

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**REGENT UNIVERSITY**  
**and**  
**NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**PURPOSE**

April 1, 2002

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 Regent University (RU) and Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) of transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of equivalent courses.

Both Regent University and Northern Virginia Community College support the articulation guidelines of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, as expressed in "Guidelines for Promoting Articulation Between Two-Year and Four-Year Colleges and Universities in Virginia."

**ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

**A. Admission Practices**

1. RU accepts applications from students who wish to transfer from NVCC into any baccalaureate degree program at RU.
2. NVCC students who graduate with an AA or AS degree and have earned at least 60 semester hours of transferable work at NVCC and have a curricular grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 at NVCC will be admitted to RU if they meet all other RU entrance requirements.
3. For the purposes of admission and credit recognition for students who do not have an AA or AS degree, transfer credit will be considered on a course-by-course basis, and the GPA at the time of transfer will be determined by a calculation that includes all attempts and all courses.
4. Students transferring from NVCC to specific RU programs must meet the same prerequisites, GPA, and other admission criteria required of other students applying for those programs.

**B. Acceptance and Application of Credits**

1. Students completing an AA or AS degree at NVCC will be considered to have met all lower division University general education requirements at RU. Students not fulfilling degree-specific lower division RU requirements will be advised how to fulfill those requirements by RU's counselors.


2. To be considered for transfer credit, course work must be graded "C" or better for both NVCC graduates and students who did not graduate. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at RU.
3. RU will re-evaluate courses/credits awarded by NVCC and earned through AP, CLEP, NVCC's locally developed AP tests, or other appropriate testing programs. RU will also re-evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions based on official transcripts and course descriptions.
4. Transfer credit will not be granted for courses designated by NVCC as "developmental" or "remedial" in nature.
5. Transfer credit may be granted on a case-by-case basis for NVCC occupational/technical courses and General Usage Courses such as Cooperative Education, Seminar and Project, and Supervised Study.
6. Two courses with essentially the same content (as determined by RU) cannot both be counted toward the same degree.
7. NVCC parallel/college transfer courses are fully transferable even if no comparable course is listed on RU's "Standard Course" list.
8. Transfer of credit does not necessarily imply applicability to specific degree requirements.
9. One quarter-hour is equated to 2/3 semester-hour; fractions are retained in cumulating hours transferred.

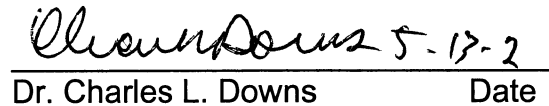
**C. Update/Report/Relationship**

1. RU and NVCC agree to review annually the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of carrying out this review.
2. Each institution agrees to provide updated catalogs, or notification of revisions to on-line catalogs, to the other immediately upon availability.
3. In any year when ten or more NVCC students transfer to RU, upon request from NVCC, RU will provide data on the academic performance of those students.

**D. Amendments and Term of Effect**

1. RU will honor the curriculum transfer guide in effect at the time a student graduates from NVCC with an AA or AS degree if the student transfers to RU within two years of their graduation from 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 upon review and approval by both parties.
3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the 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 two years.

  
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