

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
FOR BASIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM  
December 2008

**INTRODUCTION:**

State Board Policy BP 9-42 identifies the right of a student to have experiences outside the college classroom evaluated for college credit. The System President's Procedure SP 9-42 further describes the information that must be recorded for a student to receive this credit. According to the Procedure, the awarded credit will be posted on the transcript only after successful completion of at least one semester's credits in the student's declared program of study.

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:**

This Articulation Agreement is between the Colorado Community College System, and the Colorado Department of Corrections. All new hires at CDOC are required to successfully complete the Basic Training Academy offered by the CDOC. Correction Officers complete five modules of training. All other employees complete four modules of training. A Certificate indicating successful completion of all modules is awarded to the employee after the Basic Training Academy is completed. Therefore, no partial credit would be awarded.

**APPLICATION OF AWARDED CREDITS:**

The SP 9-42 Procedure indicates the Standards that must be followed for the awarding of Credit for Prior Learning at CCCS member colleges:

- A. Academic credit will be awarded only for those courses directly applicable to curriculum requirements at the college of enrollment and to the student's declared certificate or degree program as outlined in college publications.
- B. A student may use CPL to fulfill all degree, certificate or graduation requirements except the residency requirement. CPL cannot be used to meet residency credit requirements of certificate or degree programs.

Each CCCS member college offers its own curriculum, and sets its own degree requirements. Therefore, the specific ways in which these awarded credits apply at each college will vary. The following matrix will identify the way that awarded credits will count at each member college.

**CDOC BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY**

Corrections Officers:

Individuals hired by CDOC as Corrections Officers are required to attend and successfully complete all five modules of training. This training requires more than 190 contact hours, and includes a four-day Self Defense training course, and twenty-eight hours of Firearms Training focused on shotgun and rifle safety and accuracy. One Certificate is awarded after all Modules are successfully completed. A complete description of training included in each module is available in the CDOC document, Department of Corrections Employee Development and Training.

Other Employees:

Other employees who have any inmate contact are also required to attend the Basic Training Academy. These individuals complete the same training for the first three modules, and a two-day Self-Defense training course. These individuals do not attend Firearms Training. One Certificate is awarded to each individual who has successfully completed the four modules.

AWARD OF CREDIT BY CCCS MEMBER COLLEGES

Based on Content and Contact Hours, the following credits will be awarded for successful completion of the modules:

Corrections Officers (Five Modules successfully completed):

|  |   |           |           |
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| CRJ 145  | Corrections Process                                     | 3 credits |           |
| HWE 103  | Community First Aid & CPR                               | 1 credit  |           |
| PED 178  | Pressure Point Control Tactics (Self-Defense Training)  | 2 credits |           |
| CRJ 178  | Rifle/Shotgun Training                                  | 1 credits |           |
| CRJ 175  | Special Topics: Social Issues for Corrections Personnel | 2 credits |           |
| Total Awarded Credits for Corrections Officers |   |           | 9 credits |

Other Personnel:

|   |  |           |           |
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| CRJ 145   | Corrections Process                                      | 3 credits |           |
| HWE 103   | Community First Aid & CPR                                | 1 credit  |           |
| PED 178   | Self-Defense Training                                    | 1 credit  |           |
| CRJ 175   | Special Topics: Social Issues for Correctional Personnel | 2 credits |           |
| Total Awarded Credits for Other Corrections Personnel |  |           | 7 credits |

PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING OF CREDIT



The current State Board Policy and System President Procedure establish the guidelines that will be used to award appropriate credits for prior learning. These guidelines will include the requirement that:

- The applicant complete the admissions process at a CCCS member institution
- The applicant identifies a Program of Study for which these credits can fulfill graduation requirements (Associate of General Studies Degree, or an Associate in Applied Sciences Degree in either Criminal Justice or Corrections)
- The applicant presents his/her Certificate of Successful Completion for the CDOC Basic Training Academy
- The applicant enrolls in, and successfully completes one course at the CCCS member college

The CCCS member college will:

- Retain a copy of the Certificate of Successful Completion of the Basic Training Academy
- Post the awarded credits to a student's transcript after the student has successfully completed at least one course at the college
- Post the credit as Portfolio credit according to the State Board Policy and System Presidents Procedure

These awarded credits will be accepted by any CCCS member college as long as they continue to apply to a student's Program of Study.

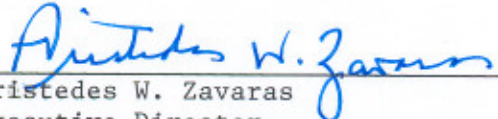
**This Agreement will remain in force until modification or termination is sought by either the Colorado Department of Corrections or the Colorado Community College System.**

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