

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Ferris State University
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

And

Grand Rapids 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 Grand Rapids Community College (hereinafter “GRCC”) on this 1st day of October, 2011.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers Bachelor of Science degree programs (hereinafter the “Bachelors Program”); and,

WHEREAS, GRCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and offers transfer and occupational courses and associate degrees (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the GRCC Associate Program include courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and GRCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to students in the GRCC Associate Program through the Ferris Bachelors Program;

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the terms listed below. Further, Ferris is a party to the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Transfer Agreement and has general education transfer guidelines as set forth in an Academic Affairs Policy Letter. Except as governed by the MACRAO Agreement or the Ferris Guidelines, the following terms shall apply:

1. GRCC students who have completed the Associate Program or have completed at least forty-eight (48) transferable credits from GRCC with a cumulative grade point average of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, and completed GRCC's (or equivalent from another accredited institution) Math 107 or English 100 or English 101 each with a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher (hereinafter the "qualified student") may apply to the Bachelors Program at Ferris.

- a. If the qualified student has completed the Associate Program from GRCC and is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelors Program in a program outlined in a Transfer Guide, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Associate Program toward the Bachelors Program. Program-specific courses will qualify for a Bachelors Program only if the qualified student has earned a grade of C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher in the course. Although all courses that meet the guidelines will transfer, qualified students will be admitted to the Ferris Bachelors Program only if all program-specific requirements are met as defined in the current Transfer Guide for specific Ferris programs. Program-specific entrance requirements may include a GPA greater than 2.35.
- b. If the qualified student has earned at least 48 credits, but not been awarded an Associates Degree from GRCC, and is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelors Program in a program outlined in a Transfer Guide, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Associate Program toward the Bachelors Program. Courses will qualify for a Bachelors Program only if the qualified student has earned a grade of C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher in the course. Although all courses that meet the guidelines will transfer, qualified students will be admitted to the Ferris Bachelors Programs only if all program-specific requirements are met as defined in the current Transfer Guide for specific Ferris programs. Program-specific entrance requirements may include a GPA greater than 2.35.
- c. As a signatory of the Reverse Transfer Associate Degree initiative agreement, Ferris will work collaboratively with GRCC to transfer up to fifteen (15) Ferris credits in order for the qualified student to earn an Associates Degree from GRCC.

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

3. Attached by reference hereto, and made a part hereof, is the program plan for the Bachelors Program (hereinafter the "Transfer Guide"), setting forth the Bachelors Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelors Program and the GRCC Associate Program that are the subject of transfer from GRCC to Ferris by qualified students. The Transfer Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and GRCC. Ferris and GRCC 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 Transfer Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. Ferris and GRCC anticipate, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, offering courses at Ferris Grand Rapids Campus, online, and/or mixed delivery.

5. This Agreement shall be for an initial term of three (3) years, and shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year terms for not more than an additional three (3) years, unless Ferris or GRCC terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or unless either party is in material breach of any term in this Agreement. Ferris or GRCC 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. All students admitted under this agreement that have completed at least 30 credits at Ferris would have a maximum of one (1) calendar year to complete the Bachelors Program in which they were admitted to Ferris.

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 GRCC. 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 Grand Rapids Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, effective October 1, 2011.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Grand Rapids Community College

David Eisler
President

Dr. Steven Ender
President

Fritz Erickson
Provost and Vice President

Dr. Gilda Gely
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