

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

FOR THE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – PROFESSIONAL TRACK

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
MUSKEGON 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 Muskegon Community College (hereinafter “Muskegon”) on this 1st day of December, 2009.

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, Muskegon is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Muskegon, Michigan, and currently offers associate degrees in transfer and occupational programs (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and Muskegon desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to Muskegon’s students in the Associate 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) Transfer 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. Muskegon students who have completed the Associate Program or have completed at least forty-eight (48) transferable credits from Muskegon with a cumulative grade point average of 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, and completed or placed into Muskegon's (or equivalent from another accredited institution) MATH 109 or 111 and ENG 101 each with a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher (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 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 Muskegon'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 Muskegon establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Muskegon may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Muskegon 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 Muskegon's Associate Program that are the subject of transfer from Muskegon to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Muskegon. Ferris and Muskegon 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 Muskegon anticipate, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, offering these courses at the Muskegon Campus, the Ferris Grand Rapids Campus, online, and/or mixed delivery.

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 Muskegon 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 Muskegon 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 Muskegon. 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 Muskegon Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective December 1, 2009, through December 1, 2015.

Signatures

Ferris State University

Muskegon Community College

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President

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AMENDMENT TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Muskegon Community College – Business Administration Professional Track B.S.

THIS is an AMENDMENT to an ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) dated December 1, 2009, between Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and Muskegon Community College located in Muskegon, Michigan (hereinafter “Muskegon”) entered into on this 15th day of August, 2011.

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

1. Muskegon students who have completed the Associate Program or have completed at least forty-eight (48) transferable credits from Muskegon with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.35 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, and have completed or placed into Muskegon’s Math 050 or Math 109 or Math 111 or English 101, or equivalent courses from another accredited institution, (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Bachelors Program at Ferris.

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

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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