## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

# between Kaplan University and Valencia Community College

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this articulation agreement dated December 17, 2008, (the Agreement) is to establish procedures and guidelines for students to transfer to a Kaplan University (KU, Kaplan or Kaplan University) degree program following completion of an A.A. or A.S. degree program at Valencia Community College, Florida (Valencia or Valencia Community College). With respect to courses of study that lead to an associate's degrees, both Kaplan and Valencia Community College will facilitate the transfer of associate-degree graduates to baccalaureate completion programs at KU. This advanced start baccalaureate program is designed to maximize a students' transfer credit award.

## II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

# A. Admission to Kaplan University

- 1. Valencia Community College students in good standing and eligible graduates will be reviewed as pre-qualified applicants for Kaplan University degree programs. Applicants will be required to complete all Kaplan University admission's requirements in force at the time of application. Kaplan University admissions requirements are detailed in its most recent catalog.
- 2. To be eligible for application to an advanced start bachelor's program, a student must be an associate-degree graduate or must submit a letter from the Valencia Community College's Registrar indicating that the student is in good standing, the expected date of graduation, the associate's degree expected to be earned, and the program/major. Upon graduation, the student must submit proof of having been awarded an associate's degree.

Upon acceptance and signing of the Kaplan University enrollment agreement, transfer students will be subject to all Kaplan University policies, codes of conduct, college procedures, and requirements. These are described in the most recent Kaplan University catalog.

## B. Credit Transferability

- 1. Students having completed an associate's degree program (AA, , AS, ) consisting of a minimum of 90 quarter credits (or at a minimum, 60 semester hours) will be eligible for a block transfer of up to 90-quarter credits and acceptance into Kaplan's "advanced start" baccalaureate option.
- 2. Kaplan University will complete a review of all transfer credits submitted on official transcripts from Valencia Community College for students that have completed a certificate or diploma program. The whole AA or AS degree will be accepted towards general education credit or elective credit. A Prior Learning Assessment Curriculum Evaluation (PLACE) may be developed to aid in the transfer credit evaluation

- process. Kaplan University reserves the right to make a final determination on all matters related to transferability and course equivalencies; however, all general education courses transferred will be accepted as fulfilling general education requirements at Kaplan
- 3. Valencia Community College students who are unable to fulfill Kaplan University prerequisites at Valencia Community College must complete them at Kaplan University. Prerequisites are listed in its current catalog and vary based on the bachelor's degree program and emphasis chosen.
- 4. Valencia Community College students must fulfill Kaplan University requirements, which entail completion of no less than 25-percent of their program requirements at Kaplan, including a minimum of 50-percent of the major requirements, including the capstone course, at Kaplan. Credit earned through any combination of Transfer Credit, Challenge Credit or Experiential Credit will not exceed 75-percent of total credits required for graduation.

## C. Coordination

- 1. Kaplan University and Valencia Community College agree to:
  - **a.** Coordinate their efforts to facilitate a collegial and mutually beneficial relationship;
  - **b.** Communicate accurate and timely information about the relationship to prospective students, who are either current Valencia Community College students, alumni, or Valencia Community College employees, and;
  - **c.** Designate academic alliance coordinators as primary contact persons for the respective institutions to facilitate coordination of this agreement.
- **2.** Kaplan University agrees to:
  - **a.** Provide Valencia Community College relevant transfer information and current Kaplan University brochures and/or catalogs;
  - **b.** Communicate via Valencia Community College to students, alumni and employees via e-mail, postal mail, telephone, and other means to offer them the opportunity of enrolling in a bachelor's completion program at Kaplan University;
  - c. Participate in Valencia Community College education fairs when offered and if available;
  - **d.** Encourage Valencia Community College students who are attending classes at Valencia Community College to enroll at Kaplan University after completing their current program;
  - e. Provide Valencia Community College with a toll-free telephone number (866-583-4417) so that Valencia Community College alumni and employees can discuss their educational goals with a Kaplan advisor, and;
  - **f.** Provide a welcome page for Valencia Community College's alumni and employees at the **www.cc.kaplan.edu** website.
- **3.** Valencia Community College agrees to:
  - **a.** Assist Kaplan University by communicating the benefits of this relationship to Valencia Community College students, alumni, and employees;

- **b.** Allow Kaplan University representatives to conduct on-campus presentations and marketing, in cooperation with Valencia's Marketing department regarding Kaplan University programs for Valencia Community College students, alumni, and employees;
- **c.** Make a summary available to students, alumni, staff, and faculty about the Agreement to which Kaplan University and Valencia Community College mutually agree, and;
- **d.** Cooperate with KU to establish transfer of curriculum and of transcripts, when applicable, and with student permission in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 4. Both Kaplan University and Valencia Community College agree to allow current students to concurrently take courses at both institutions, as well as have access to advising and other services at both institutions. However, federal regulations require that students receive financial aid from only a single college from which courses are taken in a given quarter or semester. Should a student attend both institutions in a single semester, financial aid may be granted from only one institution in compliance with federal law.
- 5. Kaplan University and Valencia Community College will share data on student achievement as necessary to assess program effectiveness in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines.

### III. Terms

- A. As a condition of this Agreement, Kaplan University will extend professional courtesy discounts to Valencia Community College alumni and employees concomitant with the date of the fully executed document.
  - 1. Valencia Community College alumni and employees will receive a ten (10%) percent discount on their Kaplan tuition. Valencia Community College alumni and employees must inform KU admissions directors about their affiliation to receive their discount;
  - 2. Kaplan University will extend to Valencia Community College alumni and employees all of its online certificates, undergraduate, and graduate programs, as and when offered;
- B. This Agreement is effective for the Kaplan University academic term beginning with the date of the fully executed Agreement, and shall continue until terminated. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing.
- C. Either party may terminate the Agreement with or 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. However, in either case, it is understood and agreed that any Valencia student participating in the articulation program under this Agreement specifically tracked for admission or already admitted to Kaplan University due to this Agreement will be allowed to complete the articulation program at Kaplan

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.

- D. The Agreement may be executed by either electronic or facsimile transmission in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.
- E. Kaplan Test Preparatory Admission Centers: Kaplan Nursing of KTPA will offer the following discount to members of the Articulation Agreement:
  - 1. 20% off retail price of Kaplan Nursing Complete Classroom or online course
  - **2.** The discount is not available for the NCLEX-RN Qbank or NCLEX-PN Qbank products
  - **3.** The discount is not available for the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN Integrated Testing programs
  - 4. The discount cannot be combined with any other offer or discount
  - **5.** KTPA Nursing will provide NCLEX Strategy Seminars at the nursing schools to all graduating classes without cost or obligation.

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