

University of Phoenix and Northern Virginia Community College

Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Woodbridge
campuses in Virginia

Agreement Articulation

Introduction

An articulation agreement formally recognizes that the **University of Phoenix** and **Northern Virginia Community College** are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of their institutions. Agreement to this alliance requires a commitment by both institutions to facilitate the transfer of associate degree, or approved foreign equivalent to U.S. associate degree, conferred students into a baccalaureate degree program without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

Purpose

An agreement defines a structure through which articulation on all levels can be supported. This agreement is specifically designed to allow for maximum transfer of credit and a seamless transition for students earning an associate degree. Development and distribution of all transfer articulation products (e.g. brochures, checklists or transfer guides) are the responsibility of the University of Phoenix. The University of Phoenix will consider the input from Northern Virginia Community College so that the most efficient transfer possible may be achieved for the student. The University of Phoenix and Northern Virginia Community College agree to develop a working plan to accomplish students' transition between associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Transfer Features and Benefits

1. All credit from associate degrees, or approved foreign equivalent to U.S. associate degree (including vocational degrees), awarded by Northern Virginia Community College will transfer to the University of Phoenix as a "block", meaning that all associate degree-related courses, subject to the following limitations, will automatically transfer. The maximum of 72 of these transfer credits will apply to the Bachelor of Science in Management (BSM) degree (in states where offered). A maximum of 60-69 transfer credits will apply to all other available bachelor programs.
 - Although credits will be accepted in transfer, additional general education credits may be needed to fulfill the program requirements.
(Note: For students transferring without an earned associate degree, all credit from college-level (not remedial or developmental) courses earned with a grade of C- or better will be accepted in transfer. Depending on the student's major, a maximum of 60-69 of these transfer credits will apply to the baccalaureate program.)
 - Students from Northern Virginia Community College will be granted admission to a baccalaureate degree program at the University of Phoenix based on academic requirements as a result of having earned an associate degree, or approved foreign equivalent to U.S. associate degree, and upon further satisfaction of all other conditions for admission as stated in the University Catalog. University of Phoenix admission requirements may be viewed at www.phoenix.edu/students.
2. At the time an associate degreed student enrolls in the last University of Phoenix baccalaureate degree required course, the tuition will be waived if the student has remained in continuous enrollment and is in good academic standing.
3. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science in Management program (in states where offered), the associate degree focus may be listed as an area of emphasis on the baccalaureate transcript and University of Phoenix diploma.
4. Students from Northern Virginia Community College, who are within 12 months of the completion of their associate degree, may pre-apply to a University of Phoenix baccalaureate program and will be granted access to the University of Phoenix proficiency assessment system and University Library Online Collection. Continued access to these services following the 12-month period will require students to be enrolled in the University.

Services Provided to Northern Virginia Community College by the University of Phoenix

1. Transfer support material will be provided by University of Phoenix.
2. University of Phoenix campus will provide onsite or online counseling services.
3. University of Phoenix will provide information about Northern Virginia Community College to students who do not meet University of Phoenix admission requirements or who need additional program prerequisites or requirements.

Services Provided to the University of Phoenix by Northern Virginia Community College

1. Northern Virginia Community College will provide the opportunity for University of Phoenix representative to meet with the Northern Virginia Community College students on an ongoing basis.
2. Northern Virginia Community College will assist the University of Phoenix in the distribution of updated degree and transfer materials (including web-based documents) to alumni and current students.
3. Northern Virginia Community College will provide to the University of Phoenix materials for distribution to students who do not meet the University of Phoenix graduation or program requirements.

The University of Phoenix will honor this agreement with all associate degree granting institutions currently accredited or in candidacy status by regional or national accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Northern Virginia Community College agrees to notify the University of Phoenix of any adverse changes in its accreditation status.

Any written materials published and distributed by Northern Virginia Community College and/or the University of Phoenix which specifically references the articulation agreement between the two institutions or makes any general representation of each other's institution, must be approved by each respective party prior to its use. The University of Phoenix through its holding company, the Apollo Group, Inc., owns both federal and common law trademarks and service marks (collectively, "Marks") which may not be used without the express written permission of Apollo Group, Inc. Guidelines for the proper use of trademarks, service marks and domain names can be located at www.apollogrp.edu/trademarks

No financial implications concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate is intended or implied by this agreement. The University of Phoenix and Northern Virginia Community College are separate and independent institutions of higher education and intend to remain so.

Longevity of Agreement

This agreement will be in effect for three years from the date of execution. Renewal of the agreement with appropriate content changes will be discussed at the end of this time period. Transfer literature will be updated on an annual basis. Termination of this agreement may occur by either party with a ninety (90) day written notification.

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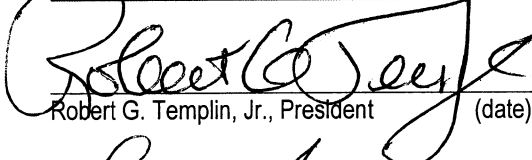


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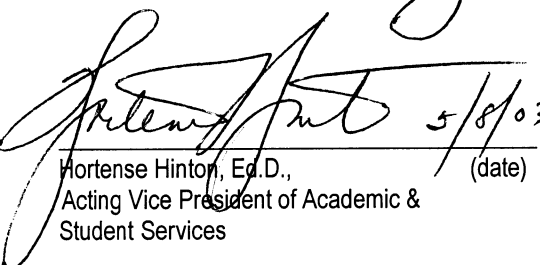
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