

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

FOR THE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
DELTA 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 Delta College (hereinafter “Delta”) on this 1st day of April, 2009.

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, Delta is a Michigan community college with its main campus in University Center, Michigan, and offers associate degree programs (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the Ferris Bachelor’s Program and the Delta Associate Program are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association; and,

WHEREAS, Delta has associate programs in occupational and technical areas that include courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelor’s Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and Delta desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the Delta graduates of the Associate Program through the Ferris Bachelor’s Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and Delta recognize mutual advantages and opportunities to providing instruction through Ferris at the Delta campus facilities for the Bachelor’s 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 ("Guidelines") as set forth in an Academic Affairs Policy Letter. Except as governed by the MACRAO Agreement, or the Guidelines, the following terms shall apply.

1. Delta students may be admitted to the Bachelor's Program with zero (0) credit hours with a high school or college grade point average of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), or have completed the Associate Program with a 2.5 grade point average (hereinafter the "qualified student"). If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelor's Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Associate Program toward the Bachelor's Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 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 Delta's definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).

2. Ferris and Delta establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Delta may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Delta 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 the transfer plan for the Bachelor's Program (hereinafter the "Articulation Guide"), setting forth the Bachelor's Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelor's Program and the Delta Associate Program that are the subject of transfer from Delta to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Delta. Ferris and Delta 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. Students may concurrently take courses at both Ferris and Delta and have access to advising and other services at both institutions. Ferris and Delta will maintain their financial aid consortium agreement that permits the allocation and distribution of financial aid to qualified students between Ferris and Delta. However, due to federal regulations, students who require financial aid will be required to take a minimum of six (6) total credits from both institutions combined. To be eligible for financial aid, students must be admitted to a degree granting program at their "home" institution.

5. Ferris and Delta anticipate, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, to offer the courses required for the completion of the bachelors degree, as shown on the Articulation Guide. Ferris courses will be delivered either online or at Delta.

6. Ferris and Delta will jointly share data on student achievement to assess program effectiveness, adhering to the precepts of the Family Education rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

7. Delta and Ferris shall collaborate in scheduling the use by Ferris faculty and instructors in the Bachelor's Program, of classrooms, computer laboratories, and other requisite physical space, for instruction on Delta's campus. Subject to availability, Delta shall provide adequate space and facilities for the Bachelor's Program at its campus or campuses based on enrollment in the Bachelor's Program. Delta and Ferris will actively collaborate with one another with the goal of enabling Ferris to offer the classes at its campus or campuses as planned. Specifically, Ferris and Delta shall meet and establish the following:

- a. Coursework to be offered for the Bachelor's Program at Delta;
- b. The time, day and frequency that Bachelor's Program courses will be offered at Delta; and,
- c. The building and room or laboratory location that courses will be provided at Delta for the Bachelor's Program.

In the event Delta does not have sufficient available space, Delta shall collaborate with Ferris in identifying suitable replacement space within a reasonable distance from Delta's campus. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties recognize that Delta programs have priority for scheduling classrooms, computer laboratories, and the requisite physical space at all Delta facilities, and in the event any space requested by Ferris is not available, Delta shall immediately notify Ferris of the same in writing, and it shall be Ferris' sole obligation to arrange and pay for alternative space. Classrooms, computer laboratories, and other requisite physical space related to the Bachelor's Program, shall be provided to Ferris in accordance with the fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A. The fees set forth in Schedule A shall not be increased by Delta more than Three Percent (3%) per year without the express written consent of both Ferris and Delta.

8. Ferris will make reasonable efforts to continue to offer the courses necessary for the Bachelor's Program to all Ferris students, including students who completed the Associate Program at Delta.

9. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, no monetary consideration shall be paid by either party to the other, the parties having acknowledged that the Bachelor's Program provided at Delta is mutually beneficial.

10. Ferris and Delta will jointly promote the availability of the Bachelor's Program.

11. Ferris and Delta will jointly develop a marketing and recruiting strategy to support the goals and advance the purpose of this Agreement.

12. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, it is expressly understood that neither Ferris nor Delta will be responsible to each other for any reimbursement or contribution related to any expenditure related to this Agreement, nor will either party be obligated to make any expenditures related to this Agreement except as provided in Paragraph 8 and Schedule A hereto, or establish, continue or expand any course, program, degree or curriculum.

13. Ferris and Delta will each appoint a contact person to be responsible for communication regarding this Agreement.

14. 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 Delta 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 Delta 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.

15. 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 Delta. 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.

16. 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 Delta College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective April 1, 2009, through April 1, 2015.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Delta College

David Eisler
President

Jean Goodnow, Ph.D.
President

Daniel Burcham
Interim Vice President
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Donald Halog
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Ellen Haneline
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Paula Hagstrom
Program Coordinator
Medical Records

David Peruski
Chair
Health and Wellness Division

Schedule A

Delta College – FSU/Southeast Michigan Regional Center
Health Care Systems Administration
Articulation Agreement
April 1, 2009

Regular classroom

\$ 50 per room per day to a maximum of \$1,000 per course, which includes use of audio-visual equipment

Laboratory (science, computer):

\$100 per room per day to a maximum of \$1,000 per course, which includes use of audio-visual equipment

This rate schedule shall remain in effect for at least one year from April 1, 2009.