

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
Respiratory Care

AND

KIRTLAND 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 Kirtland Community College (hereinafter “Kirtland”) on this 1st day of July, 2011.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Care (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, Kirtland is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Roscommon, Michigan, and offers 32.5 to 35 semester hours of transfer credit (hereinafter the “Transfer Program”); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and Kirtland desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the Kirtland students who have completed the Transfer Program through the Ferris Associate 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 complete the Transfer Program with a grade point average of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.00 scale), and have completed the following courses and respective grade requirements (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Associate Program at Ferris:

- a. ENGL 150 and MRIS 102 with a grade of C or higher,
- b. MATH 110 with a B- or higher, or a Math ACT score of 19 or higher, and
- c. CHEM 103 and BIOL 109 with a B- or higher.

If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Associate Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all applicable credits in the Transfer Program toward the Associate Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (hereinafter 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 Kirtland’s definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C.

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 a program plan for the Associate Program (hereinafter the “Articulation Guide”), setting forth the Associate Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Associate Program and the Kirtland Transfer 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 offering courses online, mixed or face-to-face depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors. Labs will be held in a face-to-face format on the Kirtland M-TEC Campus in Gaylord.

5. This Agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years. 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, effective July 1, 2011.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Kirtland Community College

David Eisler
President

Thomas Quinn
President

Fritz Erickson
Provost and Vice President

Kathy Marsh
Dean of Instruction

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Dean
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