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Articulation Agreement

By and Between

**Upper Iowa University and
Western Technical College**

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1. Purpose

Upper Iowa University (hereinafter “UIU”) and Western Technical College (hereinafter “WTC”) recognize the need and importance of facilitating a seamless transition for students moving from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. UIU and WTC enter into this agreement to minimize duplication of coursework, loss of credit, and administrative obstacles. This Agreement is also intended to foster and promote continued communication between the two institutions in order to develop and promote additional opportunities for articulated seamless transfer. Lastly, this Agreement provides students the opportunity to pre-plan their college careers.

2. Marketing and Communication

UIU authorizes WTC to identify UIU as an institutional transfer partner on the Western Technical College website and in print publications. Likewise, UIU will list WTC on its own website as a transfer partner. UIU will provide WTC a landing page address to be used for any links from Western Technical College’s website to UIU’s. UIU also authorizes WTC to use its logo on the Western Technical College website and in print publications. UIU, as the receiving school, will administer course and program equivalency guides and provide copies and/or links to WTC. Each school shall publish the equivalency guides on its website. Any marketing or publication of this signed articulation agreement in print will be subject to the prior approval of both parties.

3. Admission & Transfer of Credits

UIU will waive its one-time application fee for WTC students who apply to UIU.

As the receiving school, UIU agrees to transfer up to 78 lower-division college semester credits from Western Technical College. These 78 semester credits include: (a) No more than nine semester credits that transfer as Exercise and Sport Studies (EXSS) activity courses, including transcribed intercollegiate athletics; (b) No credits from courses identified by UIU as remedial or developmental; (c) No more than 30 semester credits from occupational diploma programs. An additional 12 upper-division credits may be transferred from four-year institutions for a total maximum of 90 semester credits.

Students who transfer from WTC with a Liberal Arts Associate of Science degree will be considered to have fulfilled all general education requirements at UIU.

Coursework from WTC will be transferred following the guidelines in the then-current program equivalency guide; if no program guide exists for the student's pathway, coursework will be transferred following guidelines in the then-current full course equivalency guide. Courses not listed on the equivalency guide will be accepted in transfer as general elective credits.

Transfer grades lower than a C- are not accepted by UIU.

Students from Western Technical College must meet UIU transfer student admission requirements effective at the time of application. UIU accepts students on a continuous enrollment basis.

UIU cannot guarantee students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation.

Grades earned in courses accepted for transfer will appear on a student's UIU transcript and articulated credits earned will count toward the total number required for graduation. Grades earned at WTC or any other institution other than UIU will be used in calculating the major/endorsement GPA. Credits for lower-division coursework from WTC that transfer as equivalent to UIU 300- or 400-level courses may not count as upper-division credit at UIU.

Upon request, UIU will provide materials, catalogs, program degree plans and other information to WTC advisors and students to facilitate their understanding of UIU requirements and academic programs. WTC understands program degree plans are subject to change and transfer students must fulfill the program requirements effective the date of their first registration. UIU will provide advising to WTC students inquiring about UIU programs and/or available learning modalities. UIU advisors are available to meet with staff at WTC as needed.

Western Technical College will provide official transcripts to UIU as requested by WTC students and alumni applying to UIU in accordance with this agreement subject to existing WTC policy regarding distribution of and costs for transcripts.

4. Partnership Advantages

All full-time and part-time faculty and staff members at WTC (including adjunct faculty) will receive a tuition grant for all courses taken at UIU for academic credit. The faculty or staff members must mention they are from a *Partnership Advantage* institution and request the tuition grant at time of registration. They will be asked to present verification of employment.

UIU will waive the application fee for WTC faculty and staff members who apply to any of UIU's graduate programs, as long as proof of the applicant's employment at WTC is provided with the application. All graduate program applicants with an undergraduate degree that does not include UIU required foundational courses may be required to take those courses in addition to the specific graduate program courses for the desired degree.

5. Provision for Renewal and/or Cancellation

This agreement will remain in effect until a new agreement is signed or the partnership is terminated by either school following guidelines below. Should there be changes at either school that will affect this agreement, that school shall notify the other in a timely manner so a new agreement can be discussed and reached.

Both schools will inform the other of curriculum changes and any associated course equivalency/transfer guide updates will be made accordingly as needed.

WTC and UIU agree to provide at least one hundred eighty (180) days advanced written notification of their intent to cancel the agreement. WTC students already accepted at UIU will be allowed to complete their degrees under the catalog guidelines in place at the time they started with UIU, as long as they complete their degrees within seven years of the time they enrolled in their first class with UIU. WTC students in the process of applying to UIU at the time of cancellation will be allowed to complete the application process and complete degrees, subject to the requirement to complete the degree within seven years of the first UIU course enrollment.

6. In Conclusion

This agreement represents the entire articulation agreement between Western Technical College and Upper Iowa University and shall not be subject to any waiver, modification or discharge except in writing and signed by both parties.

This agreement shall be governed by the academic policies and procedures in the 2019-2020 UIU Academic Catalog, the 2019-2020 WTC Catalog, and the laws of the State of Iowa.

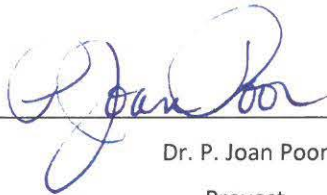
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