

**DIRECT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON
and
FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

I. PURPOSE

This Agreement between The University of Charleston (“UC”) and Fayetteville Technical Community College (“FTCC”) establishes a mechanism for students of FTCC to complete the requirements for the baccalaureate degree in programs existing at UC. This articulation agreement allows direct transfer for FTCC students possessing an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree or the completion of the specified course work to UC. Additional transfer credits outside of the specific program may also be considered. **NOTE:** A program-specific articulation schedule for each UC academic program, signed by both parties, will be attached and made part of this Agreement as FTCC students apply for admission to UC programs.

II. ELEMENTS

1. To be eligible for application to enroll the student must submit proof of having been awarded an associate’s degree from FTCC in the form of an official transcript from FTCC;
2. Students who complete the Associate’s in General Education degree consisting of a minimum of 60 semester credits will be eligible for a block transfer of 60 semester credits earned as degree credits and acceptance into the baccalaureate Organizational Leadership Program at UC. Credits earned in excess of 60 semester credits will be evaluated on an individual basis for transfer into specific requirements of the baccalaureate program. Transfer hours for other FTCC associate degree programs will be determined by the specific 2+2 articulation agreement for that program; and
3. Credit earned through any combination of Transfer Credit, Challenge Credit, or Experiential Credit will not exceed 75-percent of total credits required for the FTCC associate’s degree. Credits used to complete requirements for a FTCC associate’s degree may not be applied toward courses in a Bachelor Program if it is included in the block transfer of credit as part of this agreement.

III. GOALS

1. To provide a well-defined 2 + 2 transfer Agreement that will enable FTCC students the ability to plan their academic careers so as to minimize credit loss when transferring to UC to earn their baccalaureate degrees;
2. To facilitate the admission, evaluation, and enrollment of students who are pursuing an associate degree whose academic goal includes the acquisition of a baccalaureate degree; and
3. To provide a course-by-course transfer Agreement between UC and FTCC to provide approved credit hours in UC programs for students who have earned credits and/or a degree from FTCC.

IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

Students who wish to enroll at UC in a baccalaureate degree program as either a full-time or part-time student should apply through the University of Charleston Admissions Office.

V. TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

1. **Admission:** FTCC students who wish to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program at UC must submit an application and official transcript(s) from the college(s) attended. Students will be admitted to UC provided the academic cumulative grade point average of the candidate is at least 2.25, and the student is in good academic and conduct standing. Admission into some UC academic programs may require a cumulative grade point average exceeding 2.25.
2. **Course Credit:** Courses will be considered for transfer if the courses to be transferred are equivalent or comparable to courses offered at UC, and the student's grade is "C" or better;
 - a. Transfer equivalencies are available for many FTCC courses;
 - b. Cooperative education courses and internships will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis;
 - c. CLEP, ACT, AP, ACE, JST, and other types of credits for prior learning appearing on the FTCC transcript are not automatically transferable. To be considered for CLEP, ACT, AP, ACE, JST credit, students must have an official transcript sent directly from the testing agency to the UC Admissions Office;
 - d. A letter grade of "P" is only acceptable when defined by FTCC as an equivalent to a "C" or better;
 - e. Grades for FTCC courses will not be computed as part of UC grade point average; and
 - f. All course work regardless of grade will be posted to the student's academic record for purposes of calculating eligibility for financial aid.
3. **Degree Requirements:** Students from FTCC are responsible for completing the following in order to receive a baccalaureate degree:
 - a. A minimum of 120 earned academic credits. A minimum of 60 hours will be transferred from FTCC;
 - b. Fulfillment of all requirements and outcomes of the academic program;
 - c. Demonstration of achievement of exit-level standard on all Liberal Learning Outcomes;
 - d. Cumulative UC grade point average of 2.00 (some programs require a gpa higher than 2.00); and
 - e. Demonstration of achievement of exit-level standards on discipline and program outcomes.

VI. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

1. UC will post specific information for faculty, staff, and students of FTCC on the UC website;
2. FTCC students will be eligible for benefits and resources extended to U.S. Armed Forces learners including:
 - a. Credit for military training;
 - b. Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program participation;
 - c. Dedicated military support services; and
 - d. Flexible military leave as required.
3. UC will list FTCC as a 2 + 2 member on an internal site utilized by UC learners and/or on the main website and will maintain a link that will direct learners to the UC website;
4. UC will provide literature and other information to FTCC to support its efforts in promoting this Agreement;
5. UC will provide FTCC updated degree and transfer materials for learners and graduates;
6. When possible, UC will participate in FTCC transfer fairs, graduate events, and faculty/staff development opportunities as organized by FTCC;
7. UC will provide a staff member as the primary contact for FTCC to facilitate the Agreement;
8. UC will share information regarding the aggregate number of students enrolled and courses taken by FTCC faculty, staff, and graduates on an annual basis;
9. When appropriate, FTCC will be invited to various networking events hosted by UC; and
10. Once a year, UC will provide data to FTCC. The data will be included on UC's letterhead and will include names of FTCC alumni. The note will state "The below students from Fayetteville Technical Community College have transferred to University of Charleston, have completed at least three terms and are making satisfactory academic progress through their program (as defined in the *University of Charleston Academic Catalog*)."

VII. FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

1. FTCC will assign a staff member as the primary point of contact to work with the identified UC contact to effectively implement the Agreement;
2. FTCC will work with UC to develop effective ways to share the benefits of this Agreement with faculty, staff, and graduates;

3. FTCC will distribute and/or make available updated degree and transfer information from UC to its learners via the FTCC website and through other electronic media; and
4. FTCC will maintain a link to the UC website for students interested in obtaining a baccalaureate degree.

VIII. REVISIONS TO AGREEMENT

Amendments and/or revisions to the Agreement may be made in writing at any time by mutual consent of both parties. Such amendments and/or revisions signed by authorized representatives of both parties shall be prepared in the form of an Addendum to the Agreement. The parties shall work cooperatively to review, at least annually, and to update each year as appropriate, specific items or procedures included in this Agreement. All changes made to this agreement will become effective on July 1st following the date of the Addendum, unless specified otherwise.

1. 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;
2. Admission criteria, academic requirements, and other admission requirements will be subject to the applicable Catalog at the time of the students' admission to the bachelor program. Students who have begun their FTCC program of study or students in the process of enrolling prior to the effective date of any without cause termination will be grandfathered in to continue receiving the discount offered in this Agreement until such time such students complete or discontinue enrollment in their program;
3. The parties grant to each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and servicemarks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to FTCC students and alumni. Use of trademarks, servicemarks and logos will comply with use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return any and all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at termination or expiration of the Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or servicemarks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or servicemarks;
4. 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; and
5. 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.

IX. CONTACTS FOR COORDINATION:

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 University of Charleston:

Michael C. Levy, Director, Educational Partnerships & Military Programs
University of Charleston
2300 MacCorkle Avenue, SE
Charleston, WV 25304

If to Fayetteville Technical Community College:

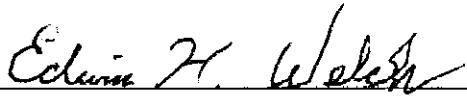
Dr. David Brand, Vice President for Academic and Student Services
Fayetteville Technical Community College
2201 Hull Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

or to such other persons or places as either party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other.

X. TERM AND APPLICABLE LAW

This agreement shall be effective upon execution and shall continue until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice, with or without cause. The agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



Edwin H. Welch, President
University of Charleston

7-11-13

Date



J. Larry Kean, President
Fayetteville Technical Community College

7-8-13

Date