

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
RN to BSN Completion

AND

GRAND RAPIDS 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 Grand Rapids Community College (hereinafter "GRCC") on this 15th day of April, 2011.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers a fully on-line Bachelor of Science degree, the RN to BSN Completion Program (hereinafter the "Bachelors Program"); and,

WHEREAS, GRCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and offers an Associates Degree in Nursing (hereinafter the "Associates Program"); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and GRCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the GRCC students of the Associates Program through the Ferris Bachelors Program;

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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 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. GRCC students who meet these admission requirements (hereinafter the “qualified student”) may apply to the Bachelors Program at Ferris. The admission requirements for the fully online Bachelors Program are effective Fall 2011 and are as follows:

- Completion of GRCC’s Associates Program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher,
- Completion of GRCC’s EN 101 and 102 with a grade of 2.0 or higher, or transfer equivalent courses from another regionally accredited institution for Ferris’ ENGL 150 and 250,
- Completion of Math 104 with a grade of 2.0 or higher, or Math ACT sub-score of 19 or higher, or transfer equivalent courses from another regionally accredited institution for Ferris’ MATH 110, and
- Completion of a minimum of seven (7) credits in Science course work with a grade of 2.0 or higher, or transfer equivalent courses from another regionally accredited institution for Ferris’ Science course work, and
- Current RN license.

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 GRCC’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 courses that meet the guidelines will transfer, program specific requirements must still be met.

2. Ferris and GRCC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other’s autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from GRCC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and GRCC 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 Bachelors Program (hereinafter the “Articulation Guide”), setting forth the Bachelors Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelors Program and the GRCC Associates Program that are the subject of transfer from GRCC to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and GRCC. Ferris and GRCC 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 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 GRCC 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 GRCC 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 GRCC. 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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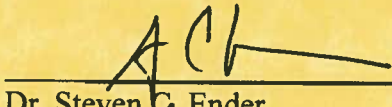
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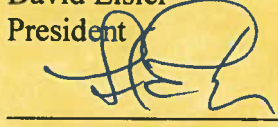
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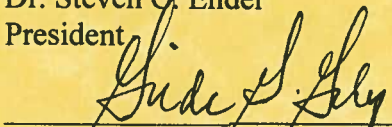
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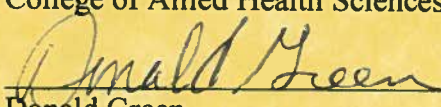
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