



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
Respiratory Care

AND

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) is entered into by Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and Alpena Community College (hereinafter “ACC”) on this 1st day of August, 2011.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Care (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, ACC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Alpena, Michigan, and offers thirty-three (33) credits of transfer credit (hereinafter the “Transfer Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the ACC Transfer Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Associate Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and ACC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the ACC students of the Transfer Program through the Ferris Associate Program;

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the terms listed below.

1. The ACC students who transfer with the Transfer Program with a minimum grade point average of not less than a 2.70 on a 4.00 scale either from high school or through completion of college work (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Associate Program at Ferris. If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Associate Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Transfer Program toward the Associate Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (hereinafter a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, and for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of Pass (hereinafter a “Pass”) for a course completed on a Pass or Fail basis, provided, however, that ACC’s definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C.

2. Ferris and ACC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other’s autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from ACC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and ACC recognize that Ferris may refuse admission to any person who does not meet all admissions requirements set by Ferris.

3. Attached hereto, and made a part hereof, is a program plan for the Associate Program (hereinafter the “Transfer Guide”), setting forth the Associate Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Associate Program and the ACC Transfer Program that are the subject of transfer from ACC to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and ACC. Ferris and ACC will communicate regularly, but not less than once every year, regarding any required programmatic changes, and shall inform each other in writing of the impact of any programmatic changes on the Articulation Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. Ferris and ACC anticipate offering, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, courses at a general, central location in Northern Michigan, online, or mixed delivery; labs will be held in a face-to-face format in a central location in Northern Michigan.

5. This Agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years. Ferris or ACC may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with written notice, by first class mail, of the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

6. This Agreement is intended solely for the mutual benefit of the parties hereto, and there is no intention, express or otherwise, to create any rights or interests for any party or person other than Ferris and ACC. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no rights are intended to be created for any student, qualified student, as defined herein, parent or guardian of any student, or employer or prospective employer of any student.

7. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any amendment or modification of this paragraph, shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written in the preamble to this Agreement.

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We, the representatives of Ferris State University and Alpena Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, effective August 1, 2011.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Alpena Community College

David Eisler
President

Olin Joynton
President

Fritz Erickson
Provost

Mark A. Curtis
Vice President for Instruction

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