Articulation Agreement

Baltimore City Community College

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Agreement Between:
The Virginia State University and
Baltimore City Community College
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
School of Engineering, Science and Technology
AND
BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 3rd day of February 2012 between Virginia State University (VSU) located at 1 Hayden Dr., Petersburg, Virginia, 23806, and Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) located at 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215.

This agreement is a collaborative effort to promote successful undergraduate educational experiences for students that attend BCCC and VSU.

I. Length of the Agreement

This Articulation Agreement commences on March 1, 2012 and is in effect for 1 year with a renewable 1 year option for the next 4 years. It shall be reviewed by the parties and may be terminated by either institution in writing.

PURPOSE

The School of Engineering, Science and Technology at Virginia State University offers baccalaureate degrees in the following disciplines: Manufacturing Engineering, Drafting Technology, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Technology Engineering, Information Technology, and Mechanical Engineering (BSE).

The purpose of this articulation agreement will provide a framework for students at Baltimore City Community College, who successfully complete the Associate of Science Degree requirements in the field of Engineering (or a related field), and who meet the requirements for admission into the university, the opportunity to continue their formal education within the School of Engineering, Science and Technology at Virginia State University through the coordination of transfer policies, enhanced advising and acceptance of equivalent courses.

ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. General Admission Requirements for the School of Engineering and Science

Virginia State University agrees to guarantee [fall/spring] admission to the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology for a BCCC student who fulfills all of the steps described below.
1. Completes an Associates of Science degree (AS) in Engineering (or a related field) at BCCC preceding matriculation to the University and have a BCCC curriculum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 by the time of application or matriculation into VSU will be granted admission to VSU.

2. Transferring from BCCC to specific VSU programs a student must meet the same prerequisites, GPA and other admission criteria as for other transfer or native students applying to those programs.

3. Earns a minimum of at least 54 transferable credit hours, 45 or more of which are from BCCC. This minimum may include dual enrollment credit, AP, IB, and credits from another accredited institution.

4. Students should submit a completed admissions application for fall/spring transfer admission, and all supplemental materials, by the March 31 priority application deadline.

**B. Acceptance and Application of Credits**

1. Students completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at BCCC will be considered to have met all lower division University general education requirements at VSU as defined in VSU’s college catalog. Students not fulfilling degree specific lower division VSU requirements will need to fulfill these requirements. Students earning an AS degree at BCCC who received a letter grade of D in a university course may be required to repeat the course at VSU in order to have met all lower division general education requirements at VSU.

2. To be considered for transfer credit, course work must be graded “C” or better for both BCCC graduates and students who did not graduate. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at VSU.

3. VSU may evaluate courses/credits awarded by BCCC and earned through AP, IB, CLEP, or other testing programs.

4. VSU will provide a transfer guide giving the students the opportunity to view, course transfer equivalencies. This information will be maintained with the most recent BCCC information compared to the most recent VSU course offerings.

5. Students transferring from BCCC will be required to complete a minimum of 27 semester hours of upper division coursework to be eligible for a VSU degree.
6. As defined in the transfer guides, 100/200 level courses may be used to fulfill certain 300/400 level requirements of a degree at VSU. However, no BCCC courses may be applied toward the requirement for 27 upper-level course credits.

7. Transfer credit will not be granted for BCCC courses numbered below 100.

8. Transfer credit will be granted for BCCC occupational/technical courses if course equivalents are specified in the transfer guides.

9. Transfer credit may be granted for BCCC General Usage Courses such as Cooperative Education, Seminar and Project, and Supervised Study as appropriate on a case by case basis.

10. Transfer of credit does not necessarily imply applicability to specific degree requirements.

11. If a student completes an AS degree at BCCC and transfers to VSU, VSU will honor the transfer guides in effect for the two years prior to the student’s completion of the BCCC degree. Because of this provision, advisers are required to keep old pages of the transfer guides for a minimum of two years after a new change becomes effective.

D. Update/Report/Relationship

VSU and BCCC agree to meet annually to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement. Each institution agrees to provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability.

E. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.

2. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Articulation Agreement to be properly executed by their authorized officers of the day and year first above written.

Entered into this ___________ 2012

Dr. W. Weldon Hill         Date
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Keith T. Miller         Date
President
Virginia State University

Peggy F. J. Bradford, J.D., Ed.D. Date
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
Baltimore City Community College

Dr. Carolane Williams        Date
President
Baltimore City Community College

Approved for Form & Legal Sufficiency

Signature