

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

AND

**Macomb Community College**  
Associate of Applied Science Degree  
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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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 Macomb Community College (hereinafter "Macomb") on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

## *RECITALS*

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management (hereinafter the "Bachelor's Program"); and,

WHEREAS, Macomb is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Warren, Michigan, and offers the Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Information Technology (hereinafter the "Associate's Program"); and,

WHEREAS, Macomb's Associate's Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelor's Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and Macomb desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to Macomb's graduates of the Associate's Program through the Ferris 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) Articulation 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. Macomb students who have graduated from the Associate's Program in Health Information Technology with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (hereinafter the "qualified student") may apply for admission to the Bachelor's Program at Ferris. A qualified student may transfer all credits with a 'C' or better in the Associate's Program towards the Bachelor's Program. Courses completed on a *Pass* or *Fail* basis require a grade of "Pass" in order to transfer. Both Ferris and Macomb define a Pass grade as equivalent to a minimum of 'C' (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Qualified students who have earned not less than seventy (70) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such qualified students received a grade of "C" or higher, or a pass, in such transfer credits.

2. Ferris and Macomb establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Macomb may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Macomb 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 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 Macomb's Associate's Program that are the subject of transfer from Macomb to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Macomb. Ferris and Macomb 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 changes on the Articulation Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. Ferris and Macomb anticipate that the Bachelor's Program courses shall be offered online effective Fall Semester, 2010.

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 Macomb 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 Macomb 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 Macomb. 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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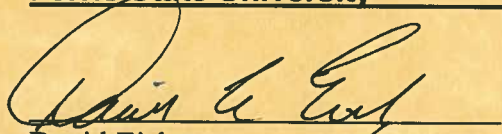
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We, the representatives of Ferris State University and Macomb Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective June 15, 2010, through June 15, 2016.

## Signatures

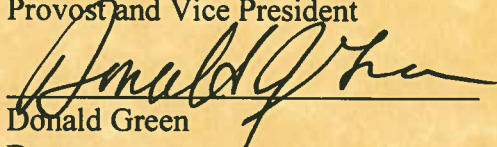
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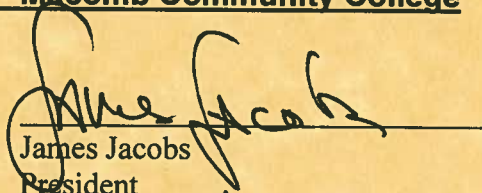


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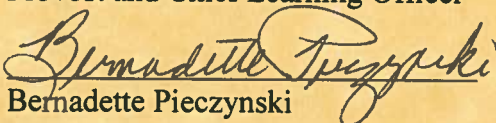
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