



**GENERAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
STARK STATE COLLEGE**

In principle, credit earned at Stark State College should be transferable to any other accredited institution of higher education. In accordance with this principle, Stark State College and Central State University agree to mutual cooperation in correlating their respective programs for the Associate and the Baccalaureate degrees. The principle beneficiaries are protected by firm arrangements among institutions of higher education and are thereby provided the opportunity of planning a total baccalaureate degree program at the outset of their college education.

Central State University (Wilberforce, OH) established in 1887, and pursuant to Section 3343 of the Ohio Revised Code, has for 125 years been educating students with diverse backgrounds for leadership and service to the state of Ohio, the nation, and world. The University is Ohio's only public Historically Black University and fosters academic excellence through a strong liberal arts foundation and majors in selected professional fields. Central State University seeks to collaborate with other educational institutions to enrich educational opportunities for students and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, located at 230 South LaSalle Street-Suite7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411. The telephone number is (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

Stark State College (North Canton, OH) has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of students for more than 50 years. The College has grown by 162% since 2003, from 5,665 students to its current enrollment of more than 15,000 students. In addition to the main campus, Stark State operates seven off-campus centers in Alliance, Barberton, Carrollton, Canton, North Canton, and Massillon. Stark State College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, which is a member of the North Central Association, located at 230 South LaSalle Street-Suite7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411. The telephone number is (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

It is understood by both parties that Stark State College is a state technical college created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3357, and that Central State University is an Ohio institution of higher education established pursuant to Section 3343 of the Ohio Revised Code. Both institutions are subject to certain applicable federal, state and local laws, including the Ohio Ethics Law, R.C. 102.03 and 102.04, and the Ohio Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, *et seq.* Any record kept by Stark State College and Central State University that is deemed a public record is subject to release if a proper request is made. Both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this agreement.

Subject to the terms of this agreement, the students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Stark State College or completed the Transfer Module are assured admission to Central State University for courses of study completed at Stark State College. To facilitate transfer of students and to provide them with accurate transfer information at the earliest time possible, articulated programs between Central State University academic departments and Stark State College academic units will be developed after this agreement is approved by the cooperating institutions.

PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

Central State University and Stark State College confirm the following points of agreement to assure equal treatment of all transfer and regularly enrolled students:

1. The determination of major program requirements for a Baccalaureate degree shall be the responsibility of authorized representatives of Central State University.
2. For admission to Central State University, the student will be required to earn at least a 2.0 overall grade point average on a four point scale. The same criteria required of native students for admission to programs having prerequisites other than a 2.0 grade average, will be applicable to Stark State College students. To be considered for upper division, transfer students must complete 60 transferable semester hours or 90 quarter hours, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (SAT/ACT scores are not required for upper division transfer students).
3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (AA/ AS) degree, in accordance with ORC 3357 .01G, 3357.13 and the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, 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 Stark State College, provided courses completed at Stark State fulfill program requirements for degrees offered at Central State and a student's grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. If the student switches his/her major to an area of concentration not covered by this agreement or articulated program agreement, transfer credit will be determined on a course-by-course evaluation.
4. Under this agreement, students of Stark State College will be encouraged to complete their AA or AS degree before transferring to Central State University.

Should a Stark State College student transfer to Central State University before completing an AA or AS degree, Stark State College will provide the opportunity for students to complete the AA or AS degree in absentia using course credit completed at Central State University. In this interest, all course work completed at Central State University will be accepted and applied to the AA or AS degree requirements at Stark State College, consistent with the criteria used for native Stark State College students.

The same course may also apply, and will apply only once, toward a baccalaureate degree requirement at Central State University.

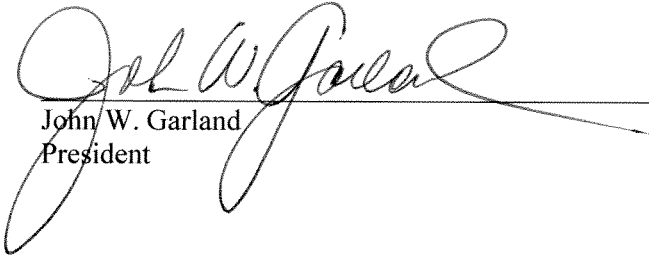
5. Students in majors with articulation agreements are encouraged to complete major preparation courses while enrolled at Stark State College.
6. No time limit (years) shall be placed on the acceptance of credit transferable from Stark State College to Central State University unless there is a specific policy of limitations for matriculated students at Central State University.
7. If limitations on enrollment become necessary in an upper level division Central State University program, the University will provide Stark State College with admission criteria and quotas. Further, Central State University agrees to allocate a specified number of spaces based upon prior information as to the number of qualified transfer students who will be transferring from Stark State College.
8. If requested by either Central State University or Stark State College and approved by the students involved, transcripts of the transfer students from Stark State College will be transmitted and shared between both institutions for the purpose of providing counseling of prospective transfer students and providing follow-up information for Stark State College regarding success of students transferring to Central State University.
9. Stark State College students transferring to Central State University will be treated the same as matriculated Central State University students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid and in the award and distribution of these funds.
10. Stark State College students transferring to Central State University will receive consideration for campus housing on the same basis as Central State University students of equal class standing.
11. Stark State College students transferring to Central State University with Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees will receive equal opportunity to pre-register for junior level classes and have access to other student services on the same basis as matriculated Central State University students of equal class standing.
12. Transfer students are eligible for Honors recognition if they have earned at least 50 semester hours at Central State University and meet the same criteria as required of native students.
13. Central State University and Stark State College will assign a staff member to serve as a liaison to assure maintenance of communication between the institutions.
14. Either party may initiate the termination of this Agreement upon six months' written notification to the other party. Students in progress will be permitted to complete their programs of study. Review of this agreement should be initiated every four academic years.

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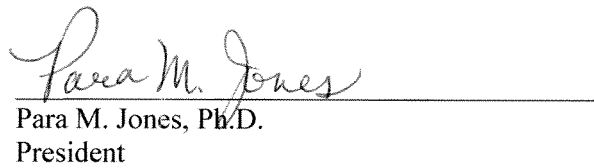
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Central State University

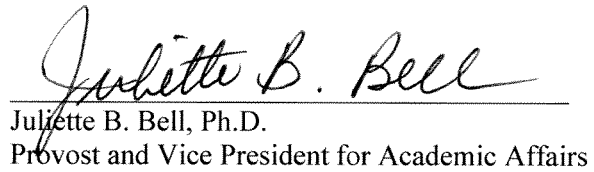
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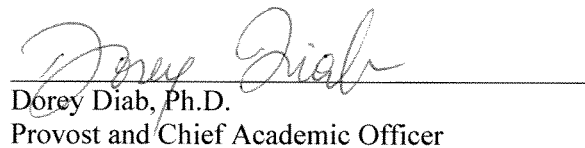
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