provider of the college's choosing. The expense of the exam will be incurred by the college.
 - c. If a question still exists as to the capability of the individual to return to work, a third health care provider, mutually agreed to by the college and the individual, shall be asked to give a recommendation. Their recommendation will be final and binding to both parties.
 - d. The faculty member cannot return to work without authorization from the director of human resources.

F. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- 1. Up to three days off with pay per occurrence will be granted to a full-time faculty member in the event of death in the immediate family.
- 2. Immediate family is defined as spouse, child (including biological, adopted, foster, step, or legal ward) parent (including in-laws), brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent (including in-laws), grandchild, aunt or uncle, or relative living at the faculty member's residence where the faculty member has day-to-day responsibility for the individual.
- 3. The Director of Human Resources may grant additional time off with pay if extenuating circumstances warrant an extension of funeral leave.

G. JURY DUTY

- 1. A faculty member called for jury duty is compensated for any difference between the pay amount issued by the court and the faculty member's regular pay.

2. Faculty members are required to return to work if they are actively engaged in jury duty for only a portion of the day.
3. The faculty member submits the jury duty notice to his or her appropriate administrator.
4. The faculty member completes an absence report form indicating the reason for the absence and attaches the notice.
5. At the end of jury duty, the faculty member submits to the business office a statement from the court indicating pay received so that compensation can be calculated.
6. There will be no loss of paid time off.

H. BUSINESS OR PERSONAL LEAVE

Full-time faculty members receive up to two business or personal days per year. These days are provided for activities that require a faculty member's presence during the school period and is of such a nature that it cannot be attended at a time when the college is not in session. Counselors receive three business or personal days per year. Unused days will be converted to sick leave days on July 1, of each year. If a faculty member has a need for an additional personal day (with the exception of counselors), one sick day may be converted to a personal day.

BUSINESS OR PERSONAL LEAVE PROCEDURE

1. Business or personal days are granted at the onset of the faculty member's contract each year.
2. Business or personal day requests must be made in advance and submitted for approval by the appropriate administrator.
3. Approval may be based upon the needs of and not interfere with instructional responsibilities. Instructional business conditions may require that the faculty member's request be denied.

I. MILITARY LEAVE POLICY

Any faculty member who is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces will be placed on unpaid leave for his or her annual two week training duty. Benefit programs will be unaffected. Training leaves will not normally exceed two weeks per year, plus reasonable travel time.

A leave of absence without pay may be granted to any faculty member who enters any branch of the United States armed services for only one term or until the state of emergency is ended. Benefit accruals for any faculty member serving on active duty longer than 30 consecutive days will be calculated in accordance with the applicable federal laws.

MILITARY LEAVE PROCEDURE

1. Re-employment will occur based upon the following:
 - a. The individual has been honorably discharged from the armed forces
 - b. The individual has applied for re-employment within ninety (90) days after discharge
 - c. The individual is qualified to perform the duties of the position or can become qualified after reasonable efforts
 - d. The availability of an opening for which the individual is qualified

2. Upon re-employment, the following provisions will apply:
 - a. Accrual of seniority will be granted
 - b. Unused sick leave held at the start of the leave will be restored
3. All provisions of this policy shall be in accordance with United States and/or Michigan laws regarding military service.

J. KFT BUSINESS DAYS

Up to two KFT executive board members shall be granted release time to attend KFT business days each year.

ARTICLE IX
FEDERATION RIGHTS

A. RIGHTS OF THE FEDERATION

1. The federation shall have the right to use college facilities at all reasonable hours for meetings subject to existing rules and regulations governing the use of such facilities. Communication media shall be made available to the federation for official business.
2. The administration agrees to furnish to the federation in response to written requests from time to time, all available information concerning the financial resources of the district, adopted budgets, board minutes, and such other information as it may reasonably require together with such information as may be necessary for the federation to conduct its legitimate business. Nothing contained in the above shall be construed to require that the administration provide any information not already available to it or to provide such information in any form other than that in which it would normally be provided to the board.
3. The federation recognizes that the board has the exclusive right to terminate existing programs and the exclusive right to approve new programs. However, when the new programs are created that generate a need for personnel, upon the board's approval of the program and prior to implementing the program, the board agrees that the administration will consult with the federation on the basis of this contract to evaluate the inclusion or exclusion of such positions from the bargaining unit.

B. RIGHTS OF THE INSTRUCTOR

Every instructor shall have the protection of all rights pursuant to Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965.

1. Public rights
When the instructor speaks or writes as a citizen, he/she shall be free from administrative and institutional censorship and discipline. However, the responsibility for clarifying the instructor's position rests on the instructor and statement to the effect that he/she speaks as a citizen and not on behalf of the institution shall be included in this communication.
2. Instructional rights
 - a. Instructors shall be free to present instructional materials which are considered pertinent to the subject and level taught and consistent with course objectives, and shall present controversial issues in an objective manner. Instructors shall be entitled to freedom of

discussion within the classroom on all matters which are considered relevant to the subject matter under study.

- b. The use of any electronic or mechanical monitor or communications device during the meeting of class shall be when designated as an ADA compliance issue or with the prior approval of the instructor concerned.
- c. The instructor shall be free to request any books, magazines, newspapers, or any other materials to be purchased by the library in accordance with board policy and budget limitations.

3. Private rights

- a. Each instructor shall have the right, upon request, to see the contents of his/her own personnel file, the only exclusion being confidential employment credentials.
- b. The instructor shall be free to add to his/her own file any materials from a professional source he/she feels should be included in his/her personnel file.
- c. No materials shall be added to the file unless the instructor has been notified of such insertion. There is no requirement to notify the instructor of materials that he/she has submitted or already signed (i.e. health insurance paperwork, copies of appointment letters, and similar items). He/she will be given an opportunity to examine these materials and will have an opportunity to reply in writing for insertion in his/her personnel file if he/she so chooses.
- d. No additional materials shall be included in the instructor's personnel file without due process. The instructor shall have a right to remove materials violative of this section and scandalous or libelous materials by application to the chief academic administrator when so determined by: 1) mutual agreement between the President of the college and the instructor, or 2) the courts.
- e. Disciplinary interviews, reprimands, or evaluation review of any kind shall be held in private. Faculty may request federation representation to be present at any pre-disciplinary or disciplinary meetings.
- f. Any time a complaint is received by the administration or board directed toward an instructor, he/she may be notified and given the opportunity to discuss the complaint with the appropriate administrator or his/her designee. If at any time a complaint is received in writing by the administration or board directed toward an instructor, the instructor shall be notified.
- g. Instructors shall have the right to join professional organizations at their own expense subject to the laws of the United States and the State of Michigan.

4. Intellectual Property:

Intellectual property means original works of authorship or creation fixed in any tangible medium of expression, now known or later developed.

Intellectual property created, made, or originated by a faculty member or counselor shall be the sole and exclusive property of the faculty member or counselor, except as he or she may voluntarily choose to transfer such property, in full, or in part. The college seeks no right of ownership to faculty or counselor intellectual property, unless a faculty member or counselor voluntarily chooses to transfers such property, in full, or in part, to the college in the form of a signed agreement.

The college requests that intellectual property created by a faculty member or counselor in the performance of their regular duties at the college be made available to the college in meeting its educational mission. However, when the college enters into an agreement with a faculty member or counselor to develop intellectual property – often referred to as “work for hire” -, it is understood that the college has the right to use such property in perpetuity for its educational missions. In such a case, a faculty member or counselor shall retain ownership of the intellectual property unless voluntarily transferring ownership, in full, or in part, to the college. Current examples of “work for hire” include: special projects, a stipulation of sabbatical leave, granted release time, or a work commissioned by the college.

5. Shared ownership of materials:

If the college and the faculty member mutually agree to produce a product, publication, educational materials, or media in which the ownership would be shared, an agreement regarding royalties and use shall be reached by mutual consent between the board and the faculty member.

ARTICLE X

FACULTY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Kirtland Community College board of trustees and administration value and recognize the contributions made by faculty members as the college strives to work within the framework of its guiding principles. We recognize that teaching is the basic foundation and primary focus of faculty members at the community college level and expect that each faculty member will carry out the following activities as they relate to teaching.
1. Maintain state of the art knowledge and appropriate credentials in their discipline or subfield.
 2. Investigate and initiate new teaching/learning strategies that reflect current technology and methods.
 3. Develop course content and appropriate instructional materials for courses taught. Syllabi will be uploaded into Simple Syllabus (or other software should it change) prior to the first day of class.
 4. Identify the need for and develop new courses, revise existing curriculum, and/or implement improved pedagogy.

5. Assist in the planning of disciplinary and, where appropriate, in interdisciplinary programs and courses.
6. Assist students with advising, although formal academic advising is the responsibility of the academic advisors.
7. Faculty will self-manage a work week to insure they are carrying out designated responsibilities including teaching assignments, reasonable accessibility to students via multiple modalities (e.g., in-person, phone, zoom/facetime, or email), service assignments, office hours (on campus or online) and sustaining a campus presence separate from teaching hours.

If the college has reasonable grounds to believe a faculty member is not working sufficient hours to perform the duties described in this section, the college shall have the right to detailed, written outlines of the member's schedule.

8. Submit all final grade records at the completion of each semester by the deadline established by the calendar committee.
 9. Fulfill routine duties and responsibilities, such as filing progress reports, grade reports, book orders, equipment orders, and keeping daily attendance, etc., necessary for smooth operation of his/her discipline and the college.
 10. Participate in the spring commencement ceremony. Cost of academic regalia for participation shall be borne by the college.
 11. Participate in faculty development activities during the Fall and Winter semesters particularly during the first week of each semester.
 12. Foster and maintain a collegial teaching and learning environment among full and part-time faculty.
 13. Faculty will use the current learning management system to post a syllabus, gradebook, weekly assignments and electronic submissions. All courses will be published in the LMS prior to the first day of class. Gradebooks will be kept up-to-date throughout the semester.
 14. Full-time faculty recognize that their primary responsibility is teaching at Kirtland Community College. Should another opportunity present in Michigan, the faculty member will consult with their supervisor to determine whether their participation would hinder enrollment at KCC.
- B. The Kirtland Community College board of trustees and administration also value and recognize the significant contributions made by faculty members that support the mission and goals of the college. We recognize that these contributions are vital to the success of the institution, may or may not be needed to support instruction, are often discipline specific, and can be shared among faculty members.

Specific duties (including but not limited to the following) will be assigned on a fair and equitable

basis by the administration following consideration of the college's needs along with the strengths and interests of each faculty member. It is expected that all faculty members will assist the college to meet the following needs where appropriate:

1. Participate on college committees
 2. Schedule classes
 - a. A proposed schedule of classes will be shared with faculty no later than 15 business days before enrollment begins.
 - b. At least 10 days before enrollment begins, full-time faculty members will indicate first choice of course assignments with their dean or director, prior to part-time faculty assignments being made.
 - c. Any reassignments will be discussed with the appropriate parties.
 3. Be a liaison to outside agencies (hospitals, businesses, K-12 students and instructors)
 4. Participate in program review (PROE, student evaluations)
 5. Prepare budget proposals
 6. Work with advisory committees for career and technical programs
 7. Coordinate state regulations and requirements with program and course curriculum
 8. Actively pursue membership and involvement in professional organizations
 9. Assist with the recruitment and placement of students and graduates
 10. Supervise student workers and paraprofessionals
 11. Be an active member of the college community and community at large through participation in college events and activities and community volunteerism
 12. Assist in the hiring, evaluation, and mentoring of part-time faculty
 13. Participate in the student academic appeals process
- C. Special projects arise that may require release time and/or additional compensation. The chief academic officer will approve special projects and determine if reassigned time or additional compensation is warranted. If not required as part of a load, special projects will be posted, as required, and available by application to all qualified faculty. The posting shall include the goals of the project, type and/or amount of compensation, job qualifications and timelines for completion and payment where applicable. Once awarded, all faculty will be notified of special project assignments by the chief academic officer.

Disputes concerning release time or extra pay assignments will be addressed by any concerned party, the chief academic officer, and two members of the Kirtland Federation of Teachers. If no resolution is reached regarding the dispute, the concerned party may at that time file a formal grievance in accordance with Article XIV of the master agreement.

- D. Unless they must do so to reach their contractual teaching load, faculty are not required to teach during the summer, which begins after winter semester grades have been submitted and ends the day before Return Week begins, a week before the start of fall semester classes. Nevertheless, issues and activities may arise during the summer that would benefit from faculty input. As much as possible, the College will endeavor to rely on faculty who are teaching during the summer or those who volunteer for these activities. Faculty members may not generally be required to physically attend any event or meeting on campus during the summer unless their attendance has been mutually agreed upon by both the faculty member and the appropriate

administrator. Exceptions may include, but are not limited to, time-sensitive issues such as disciplinary action, grievances, legal action, and Title IX complaints.

All faculty should still monitor their email periodically throughout the summer in order to respond to inquiries that address issues of interest to faculty and/or students. If a faculty member knows that they will be unable/unavailable to respond to communication for an extended period during the summer, they should notify the appropriate administrator in advance.

ARTICLE XI
INSTRUCTIONAL LOAD

A. Class size is negotiated between the administration and the federation.

1. For the duration of the 2025-2029 master agreement, maximum class sizes shall be:

Online courses	24
English courses	22
Math courses	27
Lecture (excludes English and math as previously designated)	30
Hybrid	Limit consistent with limit in face to face courses in subject area
All "0" prefix (developmental) courses (both classroom and online)	22
Lab, computer, and clinical courses	Based on physical space constraints and regulatory guidelines

2. **Grading Stipend**

A grading stipend of \$220 per student over the maximum shall be paid. The number of students over the maximum shall be determined on the census date. The number of additional students over the maximum shall not exceed 10% of the stated maximum class sizes. The grading stipend shall apply only to courses that are three credit hours or higher.

B. A base teaching load will consist of courses taught in the fall and winter semesters. A base teaching load will consist of either 480 or 512 contact hours. For new instructors starting their employment contract in the winter semester, a base teaching load will consist of either 240 or 256 contact hours for the first academic year.

Cluster Classes:

Two or more courses or parts of courses may be combined to be taught by one faculty member. The procedure for this determination shall be mutually agreed upon in a meeting between the affected instructor and their immediate supervisor/dean following these guidelines:

1. When an instructor teaches two or more courses within the same block of time, it will be treated as if the instructor were teaching one course in that block of time.
2. The courses shall be similar in nature;
3. Instructor credit toward annual load shall equal the highest equated hour granted for one of the two courses;
4. The maximum class size for cluster classes shall be set at the maximum for that discipline

If an agreement is not reached, faculty may consult with a federation representative and an administrator in an effort to resolve any issues. Cluster classes will not be offered if an agreement is not reached.

480 contact hour loads Business, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, English, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Speech/Communication,

512 contact hour loads: Accounting, Automotive, Construction, Electrical, Health Sciences, HVAC, Manufacturing, Math, Mechatronics, Science, Welding, and Wood Technology.

1. 1 hour of lecture equals 1 contact hour
2. 1 hour of lab equals 1 contact hour
3. A team-taught class will be defined as any course where two or more instructors teach a class and where each of the instructors involved in that class will participate in all of the scheduled class sessions during the semester.

All team-taught classes will be compensated as follows: all team taught classes will count as a full class and as part of the load of any full-time instructor who teaches such a class. Each full-time instructor who teaches a team-taught class will count the weekly contact hours as part of his/her total contact hours for the academic year.

If an instructor teaches a part or segment of a class and the rest of that class is taught by another instructor(s) which does not fit the definition of a team-taught class, he/she will receive credit for the number of contact hours actually taught.

- C. If an instructor teaches more than the required number of contact hours for the base teaching load, he/she will receive an overload payment for every contact hour above the overload threshold stipulated in item B above. Overload payment shall be at \$43.75 per contact hour [$\43.75×16 contact hours = \$700].
- D. No credit for preps will be given for open entry/open exit/open studio format courses.
- E. If an instructor teaches less than the base teaching load during the academic year, two options exist.
 1. The instructor will have the option of making up the deficiency by teaching the appropriate number of classes during the summer semester. If there are not sufficient students to offer the compensatory summer classes or an instructor chooses not to make up a deficient load by teaching during the summer semester, the appropriate dean will specify an additional teaching assignment during either the fall or winter semester of the following regular academic year.

2. The instructor may be placed on release time and perform an assignment mutually agreed upon with the appropriate dean. Release time will be published in a memo/ newsletter from the chief academic administrator's office.

- F. Instructors will be assigned a home campus at the beginning of each semester. Faculty will not be required to teach on more than two physical campuses on any one day unless necessary for load.

When a faculty member teaches at either the non-home or an off-campus site as well as on the home campus during the same semester, the mileage traveled between the instructors' home and the home campus shall be deducted from the mileage traveled to and from the non-home campus or off-campus site.

However, in that the nursing program is unique, the following shall apply:

1. Each nursing faculty member shall have two home teaching bases. The second home base, the clinical base, shall be designated by the administration. A clinical base may be re-designated when it is determined by the administration to be in the best interest of the college.
2. A teaching assignment at any location other than the two home teaching bases shall be designated as an off-campus assignment.
3. The clinical base can be a traditional site where the faculty directly supervises students or a group of students assigned to preceptors at various sites and indirectly supervised by the instructor (i.e. Peds, OB, Mental Health, Leadership).

- G. Internship/Externship faculty assignments will include:

A current syllabus shall be on file with the instruction office prior to the beginning of any internship or externship class. The syllabus shall indicate all requirements of the course, the number of credit hours to be awarded, the number of hours per week students will meet with the instructor, due dates for any assignments, and days of the week and times the instructor will be available for assistance, and instructions for contacting the instructor. Health Science clinical assignments are handled within their programs.

Faculty will document activities in writing that occurred at weekly meetings, information gained from the work site supervisor, observations regarding the work site and student progress at the work site. Internship/externship classes will be limited to 20 students. These records will be maintained by the faculty.

Internships/externships shall be paid as a regular class, an overload class, or according to the externship formula, whichever is less.

Internship/externship formula is defined as the independent study rate plus \$20.00 x credit hours x students.

- H. Adjustments in assignments may be made by mutual consent of the instructor and appropriate dean.

- I. Summer courses, excluding those taught to make up deficient loads and those that are required by the administration beyond a 32 week contract, will be compensated separately (see Article XI, N.).
- J. Instructors teaching independent study assignments shall be paid at 75% of in-district tuition per contact hour per student enrolled as of census date. Independent study assignments shall not be part of a regular teaching assignment and will not be included in overload computations. Independent studies will only occur with the mutual consent of the appropriate dean and instructor. Independent studies will not be considered as part of the base load nor will they be calculated in the overload formula. The maximum pay for independent study will not exceed the amount of pay an instructor would receive if the class was delivered as a regular class at overload rate.
- K. Other assignments not covered above and compensation for such assignments may be arranged through mutual consent of the instructor and the appropriate dean.
- L. The administration shall have the exclusive right to determine whether there are sufficient numbers of students in class for the college to offer the class.
- M. New distance-learning course development shall be paid at the rate of \$100 per credit hour with a maximum of \$500, paid upon completion of the first semester the course is taught (i.e. fully implemented) by either the developer or someone else. Conversion of traditional courses into distance education courses would not qualify for curriculum development payment.
- N. If a full-time faculty member teaches during the summer, that class will be considered an extra assignment and will be paid at \$800 per average weekly contact hour.

For the purpose of this contract, an average weekly contact hour is equal to 16 contact hours. It will not be computed in the overload formula or in the base load.

- O. All other weekend and summer special assignments will be posted and assigned in accordance with Article X paragraph C.
- P. The college day is from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Instructors may be scheduled at any time during this period as requirements are determined. However, except for very unusual situations, no instructor will be scheduled for classes over a period greater than nine hours in any one day except by mutual agreement. An instructor who teaches an evening class which begins after 6 p.m. as part of his/her regular load shall not be assigned, without the instructor's consent, a class prior to 9 a.m. on a morning of or after he/she has taught an evening class.
- Q. Before any full-time instructor's load is reduced, adjunct positions in the affected discipline(s) shall be cancelled and those duties assigned to full-time faculty members to maintain full-time loads, if determined to be qualified by the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE XII
SPECIAL LOADS

A. Cosmetology

A cosmetology instructor shall work a total of 160 days per academic year, 35 hours per week (32 teaching and 3 administrative).

Overload and substitute pay for hours above 35 per week and summer hours will be paid at the current cosmetology part-time instructor pay rate.

B. Counselors

Load will be an average of 40 hours per week. Counselors will work 213 days providing services during the college's fiscal year.

C. Art

A base load for Art faculty teaching a combination of traditional and open studio classes shall be 6144 student contact hours (32 class contact hours X 16 weeks X 12 students).

Overload pay for any student contact hours above 11,616 (33 class contact hours x 16 weeks x 22 students) shall be paid on a prorated basis in accordance with the schedule in Article XI, B. per 288 (16 weeks x 18 students) contact hours.

For the purpose of summer pay, 288 student contact hours shall equal one average weekly contact hour.

Upon request, faculty in this load section will receive a report on how much of their load is completed in the fall by November.

ARTICLE XIII
TEACHING CONDITIONS

The board of trustees and the federation recognize that the availability of optimum school facilities for student and instructor are desirable to insure high quality instruction. It is acknowledged that the primary duty and responsibility of the instructor is to teach and that organization of the college facility should be centered around this objective. However, the mission of the college requires additional commitment on the part of the teaching staff.

- A. Where feasible, the board agrees to provide typing, duplicating, and printing services to aid instructors in the preparation of instructional material.
- B. Where feasible, the board agrees to provide printing services and work-study personnel for purposes of clerical and other instructor designated duties.
- C. Where feasible, telephones shall be made available to instructors for college business purposes as determined by the administration.

- D. Adequate parking facilities shall be provided within a reasonable distance from instructional facilities and offices.
- E. The college shall provide a faculty work space. Faculty will have access to tables, chairs, a microwave, and refrigerator in each building of instruction.
- F. POL 5.435 – Policy for the Performance of Work at a Personal Residence does not apply to faculty.
- G. Security procedures for each college site shall include but not be limited to:
 1. Security procedure for lockdown and hostage situations.
 2. Contact information for reporting emergencies and non-emergencies during the regular college day and during hours outside of the college day.
 3. Location of security offices.
 4. Annual update to faculty from security personnel to include, but not limited to, security procedures for each site.

ARTICLE XIV
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. Any claim by the federation or instructor that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the terms of this agreement shall be resolved through the procedures set forth herein.
- B. All time limits herein shall consist of business days. It is understood that the time limits set forth herein or agreed upon shall be considered as substantive, and failure to conform to them shall mean default by the party failing to conform.
- C. In the handling and processing of a grievance, the following procedure shall apply:

Step 1 (Verbal) - Any instructor who believes he/she has a dispute shall first address the matter verbally with the appropriate administrator within seven business days of its occurrence or knowledge of its occurrence, on an informal basis. The federation representative may be present at this informal conference if requested.

Step 2 (Written) - If the dispute is not resolved at the informal step (1), then the complaint should be reduced to a written grievance and submitted to the appropriate administrator or his/her designee. The written grievance must be submitted to the appropriate academic administrator within fourteen business days, with the exclusion of issues dealing with rate of pay, from the time of the discussion between the grievant(s) and the administration, as identified in the first paragraph of Step 1. Within seven business days after the presentation of the written grievance, the appropriate administrator or his/her designee shall hold a meeting with the grievant and a federation representative in an attempt to resolve the matter. The administrator or his/her designee will give his/her answer in writing to the grievant(s) along with a copy to the federation within 5 business days of the Step 2 meeting. (Note: If the grievant and the federation are not satisfied with the disposition and are not within the academic division of the college, he/she should move directly to Step 4.)

Step 3. (Written) - In the event the grievant(s) and federation are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 2, within seven (7) business days after the date of the receipt of the answer from the academic administrator or his/her designee's, the federation shall submit an appeal to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO). The CAO shall hold a meeting with the grievant and the federation in an attempt to resolve the grievance within seven (7) business days of the receipt of the federation

appeal. The CAO shall send a written response to the grievant(s) and the federation within seven (7) business days.

Step 4. (President) - In the event the grievant(s) and the federation are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 2 (non-instructional grievant) or Step 3, the federation will advance the grievance to the President within seven (7) business days from receipt of the response from the appropriate administrator. The President or his/her designee shall hold a meeting in an attempt to resolve the grievance within seven (7) business days. The grievant(s) and a federation representative shall be present at the meeting. The college president or designee has ten (10) business days, following the date of the meeting to send a written response to the grievant, federation, and administrator.

Step 5. (Arbitration) The president of the federation may refer the matter to arbitration provided that notice to refer the matter is given to the President of the college within seven business days from the date of the college president's written decision in Step 4. Within seven business days after the date of the written request for arbitration, the President of the college or his/her designee and the federation or its designee shall make every reasonable effort to agree upon a mutually acceptable arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within the time period set forth herein, the party seeking arbitration shall file a request with the American Arbitration Association to submit a list of qualified arbitrators. The arbitrator shall then be selected according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

The arbitrator shall hear the grievance in dispute and shall render his/her decision in writing within twenty (20) business days from the close of the hearing. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding upon the employer, the federation, and the employee or employees involved.

The arbitrator shall have no authority except to pass upon violations of the expressed provisions of this agreement and to determine disputes involving the application or interpretation of such expressed provisions. The arbitrator shall construe this agreement in a manner which does not interfere with the exercise of the board's rights and responsibilities except where they have been expressly and clearly limited by the terms of this agreement.

The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this agreement and shall not substitute his/her judgment for that of the employer where the employer is given discretion by the terms of this agreement or by the nature of the area in which the employer was acting. The arbitrator shall not render any recommendation which would require or permit an action in violation of Michigan school laws.

The arbitrator's fees and expenses shall be shared by the employer and the federation equally. The expenses and compensation for attendance of any employee, witness, or participant in the arbitration shall be paid by the party calling such employee, witness, or requesting such participant.

- D. The filing of the grievance shall in no way interfere with the right of the board to proceed in carrying out its management responsibilities, subject to the final decision of the grievance.
- E. In the event the alleged grievance involves an order, requirement, etc., the grievant(s) shall fulfill or carry out such an order or requirement, etc., pending the final decision of the grievance.
- F. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any instructor having a grievance to discussing and having it resolved informally with the employer provided that the federation be

given the opportunity to be present at hearings or meetings of such grievance and that the final decision by the employer is not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.

- G. No claim for reimbursement shall exceed the amount of what the grievant(s) would otherwise have earned during the period of time the grievance was in existence.
- H. It is understood by the parties that no grievance shall be filed or based upon any prior or previous agreement or upon any alleged grievance occurring prior to the effective date of this agreement.
- I. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver or precedent by any action or lack of action taken by the employer.
- J. Only an employee of Kirtland Community College who is a member of the bargaining unit as described in Article I has the right to file a grievance.

ARTICLE XV
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The procedure for professional employment shall be consistent with board policy as stated in appendix E of the Kirtland Community College affirmative action plan.

A. **HIRING PROCEDURE**

It shall be the policy of the college to encourage faculty member participation in the selection of professional staff represented by the bargaining unit.

- 1. When a faculty position is open, members of the respective discipline who are on campus and are available shall have the opportunity to review applications, interview candidates, and recommend appointees for the vacancy, with no reference to rank order. However, the board reserves the right to consider recommendations and applications from other sources.
- 2. Temporary positions may be filled by one year appointments (i.e. sabbatical, sick leave, special programs).
- 3. Academic faculty teaching general education coursework to meet the College's core degree requirements must have earned and be able to document the receipt of at least a master's degree in the teaching discipline or a master's degree with at least 18 graduate hours in the teaching specialty;

Qualifications for teaching occupational/technical courses require at least three years of related work experience and an associate's degree in the assigned program of study. Other relevant industry credentials may be considered. In cases where occupational program accreditation requires a master's degree in the field and/or special industry and governmental credentials, those higher credentials are required by the College as well.

In certain circumstances, faculty may be permitted to teach courses if they are making demonstrated progress toward the relevant academic credentials or can demonstrate equivalent

experience in the discipline. These allowances must be determined and documented by the relevant academic administrator.

Faculty are required to document work experience with an updated resume/CV.

3. Each instructor who shall be offered a letter of appointment for a position at Kirtland Community College shall be provided with a copy of this agreement. The letter of appointment shall state the title of the position, educational level, and salary range placement.

It is the exclusive right of the administration to determine step placement based upon experience, qualifications, needs of the college, and the market for instructors (supply and demand).

B. PROBATION – FACULTY NEWLY EMPLOYED

1. Faculty members newly employed under the provisions of this agreement shall have the status of probationary employees for a two academic year period.

Evaluation of probationary full-time faculty will be completed by the appropriate academic administrator. A minimum of two evaluations shall be completed during each year (one each semester) of the probationary period. Written feedback shall be shared with the instructor within a month of when an evaluation was done. Following its review, a faculty member shall sign the evaluation and can add any written comments that he/she deems appropriate. One copy of the evaluation shall be retained by the faculty, the other copy shall be filed with the human resources office.

Meetings will be scheduled between the probationary faculty member and the academic administrator to discuss any issues that arise. Each probationary faculty member will be assigned a mutually agreed upon mentor that will assist the probationary faculty member with daily needs.

At the end of each academic year, a probationary faculty member will submit a self-evaluation to the appropriate academic administrator. The self-evaluation will include the instructor's assessment of his/her strengths and weaknesses and a plan for improvement. The instructor will also state his/her goals for the next academic year.

At the completion of the first academic year, the appropriate dean shall submit one of the following recommendations to the chief academic administrator:

- 1) Continued employment with probation
- 2) Non-renewal of contract

If an action plan is necessary, the instructor and the appropriate dean will jointly develop and agree to one.

Upon acceptance by the chief academic officer, any faculty member recommended for continued employment with probation shall undergo a repeat of the procedure for evaluating probationary faculty during the next academic year.

At the end of the second year of probation, the appropriate dean or director will submit one of the following recommendations to the chief academic administrator:

- 1) Continued employment without probation
- 2) Non-renewal of contract

The chief academic administrator will review the recommendation and then provide his/her recommendation to the president.

Subject to the recommendation, the president may extend the probation for one year or remove the probationary status. If a third year of probation is granted by the president, at the end of that year, a final decision of either a renewal or non-renewal will be made.

The grievance procedure shall not be used as a recourse in termination of employment for a probationary employee.

C. EVALUATION OF NON-PROBATIONARY FACULTY MEMBERS:

The College and the faculty federation agree that excellence in teaching and learning is the goal of every faculty member. In an effort to support continuous improvement of teaching and learning, a formative evaluation process will exist for all non-probationary faculty members.

The process may include, but may not be limited to, classroom and laboratory observations, clinical site observations, review of LMS shells, consistent patterns in student evaluation surveys, assessment of involvement in college activities, professional development activities, community involvement, and improvement since past evaluations. The administrator performing the evaluation and the instructor will hold a conference to discuss the instructor's strengths and areas for improvement. If an action plan is necessary, the instructor and the appropriate dean will jointly develop and agree to one.

The formative evaluation process will be developed in collaboration with the administration and the faculty. An equal number of administrators and faculty members will be represented on the evaluation committee. The process may be adjusted annually and will be agreed upon for the upcoming academic year no later than the second week of each fall semester. Either the administration or the faculty may request a review of the process.

All non-probationary faculty members will be evaluated at least once every three years. A rotation schedule will be created and made available to the faculty federation.

D. TERMINATION PROCEDURE – (APPLIES ONLY TO NON-PROBATIONARY INSTRUCTORS).

1. An instructor may be disciplined for just-cause which shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Instructional incompetency
 - b. Failure to perform contractual obligations or the willful disregard of board policy
 - c. Conviction of a felony, or contributing to the delinquency of a minor
 - d. Falsification of information

- e. Participation in a strike
2. A notice of the intention to terminate a contract must be furnished to an instructor at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to time of termination. A written statement of the reasons for termination must accompany the notice.
 - a. The grievance procedure may be used to contest any form of discipline
- E. Temporary full-time faculty
 It is understood that extenuating circumstances will occur that may result in the need to hire a temporary full-time instructor in order to meet the instructional needs of the college. Should this occur, a temporary full time contract shall be awarded for a period not to exceed three consecutive semesters. The appropriate dean shall inform the federation president prior to invoking this article. Temporary full-time faculty are not eligible for membership in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE XVI
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Any individual letter of appointment between the board and an individual instructor heretofore executed shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this agreement and any individual contract thereafter executed shall be expressly made and subject to and consistent with the terms of this or subsequent agreements to be executed by the parties. If an individual letter of appointment contains any language inconsistent with this agreement during its duration, this agreement shall be controlling.
- B. This agreement supersedes any rules, regulations or practices of board which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms.
- C. If any provision of this agreement or any application of the agreement to any employee or group of employees shall be found contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.
- D. Copies of the agreement for the use of the faculty federation membership shall be furnished at the expense of the board. The cost of producing this agreement for employees, board members, and administrators shall be the responsibility of the board.
- E. Instructors authorized and required to drive their personal automobiles in the course of their work for such things as field trips, surveys, conferences and off campus classes, etc. shall be compensated at the current rate per mile as determined by the board resolution.
- F. Salaries shall be disbursed in bi-weekly payment on a twelve (12) month basis.
- G. Faculty members and their spouses and dependent children may enroll, tuition free, in courses offered by the college with the following limitations:
 1. The combined pool for all participating faculty members, their spouses, and dependent children shall not exceed \$15,000 for tuition at Kirtland in one fiscal year.

2. Application fees, student activity fees, and book and class fees must be paid by the recipient of the tuition grant.
 3. Participation in tuition free class must be with no interference with regular employee responsibilities.
- H. The faculty federation will not engage in or encourage strikes, any work stoppage, or slow-down during the duration of this agreement.
- I. The faculty members agree to comply with all state laws and regulations regarding the operation of community colleges within the state of Michigan.
- J. Selection of proposed textbooks shall be by the instructor within the appropriate discipline and so recommended to the appropriate Dean or Director. The final decision on the selection of textbooks shall be by the appropriate Dean or Director.
- K. At least two Faculty representatives will be involved as appropriate in the selection process for the hiring of the College President, Chief Officers, and academic administrators whenever such a position is vacant or a successor is selected for an incumbent. If at least two faculty members are not available, it is understood that the search will continue.
- L. Any item of this contract may be opened to re-negotiation with the mutual consent of both parties.
- M. It is understood that the following guidelines shall apply to the instructional calendar for the fall and winter semesters unless changes are made mandatory by the state of Michigan:
1. Regular two semester:
160 contract days (5 days x 32 weeks) for faculty. While it is not the administration's intent to begin scheduling a large number of weekend classes, there may be some areas where these classes would (a) benefit students, (b) be seen as a means of increasing learning by the faculty, (c) serve as a means of recruiting new students, (d) be beneficial to a specific program of study. The Dean or Director and faculty can discuss these and determine if this is something to try. Should they decide to offer a weekend class, the 5-day work week would still apply.
 2. The start of the fall semester shall occur in accordance with the approved calendar from the calendar committee.
 3. The college calendar for an academic year, including the summer school session following the academic year, shall originate with the calendar committee appointed by the Chief Academic Officer. The committee will be composed of an equal number of federation members, and administrators, as well as at least one student representative. The calendar committee's calendar proposal shall be forwarded to the College President, or their designee, who will take it to the Board for final approval.
 4. Provisions shall be made for the following holidays:

Labor Day	1 day
Thanksgiving	2 days – Thursday and Friday

Christmas Day	1 day
New Year's Day	1 day
Good Friday	1 day
Memorial Day	1 day
Independence Day	1 day

- N. The board has the exclusive right to initiate, eliminate, or modify college programs to meet the changing needs of the college and its constituents. It is recognized by both parties that all college programs are under continuing critical review and there is a possibility that current staffing needs and staffing configuration could change. Enrollment factors may also cause adjustment to part-time status.

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

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APPENDIX A – CLARIFICATION

Part-time Nursing Faculty – The part-time nursing faculty shall be excluded from the faculty bargaining unit. The definition of a part-time nursing faculty is as follows:

1. The instructor teaches only clinical hours and has no lecture responsibilities.
2. The instructor teaches only lecture hours (no clinical responsibilities), and these lecture hours are less than a full-time load.
3. The instructor teaches both lecture and clinical hours which are less than a full-time load.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2025, and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2029. This agreement shall not be extended orally, and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this document by their duly authorized representatives.

Signed this 19th day of June 2025
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Signed this 29th day of July, 2013
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
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