

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
for
Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education
between
Ferris State University and Lansing 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 Lansing Community College (hereinafter “LCC”) on this 15th day of August, 2008.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (hereinafter the “Bachelors Program”); and,

WHEREAS, LCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Lansing, Michigan, and offers a transfer program in teacher preparation (hereinafter the “Transfer Program”); and,

WHEREAS, the LCC Transfer Program may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and LCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the LCC graduates of the Transfer Program through the Ferris Bachelors Program in Lansing;

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the following terms:

1. LCC students who have earned a minimum of forty-eight (48) transferable credits, with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale, and have completed both the prescribed coursework and the additional Ferris admissions requirements (as detailed on the attached Articulation Guide) may apply to the Bachelors Program at Ferris in Lansing (hereinafter the “Qualified Student”). The additional Ferris admissions requirements as listed on the Articulation Guide include:

- A. Successful completion of courses equivalent to Ferris’ MATH115, ENGL250, EDUC289, and PSYC226;

- B. Students shall have passed all three sections of the Basic Skills Test of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification; and
- C. Students shall have identified two minors in addition to the Elementary Education major.

2. When the Qualified Student is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelors Program, Ferris shall permit the Qualified Student to transfer all credits in the Transfer Program towards the Bachelors Program for those courses that the Qualified Student received a grade of C or higher (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) 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 LCC'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). Qualified Students who have earned not less than forty-eight (48) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such qualified students received a grade of C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, or a Pass, in such transferred credits. Ferris will not grant transfer credit to courses wherein the Qualified Student earned less than a C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or earned a Fail. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at Ferris to meet residency and graduation requirements. All Ferris courses will be offered in Lansing or online with the possible exception of the student teaching requirement.

2. Ferris and LCC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from LCC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and LCC 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 guide 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 LCC Transfer Program that are the subject of transfer from LCC to Ferris by Qualified Students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and LCC. Ferris and LCC 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 LCC agree to cooperate by communicating with each other and with common and respective publics concerning the established relationships between programs at Ferris and LCC. Communication will include the development of various kinds of publications to inform people who might benefit from the opportunities provided by this Bachelors Program at Ferris based on this agreement with LCC.

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 LCC 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 LCC 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 LCC. 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 Lansing Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective August 15, 2008, through August 15, 2014.

Signatures

By: _____
David L. Eisler
Its: President

By: _____
Brent Knight
Its: President

By: _____
Daniel Burcham
Its: Interim Vice President for
Academic Affairs

By: _____
Roberta H. Peterson
Its: Interim Vice President
for Academic Affairs

By: _____
Michelle A. Johnston
Its: Dean
College of Education and
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By: _____
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Its: Vice President and Executive Director
University Center

By: _____
Don Green
Its: Vice Chancellor/Academic Dean
University Center for Extended Learning

By: _____
Gary Knippenberg
Its: Dean
Liberal Studies Division

By: _____
Liza Ing
Its: Director
School of Education