

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Between**  
**Colorado Community College System**  
**And**  
**Colorado Technical University**

**Introduction**

This Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into between [**Colorado Community College System and its member colleges – hereafter called CCCS**], (the "Sending Institution") and [**Colorado Technical University – hereafter called CTU**], (the "Receiving Institution"), to facilitate the process for the transfer of credit between the institutions, continue educational progress toward the completion of an approved degree program and to minimize or avoid the loss of credit previously earned by a student who transfers to another institution. The Agreement acknowledges that each institution has established, and will maintain, rigorous standards and expectations for all students enrolled in and working toward the completion of its courses, programs, certificates, diplomas and/or degrees.

This Agreement formally recognizes that CCCS and CTU are educational institutions that agree to work together to preserve the integrity and to further enhance the quality of each institution's academic offerings to currently enrolled and prospective students. The development of this Agreement between the two institutions signifies that both have extensively reviewed the other and confirmed that:

- Each institution is currently in good standing with its state regulatory body and regional or national accreditor;
- Credits awarded by the institutions have been evaluated and determined to be eligible for transfer; and
- Credits earned in certain associate's degree programs of study (the "Transfer Programs") have been deemed appropriate and applicable to the destination bachelor's degree program(s) of study reflected in this Agreement. These programs are included as **Appendix A** to this Agreement.

This Agreement reflects a commitment by both institutions to facilitate the transfer of credits earned in the Transfer Programs into a baccalaureate degree program without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

## Terms

As a result of an assessment of the Transfer Programs and destination baccalaureate programs by both institutions, it has been determined that all credit earned in the Transfer Programs awarded by CCCS will transfer to the Receiving Institution subject to the following conditions:

- Although credits will be accepted in transfer, additional general education and lower division credits may be needed to fulfill the program requirements. For example, applied General Education courses do not satisfy the General Education requirements of an academic degree program;
- Students from CCCS will be granted admission to a baccalaureate degree program at CTU as a result of having completed a Transfer Program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater and upon further satisfaction of all other conditions for admission as stated in the CTU catalog. Transfer students who have completed an associate degree will not be required to take a placement test. Students who have not yet completed an associate degree and who have not yet completed the associate level English and math classes will be required to take the placement test. The admission requirements of CTU may be viewed at ([www.coloradotech.edu](http://www.coloradotech.edu)). Students from CCCS may pre-apply to the baccalaureate program at CTU. Pre-application is defined as the process of submitted an admissions application and official transcript to CTU prior to the completion of an associate degree at CTU.
- The Office of Admissions at CTU has established application procedures and deadlines. A student should contact the Office of Admissions for the Colorado Springs and Pueblo campuses at (719)-590-6885 and the Denver Tech Center and Westminster campuses at (800) 229-2040 for details or consult the CTU catalog.
- For the purposes of this agreement, a student who has graduated with a CCCS AA, AS, or AAS degree will be eligible for a transfer of credits to selected Bachelor of Science degree programs (CTU Transfer Programs) as defined in Appendix A. Students will be classified as Juniors at CTU when enrolling in an eligible CTU Transfer Program. An AA, AS or AAS degree is defined as a two-year degree program of 60 credit hours of which 35-37 credit

hours (AA, AS and AAS, respectively) must be Colorado Guaranteed Transfer Courses.

- For courses not part of the State Guaranteed Transfer Program, CTU will evaluate the earned credits on a course-by-course basis.
- Regardless of the number of credits accepted, at least 25% of the credits for the baccalaureate degree must be completed at CTU.

The policies for awarding credit by examination and experiential learning vary from one institution to another. Each institution will publish information about its policies for awarding credit for experiential learning, including the names of tests that are used to assess credit, cut-off scores, deadline dates for submission of scores to CTU, and restrictions on the time interval permitted to receive current credit for a course taken some years previously. Any credit awarded by CCCS for experiential learning *as part of a conferred associate degree* will be accepted for credit by CTU. Transcripts of transfer students who have not yet completed an associate degree program at CCCS will be subject to a course by course evaluation to determine which courses will be accepted for credit by CTU. In this instance, CTU will make the determination as to whether credit will be awarded for experiential learning.

Determination of course requirements of the major for a baccalaureate degree, including introductory and related courses, is the prerogative of CTU. The catalog of CTU will clearly state the requirements for each baccalaureate degree program. When specific prerequisites are required, they will be designated and noted in conjunction with the course description. Transfer students who have completed prerequisites will not be required to duplicate study in the area. The catalog will specify any restrictions or additional requirements for each major.

Institutional policies that distinguish between upper- and lower-division courses may vary. The variation results in similar courses being identified as upper or lower division at different institutions. This can create redundancy in the curriculum of a transfer student (i.e., repeating an upper division course at CTU when the student had completed a course with the same content and learning objectives but labeled as lower division by CCCS). CTU will attempt to avoid course duplication by transfer students by requiring the completion of a related but non-duplicative upper-division course that would enrich the curriculum of the student if permitted in the program structure through the use of electives.

### **The Role of Colorado Technical University**

1. Transfer support material will be provided by CTU to CCCS to share with students in Transfer Programs.
2. CTU will provide academic advising services to students who will be transferring from CCCS to CTU by telephone, email, and/or onsite at CTU.
3. CTU shall attempt to match, as appropriate, the student's academic accomplishments with the requirements of the degree program to which the student wishes to transfer.
4. CTU is responsible for responding directly to students that elect to apply to the bachelor degree program of study and who do not meet admissions requirements.
5. CTU retains the right to determine the number of credits a student must complete and the obligations he/she must satisfy prior to conferring a baccalaureate degree.

### **The Role of Colorado Community College System**

1. CCCS will provide the opportunity for a representative from CTU to meet with students in the Transfer Programs who have indicated an interest in the bachelor's degree program.
2. CCCS will assist CTU in the distribution of transfer materials to alumni as well as former and current students.
3. CCCS has the responsibility to certify and document on the student transcript that the student has completed the stated requirements for the Transfer Programs, or earned credits toward the completion of the Transfer Programs. The academic record from the CCCS shall include all courses attempted.

### **Curriculum Changes**

Both parties agree to inform the other regarding curriculum changes that may impact the terms of this Agreement. Proposed changes to the Transfer Programs or the CTU bachelor's degree program should be made with enough advance notice to allow an orderly and timely change to the terms of this articulation agreement. The failure of either party to notify the other of program changes and amend this Agreement may result in the denial of transfer credits.

### **Additional Terms**

Both parties agree to notify each other of any adverse changes in its accreditation or state licensure status.

Any written materials published and distributed by either CCCS or CTU that reference this Agreement or a relationship between the CCCS and CTU must be approved by each respective party, and their regulatory agencies as required, prior to use.

Transfer literature will be updated on an annual basis as a result of a mutual review process.

No financial implications concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate are intended or implied by this Agreement. CCCS and CTU are separate and independent institutions of higher education.

All courses taken at CCCS with a grade of "D" or better *as part of a conferred associate degree* will be accepted for credit by CTU. In the event that CTU has specific grade requirements for core courses in the associate degree program, the transfer student may be required to repeat a course in the associate degree program to satisfy that requirement. Transcripts of transfer students who have not yet completed an associate degree program at CCCS will be subject to a course by course evaluation to determine which courses will be accepted for credit by CTU.

All courses taken at CCCS with a "P" earned in a pass/fail class *as part of a conferred associate degree* will be accepted for credit by CTU. Transcripts of transfer students who have not yet completed an associate degree program at CCCS will be subject to a course by course evaluation to determine which courses will be accepted for credit by CTU.

Any credit awarded by CCCS for credit by examination, dual credit, and/or experiential learning *as part of a conferred associate degree* will be accepted for credit by CTU. Transcripts of transfer students who have not yet completed an associate degree program at CCCS will be subject to a course by course evaluation to determine which courses will be accepted for credit by CTU. In this instance, CTU will make the determination as to whether credit will be awarded for credit by examination, dual credit, and/or experiential learning.

When a student initiates a change in the stated major or degree objectives after enrolling at CTU, the student assumes full responsibility for meeting the specified new degree and/or major requirements. In particular, students who have completed a Transfer Program, or credits toward that credential, and then transfer out of the baccalaureate program covered by this Agreement should anticipate potentially significant changes in degree program completion requirements. CTU therefore shall provide pre-transfer counseling to such students to alert them to the ramifications of this decision.

## **Transfer Program Grant**

Students who have successfully completed their associate degrees and qualify for an eligible CTU Transfer Program as defined in Appendix A of this agreement will qualify for:

### **CTU Ground Campus Grant:**

Students who enroll into a qualified program through a CTU Colorado – based ground campus will qualify for a 30% tuition grant for their Junior year, a 20% grant for their Senior year, and a waiver of the enrollment application fee if they meet the following criteria:

- The newly enrolled student must be in good academic standing with CCCS.
- The grant is to be used solely towards program charges.
- Candidates must apply, be accepted for admission, and enroll at a Colorado Technical University ground campus located in Colorado within nine months of graduation from CCCS.
- Students must maintain at least a half-time status (minimum of 8 credit hours per 11-week quarter) for three of four quarters each academic year.

### **CTU Online Education Partner Grant:**

Students who enroll into a qualified program through CTU Online will qualify for a 5% tuition grant and a waiver of the enrollment application fee if they meet the following criteria:

- The newly enrolled student must be in good academic standing with CCCS.
- The grant is to be used solely towards program charges.
- Candidates must apply, be accepted for admission, and enroll at CTU Online.

**Terms of Agreement**

This agreement will be in effect for five years from the date of execution. Renewal of the agreement with appropriate content changes will be discussed at the end of this time period.

Termination of this agreement may occur by either party with a ninety (90) day written notification, or immediately if 1) CCCS or CTU loses state or accrediting agency approval, or 2) if any regulatory agency that oversees CCCS or CTU notifies either that this Agreement violates agency standards. Such termination will have no impact upon students that have already enrolled at CTU. In the event of a termination of this Agreement, each institution will be responsible for amending any publications or websites as needed and for disposing of any brochures or related materials at their own physical locations.

*Nancy J. McCallin*

*5-25-10*

Nancy McCallin, Ph.D.  
President,  
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Date

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*5/10/2010*

Wallace Pond, Ph.D.  
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Date



Articulation Agreement Appendix A

Colorado Technical University

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Colorado Community College System\*\*

**Articulation: Associate to Bachelors**

The following associate degree programs have been evaluated by Colorado Technical University and determined as satisfactory in meeting the minimum requirements for admittance to the following Bachelor degree programs at Colorado Technical University. The following degrees will be awarded a maximum of 90 quarter hours of transfer credit to apply towards the program chosen. These students will be enrolled into Bachelor degree program at Colorado Technical University and will take the remaining balance to complete the bachelor degree at Colorado Technical University to cover remaining core and concentration courses:

Colorado Community College System	Colorado Technical University
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems	Bachelor of Science in Software Systems Engineering*
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technologies	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology* Bachelor of Science in Advertising and Digital Media Design*

Colorado Community College System	Colorado Technical University
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice Associate of Arts Degree Associate of General Studies- Criminal Justice Associate of Science Degree	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*

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Colorado Community College System	Colorado Technical University
Associate of Arts  Associate of Science  Associate of Applied Science- Business  Associate of Applied Science- Business Administration, Accounting Concentration  Associate of Applied Science- Business Administration, Business Foundations Concentrations  Associate of Applied Science- Business Administration, Marketing Emphasis	Bachelor of Science in Accounting*  Bachelor of Science of Business- Accounting*  Bachelor of Science of Business- Management*  Bachelor of Science in Project Management*

\*Only applicable at campuses which these programs are offered

**\*\*Included Schools:** Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Community Colleges Online, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Lamar Community College, Morgan Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Otero Junior College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Red Rocks Community College, and Trinidad State Junior College.

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