

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE DIVISION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES**  
**AND**  
**DEVRY UNIVERSITY**

A Statement of Philosophy and Intent

The State of Florida, long a national leader in higher education, has given broad policy directions to the system of postsecondary education with regard to transfer and articulation between and among two- and four-year institutions. A statewide articulation agreement exists in Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code to establish an effective and orderly transfer process for students entering a state community college, completing an Associate in Arts degree, and transferring to a state university. Florida Statutes also encourage collaboration between the public and independent sectors of postsecondary education.

Founded in 1931, by Dr. Herman DeVry, DeVry Inc. (NYSE: DV), located in Chicago, Illinois, is the parent organization of DeVry University, Ross University, Chamberlain College of Nursing and Becker Professional Review. DeVry University, which includes Keller Graduate School of Management, offers associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in technology, healthcare technology, business and management. DeVry University is located throughout Florida with campuses and centers in Orlando North, Orlando South, Miramar, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Tampa Bay, Tampa East, Jacksonville and on-line courses. DeVry University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and is licensed by the State of Florida. For more information, visit <http://www.devryinc.com>.

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the uniform conditions regarding articulation between The Florida College System (FCS) and DeVry University. It is intended to increase the options available to community college associate degree graduates seeking baccalaureate degrees. This agreement serves as an overarching statement of cooperation between the FCS and DeVry University, thus benefiting FCS graduates in specified degree programs. However, it is not intended to supersede more specific college and program articulation agreements as developed in geographic areas served by campuses of DeVry University. This articulation agreement between the FCS and DeVry University was established in 2009.

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This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 9 day of July, 2009, by and between the Florida Division of Florida Colleges and DeVry University.

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to promote the most efficient and effective use of their resources and to offer students the broadest possible range of educational opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to encourage and facilitate the establishment of specific articulation provisions between Florida's public community colleges and DeVry University, and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of qualified associate degree students from Florida's public community colleges to DeVry University,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree to cooperate in articulating programs in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

I. DeVry University shall recognize the Associate of Arts degree(s) as the "2+2" transfer degree from the Florida College System. Also, specified Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degree(s) will be eligible for articulation in related baccalaureate degree programs offered at DeVry University.

II. DeVry University shall publish an Articulation Manual that specifies the programs articulated with the associate degree(s), including the course requirements and related prerequisite courses for each program. This Articulation Manual will be made available to students, faculty, and advisors through FACTS.org website and updated on an annual basis.

III. DeVry University shall develop course equivalency tables, specifically for program prerequisites and course requirements, insofar as it is reasonable and necessary to do so. Courses that are designated as equivalent in objectives, content, and credit hours must be treated as equivalent for all community colleges.

IV. DeVry University shall annually provide data to the Division of Florida Colleges on the number of FCS graduates by academic term who enroll under the provisions of this agreement and graduate with the baccalaureate degree.

V. DeVry University and the Division of Florida Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:

Associate of Arts Degree Articulation

- A. Community college students who transfer with an Associate of Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing and all credit awarded by a community college will transfer to DeVry University, which includes a minimum of 60 credits. However, the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of DeVry University, which may mean extending the number of credit hours to earn the baccalaureate degree, if the 60 hours transferred and applied do not include all of the degree prerequisites or graduation requirements that are compulsory for native students.
- B. Community college students who transfer with an Associate of Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as having completed the lower division general education requirements of DeVry University.

Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science Degree Articulation

C. Appropriate courses within the Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree will articulate to related baccalaureate degree programs at DeVry University. Courses taken as a part of the Associate in Science degree to meet the general education requirements of the community college will transfer and apply toward the DeVry University general education credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree. No additional general education credit hours can be required except to complete the total general education hours required by DeVry University. DeVry University's Baccalaureate of Science degree programs that are covered under this Agreement are:

- Biomedical Engineering Technology
- Business Administration
  - Major/Concentration:
    - Accounting
    - Business Information Systems
    - Finance
    - General Business
    - Health Services Management
    - Hospitality Management
    - Human Resource Management
    - Operations Management
    - Project Management
    - Sales and Marketing
    - Security Management
    - Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship
    - Technical Communications
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Computer Information Systems
  - Tracks:

- Business/Management
- Computer Forensics
- Database Management
- Flex Option – (multi-track selections)
- Information Systems Security
- Systems Analysis and Integration
- Web Development and Administration
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Game and Simulation Programming
- Network and Communications Management
- Technical Management
  - Technical Specialty:
    - General Technical
    - Business Administration Major/Concentration
    - Criminal Justice
    - Health Information Management

Other degree programs not listed herein will be considered on a case-by-case basis or, as defined, in the current DeVry University catalog at the time of enrollment with DeVry University.

#### General Articulation Provisions

- D. Transfer students shall meet the same standards and program requirements as native students. This may include admissions requirements (i.e., standard high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or other credential as authorized by Florida Statutes), college placement testing, and prior successful completion of all college preparatory coursework as mandated by state approved assessments and standards. Failure to demonstrate adherence to agreed-upon standards of individual student college readiness may abrogate guarantees for transfer of credit for specific students or termination of this agreement.
- E. A community college student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the DeVry University catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a community college, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment as defined by DeVry University and receives an associate degree and transfers to DeVry University within six years of initial enrollment in a community college. Continuous enrollment as defined by DeVry University policy means enrolled every session or semester. The student will have the option of graduating under the DeVry University catalog in effect at the time of transfer.
- F. Admission of a community college student to DeVry University will depend on the number of spaces in each academic year or an academic program and the continuation of the program. Program discontinuance will remove any obligation (beyond those protections afforded to native students) of DeVry University to comply with the provisions of the Articulation Agreement relative to the discontinued program.

- G. For the students accepted for transfer, the grade of “D” will be treated the same as grades of “D” obtained by native students at DeVry University. DeVry University may require a grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0 overall or a grade of “C” or better in all prerequisite courses, provided the same policy is applied equitably for native and transfer students.
  - H. Credit awarded by a community college as experiential credit and/or credit awarded by exam, such as College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program, and Advanced Placement (AP), while acceptable to satisfy Associate degree requirements, may or may not satisfy specific requirements of the baccalaureate degree. DeVry University policy on accepting credits awarded as experiential credit and credit by exam will be applied the same as native students.
  - I. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with DeVry University.
  - J. Programmatically, any administrative exceptions to policies will rest solely with DeVry University.
- VI. During the period of this Agreement, the Division of Florida Colleges shall:
- A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in The Florida College System via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support as well as other Department of Education and Division of Florida Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.
  - B. Make available to community college faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within The Florida College System, the DeVry University admission requirements; preferred general education requirements; program prerequisite courses, other related requirements, and the course equivalency lists. This will be done via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support.
- VII. Both parties agree:
- A. To cooperate on curricular and advising issues that will facilitate future student transfer.
  - B. To encourage the development of scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for community college transfer students who are directly affected by this Agreement.
  - C. To foster communication between DeVry University, the Division, and The Florida College System. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

<p><b>Florida Division of Florida Colleges:</b></p> <p>Dr. Judith Bilsky  Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic &amp;  Student Success  (850) 245-9452 or <a href="mailto:judith.bilsky@fldoe.org">judith.bilsky@fldoe.org</a></p>	<p><b>DeVry University - Florida:</b></p> <p>Dr. Eddie Wachter  Dean of Academic Affairs - Central Florida Metro  (407) 226-6455 or <a href="mailto:ewachter@orl.devry.edu">ewachter@orl.devry.edu</a></p> <p>Dean of Academic Affairs - South Florida Metro  (954) 499-9700</p>
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- *Both parties agree to notify the other of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers.*

D. To provide for periodic review of the Agreement to strengthen articulation between the Florida College System and DeVry University. The review should be initiated by the Division at the end of the first year following initial implementation of the Agreement and every three years thereafter. As an on-going checkpoint, during this review an assessment will be made as to continuation of the Agreement.

VIII. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the rules of the State Board of Education.

IX. **Modifications.** Any modifications, additions, or deletions to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives at DeVry University are the Deans of Academic Affairs at campuses in Florida and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Florida Colleges.

X. **Termination of the Articulation Agreement.** Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party. The notice shall state the effective date of termination which shall be at least one year after the date on which the notice is received by the other party. Any student enrolled in a community college during the time this Agreement is in effect shall continue to receive the benefits of the Agreement until the effective date, one year after notification, provided all conditions contained herein are met by the student.

This Articulation Agreement between DeVry University, Inc., and the Division of Florida Colleges was accepted and approved by the participating entities this 9 day of July, 2009.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Brown  
President, DeVry University - Central Florida Metro

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Judith Bilsky  
Acting Chancellor, Division of Florida  
Colleges

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julio Torres  
President, DeVry University - South Florida Metro

THIS AGREEMENT shall take effect on July 9, 2009 shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.