

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE  
Restaurant and Food Industry Management

AND

MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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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 Montcalm Community College (hereinafter “MCC”) on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010.

### *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 Restaurant and Food Industry Management (hereinafter the “Associate Program”); and,

WHEREAS, MCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Sidney, Michigan, and offers thirty-six credits in business and general education course work (hereinafter the “Transfer Program”); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and MCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the MCC students of 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. MCC students transferring with the Transfer Program, whose minimum grade point average of not less than a 2.35 on a 4.00 scale (hereinafter the “qualified student”), may

apply to the Associate Program at Ferris. If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Associate Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all 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 MCC's definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C.

2. Ferris and MCC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from MCC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and MCC 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 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 MCC Transfer Program that are the subject of transfer from MCC to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and MCC. Ferris and MCC 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. This Agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years. Ferris or MCC 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.

5. 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 MCC. 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.

6. 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 Montcalm Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a term of three (3) years, effective March 1, 2010, through March 1, 2013.

## Signatures

### **Ferris State University**

### **Montcalm Community College**

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David Eisler  
President

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Robert Ferrentino  
President

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Fritz Erickson  
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