Articulation Agreement between Florida College System Partner Institution, Hillsborough Community College and Western Governors University

This Articulation Agreement is entered into between Hillsborough Community College (HCC), a Florida College System (FCS) partner institution, and Western Governors University (WGU).

Purpose

- This Articulation Agreement formally recognizes that both institutions are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities to students transferring between our two institutions. This partnership is committed to providing seamless transfer to advance individuals in their personal educational goals and advance the educational mission of HCC.
- Both institutions enter into this Articulation Agreement in recognition of their mutual commitment to furthering the quality, affordability, and accessibility of higher education.
- Under the terms and conditions of this Articulation Agreement, participating graduates will maximize as much of their community college coursework and credits as outlined by the transfer articulation pathways.
- Through ongoing communication between their faculty and staff, HCC and WGU will work together to address transfer obstacles that may present themselves throughout the partnership.
- The articulation agreement provides a structure through which transfer articulation is supported for all degree programs that are an equal or natural transfer between institutions. These articulations will include students from all HCC campuses or locations.

Transfer Elements

Treatment of Florida College System associate degree transfer

This Articulation Agreement establishes the principles that all articulated associate degrees at HCC transfer to WGU. All transferrable courses that are completed at HCC with a letter of "C" or higher are accepted and applied toward the appropriate college degree (with the exception of licensure programs or state requirements where a grade of "B" or better may be required). Credits from transferrable courses completed with a letter grade below a "C" will not transfer.

Articulated associate degrees will be identified, maintained and available through the WGU landing page.

HCC graduates must comply with all WGU application processes.

All applicable admission requirements must be met, and WGU will retain sole discretion in admission decisions.

Treatment of Florida College System coursework without an earned associate degree

WGU will encourage HCC students without associate degrees to complete their degree work at HCC. Students who transfer to WGU with less than an associate degree or non-articulated degree will have their courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take any additional courses necessary to satisfy WGU degree requirements.

Obligations of WGU

- Articulation tables are provided for all programs that are a natural transfer to WGU and are to be used by counselors and faculty to share with students and staff interested in enrolling at WGU. These are available for viewing at https://partners.wgu.edu
- WGU will provide annual updates to HCC on articulation pathway changes at the <u>https://partners.wgu.edu</u> landing page
- WGU will provide webinar training to HCC faculty and staff to ensure understanding of the partnership and articulation pathways.
- Graduates and staff of HCC will be eligible to apply for scholarships offered through the WGU Community College Partnership Scholarship. Scholarships are valued at up to \$2,000.00. Recipients will receive a \$500.00 tuition credit each term, renewable for up to four (4) terms based on satisfactory academic performance.
- WGU will provide print materials to disburse to interested students.
- WGU will provide a landing page to link your students and staff to the WGU website.

Obligations of Florida College System partner institution

- HCC will post the Articulation Agreement with WGU on its website. The link to WGU's partner landing page will be included in the agreement: <u>https://www.wgu.edu/cc</u>.
- HCC will provide WGU with timely curriculum updates of all articulated associates degrees.

Joint Obligations

- WGU and HCC agree to maintain regular communication to ensure program and transfer challenges are addressed.
- All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this articulation agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual based on race, religion, creed, color, gender, age, disability, veteran status, national origin, or other protected status.
- Except as permitted by this articulation agreement, neither institution shall use the name or marks of the other institution in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release, or other publicity without the prior written consent of the other.
- WGU will collaborate with HCC in the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation pathways.
- WGU will send an update of all program changes to HCC annually in the month of October.
- HCC will provide WGU with a point of contact to include an email address that program updates can be sent to annually by the end of August. If no point of contact is provided, WGU will send the update to the email address provided the previous year, and updated articulation pathways can be accessed at https://partners.wgu.edu
- Transfer articulation pathways developed by the articulating institution are not valid without a signed articulation agreement.

Term of Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective upon the date of the last signature and serves as the basis of the partnership between the institutions for five (5) years from that date. The Articulation Agreement may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other institution. In the unlikely event the partnership is terminated, WGU agrees that HCC graduates and staff then receiving any educational benefit described in this articulation agreement will receive the full value of that benefit towards their studies as long as they remain in continuous good academic standing at WGU.

Western Governors University

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Approved as to Form & Legality

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