

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

## FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
Health Information Management

AND

## MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE  
Health Information Technologist

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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 Mid Michigan Community College (hereinafter "MMCC") on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Health Information Management (hereinafter the "Bachelors Program"); and,

WHEREAS, MMCC is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Harrison, Michigan, and offers an Associate in Applied Science degree in Health Information Technologist (hereinafter the "Associates Program"); and,

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

WHEREAS, Ferris and MMCC desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to the MMCC students who have completed 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) 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. MMCC students who have completed the Associates Program with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.00 scale (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 for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of "C" or higher (2.00 on a 4.00 scale), and for those courses that the qualified student received a grade of Pass (hereinafter a "Pass") for any courses completed on a Pass or Fail basis, provided, however, that MMCC's definition of a Pass does not include the equivalent of a grade lower than C (2.00 on a 4.00 scale).

2. Ferris and MMCC establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from MMCC may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and MMCC 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 MMCC Associates Program that are the subject of transfer from MMCC to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and MMCC. Ferris and MMCC 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 MMCC anticipate offering professional courses online, depending on enrollment, available facilities, and available faculty or instructors.

5. This Agreement shall be for a term of three (3) years. Ferris or MMCC 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 MMCC. 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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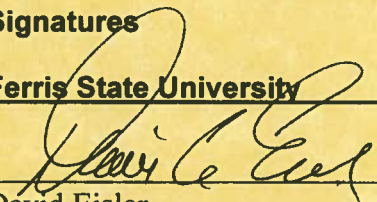
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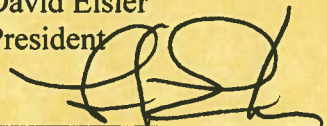
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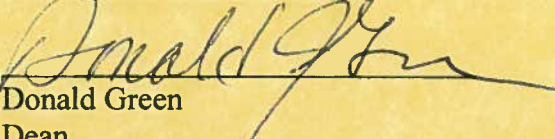
We, the representatives of Ferris State University and Mid Michigan Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, effective February 15, 2011.

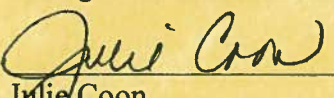
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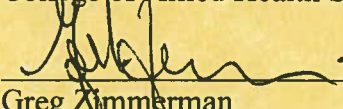
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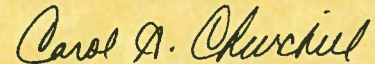
  
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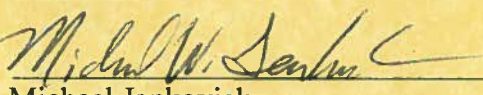
  
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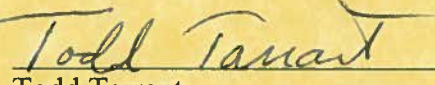
  
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