

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
RN to BSN Completion Program

AND

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE
Nursing

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 Kirtland Community College (hereinafter “Kirtland”) on this 23rd day of June, 2010.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers a Bachelor of Science degree, the RN to BSN Completion Program (hereinafter the “Bachelor’s Program”); and,

WHEREAS, Kirtland is a community college with its main campus in Roscommon, Michigan, and offers the Associate Degree in Nursing (hereinafter the “Associate’s Program”); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and Kirtland desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to Kirtland’s students in 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.

1. Kirtland students who have completed the Associate’s Program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher and are licensed as a registered nurse (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Bachelor’s Program at Ferris. 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’s Program toward the Bachelor’s Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (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 Kirtland’s definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale). Although all courses that meet the guidelines will transfer, program specific requirements must still be met.

2. Ferris and Kirtland establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other’s autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Kirtland may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Kirtland 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 Kirtland’s Associate’s Program that are the subject of transfer from Kirtland to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Kirtland. Ferris and Kirtland 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 Kirtland anticipate that the Bachelor’s Program courses shall be offered blended or online.

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 Kirtland 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 Kirtland 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 Kirtland. 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 Kirtland Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective June 23, 2010, through June 23, 2016.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Kirtland Community College

David Eisler
President

Thomas Quinn
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School of Nursing AMENDMENT TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Kirtland Community College - RN TO BSN Completion

THIS is an AMENDMENT to an ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") dated June 23, 2010, between Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter "Ferris") and Kirtland Community College located in Roscommon, Michigan (hereinafter "Kirtland") entered into on this 15th day of August, 2011.

The Articulation Agreement entered into between Ferris and Kirtland is amended as follows:

1. Effective Fall 2011, admission requirements for the Bachelors Program are as follows:
 - Students must have completed the Associate Degree with an overall GPA of 2.0
 - Students must have a current RN license
 - Students must have completed the following courses, or their equivalents from another accredited institution of higher education, with a grade of 2.0 or higher:
 - ✓ ENGL 150 & 250
 - ✓ Math 110 or Math ACT sub-score of 19 or higher
 - ✓ Minimum of seven (7) credits of Science course work

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

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