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Chile plans first community college

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LaGuardia Community College (LCC) in New York is helping Chile start its first community college.

LCC recently signed an agreement with the Universidad Central to create the community college and will provide assistance in academic and administrative aspects, as well as an exchange of students and professors with the university.

An emphasis on a two-year transferable associate degree in Chile will be a radical change, according to LCC officials. Chile's higher education system currently consists of four- and five-year degree programs for mainly wealthy citizens and a system of technical colleges that train workers for specific industries.

A community college system will open higher education to an underserved population, college officials said.