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Articulation Agreement

Between Argosy University/Washington, DC and Northern Virginia Community College

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between Argosy University/Washington, DC and Northern Virginia Community College of transfer policies, enhanced advising and acceptance of equivalent courses/credits.

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

- 1. Argosy University/Washington, DC accepts applications from students who wish to transfer from Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) into the baccalaureate degree completion program in psychology at AU/DC. Transferring NVCC applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as for other students applying for transfer to AU/DC. The application fee is waived.
- 2. Students transferring from NVCC to specific AU/DC programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point averages and other admission criteria, as for other native or transfer students applying to AU/DC programs.
- 3. NVCC students who graduate with an AA or AS degree, have earned at least 24 semester hours of transferable work at NVCC, and have a NVCC curriculum GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to AU/DC.
- 4. For the purposes of admission and credit recognition the transfer grade point average is determined by a calculation that includes all NVCC courses and all attempts.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

- General Education students completing an AA or AS at NVCC will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at AU/DC, and will enter AU/DC with junior status.
- 2. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) students completing an AAS degree may transfer all credits from their degree program, excluding developmental or remedial courses, with the understanding that they fulfill all general education requirements for the AU/DC bachelor's degree prior to graduation from AU/DC. While particular AAS curricula may be more applicable than others to the baccalaureate psychology degree (e.g. Business Management, Early Childhood Development, Human Services Associate, Nursing, and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation), this agreement applies to all AAS degree programs.

- 3. Where course equivalencies exist for required courses and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply to AU/DC graduation requirements in psychology. If the courses are taught at the 300 or 400 level at AU/DC, students must still take sufficient courses to earn at least 42 hours of upper division credit for graduation.
- 4. Courses/credits in which grades of D (1.0) were earned are not acceptable in transfer, with the exception that students who have completed an AA or AS at NVCC may transfer courses/credits in which grades of D (1.0) were earned, so long as their cumulative GPA is at least 2.0.
- 5. AU/DC reserves the right to evaluate courses/credits earned through AP, CLEP, or other testing programs. AU/DC also reserves the right to evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. The maximum number of standardized testing credits eligible for transfer is 30.
- 6. AU/DC will maintain course equivalency information.
- 7. Students transferring from NVCC will be required to complete a minimum of 3Q semester hours of AU/DC coursework to be eligible for the AU/DC degree. Courses representing credits beyond the 90 hours allowed in transfer will be considered to have been completed under the general University transfer guidelines and will not have to be repeated at AU/DC. However, credits for those courses may not accompany the course.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

AU/DC and NVCC agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. NVCC will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. AU/DC agrees to provide NVCC reports on the academic performance of enrolled NVCC transfer students when 10 or more students are enrolled in any given year.

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

- 1. The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at NVCC will be honored by AU/DC if the student completes an AA or AS degree and successfully transfers to AU/DC within 4 years of that first enrollment at NVCC.
- 2. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
- 3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.

Dr. Cynthia Baum, President

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