

## **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

Between

The Colorado Department of Higher Education,

Colorado State University

and Colorado Community College System:

Arapahoe Community College

Colorado 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

Trinidad State Community College

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") is to acknowledge that students of colleges included in the Colorado Community College System (hereinafter referred to as "CCCS") may transfer to Colorado State University (hereinafter referred to as "CSU") degree program following completion of 15 or more credit hours at CCCS (as applicable, and provided they meet admissions requirements). CCCS further agrees to accept transfer credits from such courses taken at CSU towards the student's graduation requirements for an associate's degree. The Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) will provide student course data to CCCS enabling students to receive their associate's degree from CCCS for that purpose ("Reverse Articulation").

### **II. ELEMENTS FOR REVERSE TRANSFER DEGREE PROGRAMS**

- a. Students must fulfill CCCS graduation requirements, which currently entail completion of no less than 25-percent (at least 15 credit hours) of their degree requirements at CCCS.
- b. Students must have earned a cumulative total of 70 postsecondary credits.
- c. Credits earned at any postsecondary institution, for the purposes of this reverse articulation program, must have been earned within 10 years of original enrollment at any institution, or with institutional approval.

### **III. TERMS**

- i. Reverse Articulation of courses from CSU to CCCS will be acceptable for students to be awarded their associate's degree at CCCS although the student transferred

- iv. Ensure that no identifying information will be transmitted through unsecured telecommunications, including the unsecured internet connections.
  - v. Assist institutional partners with technical assistance, stakeholder convenings and, where appropriate, reporting of outcomes of program.
  - vi. Leverage statewide college outreach programs (including College-in-Colorado) to communicate and promote reverse transfer program.
  - vii. For the purposes of institutions participating in grant awards that support the reverse transfer program, act as a fiscal agent in distribution of award funds.
- d. This Agreement is effective for the academic term expected to begin on or after the date of the fully executed document, and shall continue until terminated. All parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing. Admission criteria, academic, and other educational requirements for an associate's degree will be subject to the applicable institutional catalogs and/or degree requirements at the time of the students' admission to CCCS for any applicable degree program. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, without regards to conflict of laws principles.
- e. Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction. Admission criteria, transfer criteria, academic, and other admission requirements will be subject to the applicable CSU policies at the time of the students' admission to CSU for any applicable degree program.
- f. The parties will comply fully with the privacy regulations outlined in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99, for the handling of student information, to the extent applicable. The Parties will not disclose or use any student information, except as necessary to carry out its obligations under this Agreement and as permitted by FERPA.
- g. The parties grant to each other revocable, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communication the existence of the relationship to students. The parties shall discontinue the use of the license marks and return any and all files and materials containing the license marks supplied by the other party at termination or expiration of the Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Each party agrees that the other's use of the mark(s) must be approved by such party and used in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, applicable law, and any trademark usage guidelines as may be provided by any party to the other. Neither party will, at any time, consent or aid in contesting the validity or ownership of any of the other party's marks or take any action in derogation of the owner's rights therein, including, without limitation, applying to register any trademark, trade name or other designation that is confusingly similar to the marks.

- h. The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives, or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives, or employees of the other.
- i. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.
- j. This Agreement and any academic worksheets or specific course articulation charts (hereby incorporated by this reference) constitute the final, complete, and exclusive statement of the terms of the reverse transfer agreement between the parties.

#### **V. CONTACTS FOR COORDINATION**

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#### **VI. OFFICIAL NOTICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

All notices and other communications required hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or

received when using overnight courier or three business days after being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to DHE:

Colorado Department of Higher Education  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1560  
Denver, Colorado 80202


If to CCCS:

Colorado Community College System  
9101 E. Lowry Blvd  
Denver, Colorado 80230


If to CSU:

Colorado State University  
108 Administration Building  
1001 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-1001

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED:**

  
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Joseph A. Garcia  
Lieutenant Governor, Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Higher Education

10/16/13  
Date

  
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Nancy J. McCallin, Ph.D.  
President  
Colorado Community College System

10-14-13  
Date

  
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Dr. Tony Frank  
President  
Colorado State University

9/4/2013  
Date