



CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT Capella University and Valencia Community College

This agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of June 27, 2008 by and between the District Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College, Florida (Orlando, FL), (hereinafter "VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE"), and by Capella University* (Minneapolis, MN), (hereinafter "Capella University"), (collectively, the "Institutions," "institutions" or "Parties").

PURPOSE

The Agreement has as its sole purpose the establishment of a relationship of mutual benefit between VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE and Capella University in order to make baccalaureate and graduate programs available to faculty, staff and graduates of VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (the "Program").

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

1. Capella University will accept the VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Associate of Arts degree as described in the current VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE catalog as satisfying all of the general education requirements of Capella University, provided all coursework has been completed with a grade of "C" (or equivalent). VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE graduates who completed their program as of 2005 or later meet the current general education requirements reviewed for purposes of this agreement.
 - a. *Refer to addendums for exceptions.*
 - b. Capella University will evaluate A.S. degrees granted by VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE and transfer courses that meet its degree requirements on a course-by-course basis, but it will take the general education core as a block.
2. Students from VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE must meet all other admission criteria documented in the current Capella University catalog.
3. All College-level courses, meeting Capella University transfer requirements, at VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE will be evaluated for transfer into Capella University Baccalaureate degree programs up to a maximum of 132 quarter (88 semester) hours of academic credit.
4. Learners must complete a minimum of 50 percent of their core and specialization courses at Capella University.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

1. Eligible VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE faculty, staff and graduates will receive a 10% tuition reduction on all Capella courses, excluding fees, beginning with the date of the Agreement as long as the Agreement is in effect. The tuition discount is not retroactive.

2. Valencia faculty, staff, and graduates will not have an application fee.
3. Capella will provide a welcome page specifically for VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE faculty, staff and graduates on the Capella website (www.capella.edu/valencia).
4. Capella will list VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE as an alliance member on an internal site utilized by Capella learners and/or on the main Capella website and maintain a link that will direct learners to VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE's website.
5. Capella will provide marketing assistance, literature and other information to VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE to support its efforts in promoting continued education.
6. Capella will provide VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE updated degree and transfer materials for learners and graduates.
7. When permissible, Capella will participate in VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE transfer fairs, graduates events and faculty/staff development opportunities.
8. Capella is willing to work with VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE to co-sponsor a cohort learning group, a team of faculty and/or staff on a degree track together (minimum level of participants is required).
9. Capella will provide an Alliance Manager as the primary contact for VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE to facilitate the Agreement.
10. Capella will share information regarding the aggregate number of enrollments and courses taken by VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE faculty, staff and graduates on an annual basis.
11. When permissible VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE will be invited to various networking events hosted by Capella and attended by local Higher Education Alliance Program participants.
12. Capella may have faculty members available for on-site or web-based presentations on topical issues that are relevant to professionals in the education industry. Examples include *Trends and Challenges in Higher Education*, *Academic Standards in Online Teaching and Curriculum*, *Instructional Design in Online Learning*, and *Succession Planning: Addressing the Leadership Gap in Higher Education*.

VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

1. VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE will assign a primary point of contact person to work with the Alliance Manager in order to effectively implement participation benefits to faculty, staff and graduates.
2. VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE will work with Capella to develop an appropriate communication plan that allows faculty, staff and graduates access to the benefits of this Agreement. (Communications may take a variety of forms including but not limited to messaging within graduate publications, student newspaper, faculty newsletter, Internet or intranet placement, and where permissible participation in a transfer event and/or faculty/staff development opportunity.)

3. VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE will distribute and/or make available updated degree and transfer information from Capella University to its learners via their transfer or career center.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR BOTH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

1. Implementation and interpretation of this Agreement will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies and procedures established by the accrediting and governing bodies of the institutions and other agencies having jurisdiction over the operation of either institution.
2. Participation of learners in the degree programs will be permitted in compliance with the applicable federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws and regulations.
3. Both institutions shall advertise the provisions of this Agreement so that it is disseminated to all prospective and existing learners by reasonable means. This could include but is not limited to, student catalogs, transfer guides, program brochures, intranet or Internet sites, and other advertising.
4. Both institutions may issue joint press releases and other announcements with prior approval from both Parties.
5. Both institutions shall maintain their accreditation with their regional accrediting associations and any other accreditation currently in existence pertaining to this degree program.
6. Both institutions shall have the common goal of developing a comprehensive and seamless services infrastructure for this Program.
7. Both institutions may build and maintain a link on their intranet and/or their internet sites that posts employment information so that students and alumni may research employment opportunities with alliance institutions.

DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The Agreement will remain in effect for one year and automatically renewed thereafter as long as the obligations of the relationships are met by both Parties. This Agreement will be reviewed annually for changes to degree and general education requirements at both Capella University and VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE. Either party may terminate participation in the Agreement with 90-days written notice. Tuition and fee rates, admission criteria and academic and other requirements will be subject to the Capella University Catalog at the time of the learner's admission to Capella. Active learners at the time of termination will be grandfathered in and receive tuition discount until such time they become discontinued from the Program. It is understood and agreed that any student participating in the Program who is being tracked for admission into a specific Bachelors Program or already admitted to Capella under this Agreement will be allowed to complete the Program notwithstanding the termination provisions above, so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program.

Capella will establish a procedure to assist in identifying VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE faculty, staff and graduates by the time of application. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE affiliated learner to identify themselves in order to receive the tuition discount and be considered a participant in the Agreement. In the event the

affiliated learner officially notifies Capella after they begin their coursework, the tuition discount will not be retroactive and their participation in the benefits of the Articulation Agreement will begin in the following academic quarter. Periodically, Capella University will verify the learner's continued relationship with the member institution to determine eligibility of discount status. If the learner is no longer an employee or faculty member, their discount may be revoked on a go-forward basis.

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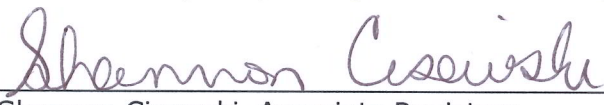
REVISIONS TO AGREEMENT

Amendments and/or revisions to the Agreement may be made in writing at any time by mutual consent of all Parties. Such amendments and/or revisions signed by authorized representatives of both Parties shall be prepared in the form of an Addendum Agreement. The procedure for approval of such addenda and/or revisions shall follow the same procedure employed in securing approval of all Parties in the original cooperative agreement. Each of the parties shall work cooperatively to review, at least annually, and to update each year as appropriate, specific items or operational procedures included in this Agreement.

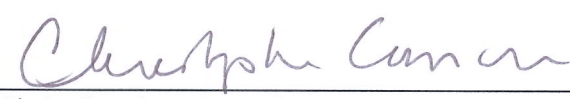
SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



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Valencia Community College
Date 8-12-08



Shannon Cisewski, Associate Registrar
Capella University
Date 4/15/08



Chris Cassirer, President
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Date 1/15/08

*Capella University's Accreditation

Capella University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org The Higher Learning Commission grants regional accreditation, the type most common for major public, state, and private universities.