

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

AND

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN 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 North Central Michigan College (hereinafter “NCMC”) on this 15th day of August, 2011.

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 Computer Information Technology (hereinafter the “Bachelors Program”); and,

WHEREAS, NCMC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Petoskey, Michigan, and offers occupational and transfer Associate degrees (hereinafter the “Associates Program”); and,

WHEREAS, NCMC’s Associates Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and NCMC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to NCMC’s graduates of the Associates 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. Further, Ferris is a party to the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Articulation Agreement and has general education transfer guidelines (“Guidelines”) as set forth in an Academic Affairs Policy Letter. Except as governed by the MACRAO Articulation Agreement and/or the Guidelines, the following terms shall apply.

1. NCMC students who have completed the Associates Program or have completed at least forty-eight (48) transferable credits from NCMC with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, and completed or placed into NCMC's (or equivalent from another accredited institution) MATH 113 or ENG 111 each with a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher (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 Associates Program toward the Bachelors Program and apply those that are applicable 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 NCMC'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 NCMC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from NCMC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and NCMC 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 articulated program plan for the Bachelors Program (hereinafter the "Transfer Guide"), setting forth the Bachelors Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelors Program and NCMC's Associates Program that are the subject of transfer from NCMC to Ferris by qualified students. The Transfer Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and NCMC. Ferris and NCMC 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 Transfer Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. Ferris and NCMC anticipate, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors, to offer courses at Big Rapids Campus, Petoskey, online, 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 NCMC terminates 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 NCMC 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 NCMC. 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 North Central Michigan College, agree to the terms of this agreement, effective August 15, 2011.

Signatures

Ferris State University

North Central Michigan College

David Eisler
President

Cameron Brunet-Koch
President

Fritz Erickson
Provost and Vice President

Christine Hammond
Dean of Instruction & Student Success

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