

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION

AND

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING, AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY

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 Western Technical College (hereinafter the “WTC”) on this first day of June, 2006.

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 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (hereinafter the “Bachelors Program”); and,

WHEREAS, WTC is a Wisconsin technical college with its main campus in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the WTC Associate Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and WTC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the WTC graduates of the 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.

1. The WTC students who graduate from the Associate Program with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.5 on a 4.00 scale (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Bachelors Program at Ferris. If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelors Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Associate Program towards the Bachelors Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (or 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 WTC’s definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale). Qualified students who have earned not less than fifty-six (56) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such qualified students received a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, or a Pass, in such transferred credits.

2. Ferris and WTC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other’s autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from WTC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and WTC 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 Bachelors Program (hereinafter the “Articulation Guide”), setting forth the Bachelors Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelors Program and the WTC Associate Program that are the subject of transfer from WTC to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and WTC. Ferris and WTC 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. 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 WTC 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 WTC 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.

5. 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 WTC. 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.

6. 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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