

## **Articulation Agreement**

### **Between Valencia Community College and Strayer University**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

This articulation agreement (the Agreement) is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, promote the acceptance of the programmatic transfer of courses/credits between Strayer University (SU) and Valencia Community College (VCC or Valencia) and encourage students' completion of the associate's degree.

#### **II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

##### **A. Admissions Practices**

1. SU will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from VCC into any related baccalaureate degree program at SU. Transferring VCC applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to SU.
2. VCC students who graduate with an associate's degree from one of the programs listed in the Program Addendum attached, are applying to a related degree program at SU, and have a VCC cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirements of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog. Students who have questions may consult a counselor and/or advisor at either institution for assistance.
3. VCC students, who have completed or will complete an associate's degree by the time they enroll in classes at SU, will be exempted from paying the SU application fee.

## **B. Acceptance and Application of Credits**

1. The maximum number of transfer credits accepted from an institution granting a 2-year degree will be equal to 126 quarter credit hours or 84 semester credit hours. Under this Agreement, all courses required to complete the specific related associate's degree program from an articulated school will be articulated into the bachelor's program in their entirety.
2. Students from two-year institutions that SU has articulation agreements with, will have their entire degree program transferred in, including "C- and D" grades, allowing the student to complete their related degree program at Strayer University in approximately two years of full-time study.
3. Students completing an AA or AS at VCC will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at SU.
4. If a student does not have the prerequisite for a 300 or 400 level course at SU, he or she may be required to take the prerequisite course before taking upper division courses.
5. SU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. SU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide SU with official transcripts for evaluation.
6. Prior learning activity and other life experiences credits already evaluated as part of VCC's associate's degree program will be accepted as a part of the student's VCC degree.

## **C. Implementation of the Agreement**

1. SU and VCC agree to review this Agreement annually. VCC & SU will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this Agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon

request, SU agrees to provide VCC reports on enrolled VCC transfer students, their majors and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.

2. SU and VCC agree to assist each other in promoting this Agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, and reports.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

If to SU:

Lloyd B. Tredwell  
National College Relations Manager  
Strayer University  
431 Maple Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

If to VCC:

Dr. Karen Borglum  
Assistant Vice President,  
Curriculum & Articulation  
Valencia Community College  
P.O. Box 3028  
Orlando, FL 32802-3028

4. The curriculum in effect at the time a student first enrolls at VCC will be honored by SU if the student completes an associate's degree and successfully transfers to SU within 7 years of that first enrollment at VCC.
5. The Program Addendum Guide may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting this master agreement.
6. Any scholarships or tuition discounts offered by SU in the future to two-year college articulated students will automatically be considered part of this agreement. They would apply from date of implementation forward and would not apply to students already enrolled at SU from the articulated college.
7. This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the Agreement.

8. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that Valencia is a political subdivision of the State of Florida. As such, Valencia's performance under this Agreement and any amendments hereto or attachments connected herewith, shall at all times be subject to any and all federal, state and local laws and regulations and SU and VCC policies applicable to their respective operations, commitments and/or activities in furtherance of any terms specified herein.
  
9. This Agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Department of Education, the Strayer University Board of Trustees, the District Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College, Florida, the Florida Board of Education Division of Community Colleges, and Workforce Education.

#### PROGRAM ADDENDUM GUIDE

The following programs at Valencia Community College are considered to be related degree programs to the Bachelor's degree programs at Strayer University

Associate In Arts Degree with Pre-Majors in

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing

Associate of Science in:

- Accounting Technology
- Business Administration
- Computer Information Technology
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Computer Programming