ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
The District Board of Trustees of Valencia College, Florida
and
Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS, this agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") dated January, 25, 2017 establishes a Transfer Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") in which an undergraduate student will attain an Associate's degree in information technology, or other closely related field, from Valencia College (hereinafter referred to as "Valencia") and then transfer to a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology (CIT) program at Western Kentucky University (hereinafter referred to as "WKU"), (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"). After completing the academic requirements of the two participating institutions, the students will have earned an Associate degree from Valencia and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Technology (CIT) from WKU. This Agreement does not preclude Valencia students from attending and seeking other degrees at WKU.

1. Program of Study

1.1 Participating students shall complete the following at Valencia:

- An Associate's degree in Information Technology, or other closely related field as accepted by WKU. See Appendix A for course details (pages 5-6 of agreement).

1.2 All courses designated within the general education component of the Valencia degree will fully transfer to the general education component and/or the general elective component of WKU's Bachelor's degree program. Valencia students who complete an associate degree containing 30 unduplicated semester credit hours of General Education will not be required to complete additional general education courses at WKU. These credit hours are to included, per SACSCOC standards, at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/mathematics.

1.3 The WKU CIT program is delivered completely online. Thus, Program participating students may complete the program without relocating to the WKU campus.

1.4 Students who successfully complete the aforementioned Valencia Associate's level degree in information technology, or closely related field, will be required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of CIT coursework (with a grade of C or better), and satisfy all the degree requirements associated with WKU's 120-hour Bachelor's degree program.

1.5 The total Program shall satisfy all requirements for the degrees sought at Valencia and WKU.

2. Admission

2.1 Valencia is an open-admissions institution that assesses the holders of a high school diploma (or equivalent) wishing to enter the Program and places them into courses on the basis of their academic background and demonstrated experience in specific courses.

2.2 In order to be admitted to WKU in the CIT Transfer Program, a student must:

- complete one of the programs of study in 1.1;

- complete MAC – 1104 or MAC – 1105 with a C or better;

- submit application materials to WKU for evaluation by WKU;

- request that an official transcript from each college attended be sent to the WKU Admission Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020 (electronic transmission preferred). See http://www.wku.edu/admissions/ or call (270) 745-2551 for questions; and,

- meet the requirements for admission and be accepted to WKU.

2.3 Valencia graduates will be given the same privileges for admission to courses and programs as native WKU students.

3.   Program Management and Reporting

3.1 So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, WKU and Valencia agree to develop, maintain, and improve, as necessary, a Program management and reporting system.

3.2 Each institution will:

- Publicize the Agreement and Program among its students and faculty.

- Coordinate Program evaluation and improvement activities as necessary.

- List the Program in the appropriate publications and Web sites of the institution.

- Exchange regularly updated copies of their general catalogs and any other publications, which may be helpful in advising students.

- Agree to seek approval from the Program directors/coordinators of each institution prior to publishing materials pertaining to this agreement.

- Provide timely information about significant changes in the Program and programs of study that relate to the preparation of participating students.

- Provide any other information that may be helpful with monitoring and supporting the academic success of participating Program students.

- Agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreements to ensure consistency, program quality, and transferability for the mutual benefit of all involved parties at both institutions. This agreement will be reviewed by both institutions annually.

- Agree that each will observe regional accreditation standards, rules and guidelines and will work cooperatively to comply with reporting requirements from various agencies (e.g., SACSCOC, etc).

- Agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreements to ensure consistency, program quality, and transferability for the mutual benefit of all involved parties at both institutions. This agreement will be reviewed by both institutions annually.

- Assess the Program annually in collaboration with participating faculty, advisors, and students to improve the Program as needed. A report of the assessment and recommendations for improvement will be provided to the CIT Academic Program Coordinator of WKU University, and the Assistant Vice President of Curriculum and Articulation at Valencia.

3.3   Valencia will:

- Provide WKU admission requirement information to all prospective Valencia-WKU transfer students.

- Provide the opportunity for WKU staff to make a 10 minute presentation at a Dean of Students staff meeting on each campus once a year.

- Valencia grants WKU the right to use the college's name and logo in writing for purposes of this agreement only and only upon prior approval by Valencia for each use.
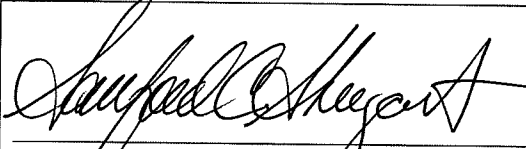
3.4   WKU University will:

- Provide matriculation data to Valencia in an annual report that includes the number of students that matriculate at WKU and the program areas in which students matriculate to the Assistant Vice President of Curriculum and Articulation at Valencia.

- Charge Program participating Valencia students the appropriate tuition rates based on each student's registration activity. As this Program is offered as a distance learning program, students will be assessed the appropriate distance learning/On Demand tuition and fees for program classes as detailed on WKU's Tuition and Fees Schedule (https://www.wku.edu/bursar/home-tuition-fees.php). All other course enrollments at WKU are subject to the assessment of tuition and fees outlined on the aforementioned website.

- Evaluate and transcript credit for all courses completed at Valencia.

- WKU grants the right to use the university's name and logo in writing in keeping with WKU 's policy 08.1040 - WKU Logo Usage; Communication & Branding (https://www.wku.edu/webservices/documents/communication_branding.pdf) and WKU's Communication and Branding Manual (https://www.wku.edu/marketingandcommunications/documents/communication_branding_manual.pdf) for the purposes of this agreement only and only upon prior approval by WKU for each use.

3.5 Additional Program information may be obtained from the Program website (http://www.wku.edu/cit/) or via email (cit@wku.edu).

4. Term/Termination/Modification

4.1 This agreement will be considered in effect when signed by both parties. The agreement is effective for 5 years, unless the annual review by WKU or Valencia necessitates a new agreement be created. It may be revised by mutual agreement

4.2 This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Termination date. However, it is understood and agreed that any student participating in the Valencia degree programs identified in section 1 specifically tracked for admission to WKU or already admitted to WKU due to 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. A student who satisfies these requirements will continue to receive the full benefit of any scholarship(s) awarded pursuant to § 3.4 of this Agreement, notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, provided that the scholarship(s) was awarded prior to the date of the written notice of termination required by this section.

4.3 This Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the Parties hereto. It is understood and agreed, however, that this Agreement may be modified unilaterally by WKU as may be necessary to bring it within the purview of and in accord with the directives of the President of WKU University, and the policies of WKU University. However, it is understood and agreed that no such modifications shall negate the participation of any student participating in the Valencia degree programs identified in section 1 of this Agreement specifically tracked for admission to WKU or already admitted to WKU so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program.

AGREED:

VALENCIA COLLEGE	WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
(signature)	*(signature)* 1/30/17
President Sanford C. Shugart　　　　Date	Provost David Lee　　　　Date

Appendix A

Course List for Western Kentucky University Articulation Agreement with Valencia College

A.S. Degree Courses in Information Technology taken at Valencia College:

Foundation Courses

ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I [+][*][~]	3
Science or Mathematics	See Gen Ed Core Requirement [+][*][~]	3
MAC1105 College Algebra required for WKU's CIT program		
Humanities	See Gen Ed Core Requirement [~]	3
HUM 1020 Intro to Humanities highly recommended (it is already articulated at WKU)		
CTS 1134C	NETWORK ESSENTIALS [N1]	3
CGS 2100C	COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS	3
CTS 1131C	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE ESSENTIALS [A1]	3
CTS 1142C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT [*][P1]	3
SLS 1122	NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE [~]	3

Intermediate Courses

CGS 2091C	SOCIAL, LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	3
CTS 1120C	INTRODUCTION TO NETWORK SECURITY [*][S1]	3
COP 2822C	WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT (FORMER TITLE, WEB PUBLISHING) [*][C1]	3
CGS 2545C	DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS [+]	3
ECO 2013	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS-MACRO [~]	3
Computer Information Technology Business Elective [1]		3
Select one of the following:		
ECO 2023 preferred	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS-MICRO [~]	
GEB 1011	INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS	

Advanced Courses

Computer Information Technology Electives [2]		14
CIS 2910C	IT CAPSTONE [*][3]	3
CIS 2943	INTERNSHIP IN COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY [*]	1
OR CGS 2650	SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR JOB SEARCH	
Total Credit Hours		**60**

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.
~ This is a general education course.
[1] Any of these courses not being used for a degree requirement may be used for the Business Elective credit. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution are encouraged to consult a career program advisor to determine the best course selection for transfer.
[2] Any course with a subject prefix of CET, CGS (except CGS 1060C INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS), CTS, CAP, CIS, COP, or COT not already used to satisfy program requirements
[3] CIS 2910C IT CAPSTONE is taken in last semester or with department approval, and satisfactory completion of all mandated discipline specific foundation and intermediate technical courses.
A1 This course is part of a sequence which prepares students for a CompTIA A+ certification examination.
C1 This course is part of a sequence which prepares students for a C1W Foundations certificate examination
N1 This course is part of a sequence which prepares students for a Network + certification examination
P1 This course is part of a sequence which prepares students for a Project + certification examination.
S1 This course is part of a sequence which prepares students for a Security + certification examination

15 Additional General Education Credits that could be taken at Valencia College or WKU:

ENC 1102	Freshman Composition II	3
SPC 1608	Fundamentals of Speech	3
PHI 2600	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
BSC 1005	Biological Science	3
CHM 1020	Chemistry in Everyday Life	3
Total		15

36 Credits taken at WKU's CIT program:

CIT 300 CIT Foundations	3
CIT 302 Web Development	3
CIT 352 Database Administration II	3
CIT 372 Telecommunications II	3
CIT 4XX CIT Electives	21
AMS 490 CIT Capstone Course	3
Total	**36**

9 General Elective credits taken at Valencia College or WKU: 9
(Valencia Students should check with an advisor for acceptable courses)

Total credits between Valencia College and WKU to earn the B.S. CIT at WKU: **120**