



# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
Business Administration – Professional Track

AND

**WEST SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE  
PROFESSIONAL TRACK

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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 West Shore Community College (hereinafter “WSCC”) on this 1st day of September, 2006.

## *RECITALS*

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

WHEREAS, WSCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Scottville, Michigan, and offers associate of applied science degrees in occupational specialty programs (hereinafter the “Associate Programs”); and,

WHEREAS, the WSCC Associate Programs include courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and WSCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to WSCC’s students in the Associate Programs 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) 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. To enter the Bachelors Program at Ferris, students must have completed an associates degree with at least 24 semester credit hours of career specialty courses with a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (hereinafter the "qualified student"). If the qualified student is admitted to Ferris for the Bachelors Program, Ferris shall permit the qualified student to transfer all credits in the Associate Program towards the Bachelors Program for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of C (or 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 WSCC's definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale).

Not all credits that are transferable to Ferris will fulfill requirements of the Bachelors Program. Students must meet all Bachelors Program requirements for graduation. Qualified students who have earned not less than fifty-six (56) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such qualified students received a grade of C (or a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher, or a Pass, in such transferred credits.

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

WSCC 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 WSCC. 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 West Shore Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective September 1, 2006, through September 1, 2012.

## Signatures

### **Ferris State University**

### **West Shore Community College**

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College of Business

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Management Department



**AMENDMENT TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**West Shore Community College – Business Administration, Professional Track**

THIS is an AMENDMENT to an ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) dated September 1, 2006, between Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and West Shore Community College located in Scottville, Michigan (hereinafter “WSCC”) entered into on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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

1. *Admission Requirements to the Ferris Bachelors Program.*

WSCC students who have completed the Associates Program or have completed at least forty-eight (48) transferable credits from WSCC 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 WSCC’s MMTH 121 or CENG 111, or equivalent course 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

WEST SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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