INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Central State University and Columbus State Community College (both public institutions) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Columbus State Community College to Central State University to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

Central State University (Wilberforce, OH) has a 124 year history of educating students for leadership and service to the state, nation, and world. The University was founded by the Ohio General Assembly in 1887 as the Combined Normal and Industrial Department at Wilberforce University. Operating separately since 1947, the University offers baccalaureate degrees in 38 academic majors in 10 departments within the College of Science and Engineering, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Business, and the College of Education. Central State also offers a master’s degree in Education. The facilities are valued at more than $95 million dollars and include the Center for Education and Natural Sciences, Cosby Mass Communications Center, the McLin Center for Water Resources Management, the Paul Robeson Cultural and Performing Arts Center, the Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library, the Newsom Administration Building, the Ward University Center, the Galloway Tower, the Walter G. Sellers Alumni Center, the Louis Stokes Center on Aging, and the James A. Elam Hall located in Dayton, Ohio. Central State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Columbus State Community College (Columbus, OH) has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of the Central Ohio community for more than 40 years. The College has grown from an initial enrollment of 67 students in 1963, to its current thriving college of more than 28,000 students. In addition to the main campus and the Delaware campus, Columbus State operates 9 off-campus centers in the suburban neighborhoods of Dublin, Gahanna, Westerville, Groveport, Marysville, Delaware, Grove City, Plain City, Southeast Columbus and in Southwest Columbus at Bolton Field. Columbus State Community College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association. (30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

While this Agreement is active and for a period of three years after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records of all charges pertaining to this Agreement and make such records available to Columbus State Community College and Central State University as we may reasonably require.

This agreement is contingent upon the availability of sufficient appropriated funds and the College Treasurers certification that such funds are available as required pursuant to the O.R.C. 3358.10
In an effort to facilitate the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Board of Regents’ Articulation and Transfer Policy.

1. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.

2. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (AA or AS) degree, and a completed, approved transfer module, Central State University will guarantee admission to the University and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA or AS degree from Columbus State Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native Central State University students. Transferring students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at Central State.

Students who have not completed their Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of Central State University, according to catalog requirements.

3. Under this agreement, students of Columbus State Community College will be encouraged to complete their AA or AS degree before transferring.

Should a Columbus State Community College student transfer to Central State University prior to completion of an AA or AS degree, Columbus State Community College shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA or AS degree in absentia using Central State University course credit. In this interest, all course work completed at Central State University will be accepted and applied to AA or AS degree requirements at Columbus State Community College consistent with the criteria used for native Columbus State Community College students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at Central State University.

4. Students who have successfully completed an AA or AS degree and have completed the Transfer Module at Columbus State Community College who matriculate at Central State University under the terms of this agreement shall be considered to have completed the minimum general education requirements except for those additional general education requirements needed for the specific degree.
5. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, Central State University cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours.

6. Central State University will provide Columbus State Community College with course equivalent information regarding Columbus State Community College courses to facilitate program to program agreements. Central State University will update the information and provide the most current equivalencies to Columbus State Community College for the upcoming academic year, annually no later than July 1st.

7. Central State University will report, to the Project Specialist for Articulation Agreements, the number of transfer students from Columbus State Community College for the previous academic year, annually no later than July 1st.

8. All collegiate-level credit transferred from Columbus State Community College shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific Central State University courses when possible.

9. Columbus State Community College and Central State University will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Central State University. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of Central State University.

10. Collegiate level courses completed at Columbus State Community College with a “D” or better grade will be accepted for students who transfer with an earned AA or AS degree. It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of “D” where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Central State University students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native Central State University students and Columbus State Community College transfer students.

11. All collegiate level courses completed at Columbus State Community College with a “C” or better grade, by students who choose to transfer before completing an associate degree, will be accepted toward the student’s class standing at Central State University. It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of “C” where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Central State students pursuing the same academic program. These credits will also be considered for application to the student’s degree requirements using the same criteria used for native students.

12. Due to federal regulations, financial aid will be disbursed to a student by only one institution. Financial aid for a Columbus State student will end when a student ceases taking classes at
Columbus State Community College. Transfer students must apply for financial aid according to the deadlines and policies at Central State University.

13. The Dean of Instructional Services at Columbus State Community College will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Columbus State Community College.

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The Provost at Central State University will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

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14. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Columbus State Community College and Central State University will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, web portals, and graduate mailings.

15. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

16. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through June 30, 2013. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every two years, in accordance with the State of Ohio’s biennial budget process, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to insure that agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.

17. Central State University and Columbus State Community College each reserve the right to terminate this agreement provided that at least one year’s notice of a process terminated date is given.
This agreement is effective as of July 1, 2011

Central State University

John W. Garland
President

8/1/2011

Date

Juliette B. Bell, Ph.D.
Provost

7/25/11

Date

Columbus State Community College

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Tom Erney
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