

Articulation Agreement

Clark State Community College and Franklin University

The purpose of this document is to establish an articulation agreement between Clark State Community College and Franklin University, including its branch campus, Urbana University. Subject to Clark State Community College's compliance with the requirements set forth herein, this agreement guarantees admission to Franklin University, transferability of credits, and a seamless transition for Clark State Community College graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Clark State Community College and Franklin University enter into this articulation agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, national origin, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, or other non-merit factors.

Transfer:

Upon application, Franklin University will guarantee acceptance of all Clark State Community College graduates with an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate of Applied Science degree. Transfer students from Clark State Community College, upon acceptance will have junior standing at Franklin University.

Students transferring from Clark State Community College may transfer additional credits (up to a maximum of 90-94 semester credit hours) toward their baccalaureate degree. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Franklin University to be eligible for the Bachelor of Science degree (minimum 120-124 semester hours).

A Curriculum Equivalency guide will be created by Franklin University each academic year for Clark State Community College. Clark State Community College programs and courses will be identified that will effectively transfer to Franklin and prepare Clark State Community College students for success in the Franklin University programs.

Financial Aid Consortium:

Franklin University and Clark State Community College will enter into a Financial Aid Consortium, by complying with the necessary information sharing, to entitle students in these programs to the appropriate federal, state and institutional assistance. This process includes annual reporting of tuition fees and academic calendar dates.

Privacy and Data Security:

Both parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 and all associated regulations, taking necessary steps to ensure that confidential personal information is not disclosed or distributed, including the maintenance of a security plan consistent with industry standards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of personal information, and to protect against unauthorized access to such information. Information will be shared, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, as needed to allow transferring students to participate in the articulation program and to track student interest, persistence and success.

Indemnification:

- A. To the extent permitted by law, Clark State Community College shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franklin University, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Clark State Community College, its agents or employees, in the performance of Clark State Community College's obligations under this agreement.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, Franklin University shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Clark State Community College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of Franklin University, its agents or employees, in the performance of Franklin University's obligations under this agreement.

Jurisdiction and Venue:

The parties of this agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio/Franklin County in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

Term:

This agreement is for a period of two years from the date of execution and shall automatically renew for successive one year periods unless a party gives notice of non-renewal 3 months in advance of the expiration of the then-applicable term.

Franklin University reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this Agreement or to discontinue the articulation program at any time. Notice of modification or intentions to discontinue shall come in writing from one President to the other at least nine months prior to the date on which any action would be taken. In the event that the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Clark State Community College will continue to provide services to all currently enrolled students through graduation or discontinued enrollment.

This agreement and attached addendums are effective only under the condition that both institutions maintain current accreditation by a regional accrediting association as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In the event that an institution loses its accreditation, this agreement and addendums will terminate immediately.

The parties agree to the provisions of any Addendums to Agreement, which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

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**Articulation Agreement
Financial Addendum**

Clark State Community College and Franklin University

Clark State Community College and Franklin University have entered into an Articulation Agreement designed to provide access to baccalaureate degrees for the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Clark State Community College (the "CCA program"). Clark State Community College and Franklin University will work together to promote the awareness of the CCA program among students, faculty, staff, and the community of Clark State Community College.

Franklin University will provide the following services to Clark State Community College:

- Offer a faculty/staff tuition discount program for those Clark State Community College employees pursuing their bachelor's or master's degree through Franklin University.
- Offer Franklin University's introductory course, PF 321 Learning Strategies, at no cost to faculty and staff.
- Offer scholarship opportunities to CCA transfer students, including but not limited to the Undergraduate CCA Scholarship.

This addendum modifies and supplements the attached articulation agreement.

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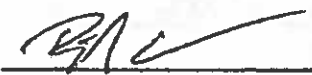


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Marketing Addendum**

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Clark State Community College and Franklin University personnel will work in partnership to promote the CCA program through the following activities:

- Collaborate in the communication of the CCA program and its benefits to student, faculty, staff and alumni.
 - Institutional communication, such as campus and faculty/staff publications, newspapers, emails, letters, etc.
 - On-campus marketing (posters, kiosks, literature, etc.)
 - Placing information regarding the CCA program in the academic catalog, web site and literature in relation to transfer options.
 - Communication to graduating students and alumni.
- The promotion of the CCA program through co-marketing opportunities at Franklin's expense.
- Classroom presentations by Franklin University representatives as appropriate to share Franklin's transfer and CCA program benefits to students.
- The promotion and communication of CCA program benefits to faculty and staff annually.
- As an option for both the student and the institution, recognize students who have successfully transferred and earned their Bachelor's degree through the CCA program by conferring Franklin's Bachelor degree to the student at Clark State Community College's commencement.

Clark State Community College acknowledges and agrees that all use of Franklin University trademarks (the "Franklin Marks"), including use in marketing materials, must be approved in advance by Franklin University.

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