

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
FLORIDA DIVISION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
AND  
ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

A Statement of Philosophy and Intent

The State of Florida, a national leader in higher education, has given broad policy direction 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.

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the uniform conditions regarding articulation between the Florida Community College System (FCCS) and select institutions comprising the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) and to provide the procedures whereby member institutions of the AJCU may participate. It is intended to increase the options available to Associate of Science (AS) graduates of the Florida Community College System who are seeking further educational opportunities in nursing via online instruction. This agreement, established in 2008, serves as an overarching statement of cooperation between the FCCS and the AJCU.

The AJCU is an American voluntary service organization based in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to serve its member institutions, the 28 colleges and universities in the United States administered by the Society of Jesus. Although each institution is legally autonomous under their own boards of trustees and separately chartered by their respective states, the 28 schools and two associate member institutions are bonded together by their common Jesuit ideals, and engage in a number of collaborative projects.

The AJCU institutions participating in this articulation agreement are Creighton University, Gonzaga University, Loyola University New Orleans, Regis University, Spring Hill College and Wheeling Jesuit University. Each institution is independent, non-proprietary and regionally accredited. The following table details the online programs and institutions that are the basis for this agreement:

Program	Institution
<i>Entry Requirement: Associate Degree in Nursing, Registered Nurse</i>	
RN – BSN	Creighton University (Omaha, NE)
RN – BSN	Regis University (Denver, CO)
RN-BSN Completion Program	Regis University

RN - BSN	Wheeling Jesuit University (Wheeling, WV)
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Program	Institution
<b>Entry Requirement:</b> <i>Associate Degree in Nursing, Registered Nurse</i>	
RN – MSN (Leadership in Health Care Systems: Management of Education focus)	Regis University
RN - MSN – Clinical Nurse Leadership	Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL)
RN – MSN Nursing Administration	Wheeling Jesuit University
RN – MSN Nursing Education	Wheeling Jesuit University

Program	Institution
<b>Entry Requirement:</b> <i>BSN, Registered Nurse</i>	
BSN – MSN – Health Systems Leadership	Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)
BSN – MSN – Nurse Education	Gonzaga University
BSN – MSN – Health Care Systems Management	Loyola University New Orleans
BSN – MSN - Clinical Nurse Leadership	Spring Hill College
BSN – MSN - Nursing Administration	Wheeling Jesuit University
BSN – MSN – Nurse Education	Wheeling Jesuit University

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This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 18th day of January, 2008, by and between the Florida Division of Community Colleges and the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

**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 the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of associate degree students from Florida's public community colleges to member institutions of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities,

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

- I. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities shall recognize conferred nursing certificates and degrees, including associate and baccalaureate, from the Florida Community College System.
- II. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities shall publish an Articulation Manual that specifies the articulated programs, including the course requirements and related prerequisite courses for each program. This Articulation Manual will be made available to students, faculty, and advisors through the FACTS.org website and updated on an annual basis.
- III. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities 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. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities shall annually provide data to the Division of Community Colleges on the number of FCCS graduates by academic term who enroll under the provisions of this agreement and graduate with a nursing certificate or degree.

V. The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the Division of Community Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:

Associate Degree Articulation

A. Community college students who transfer with an AS in nursing and are a licensed Registered Nurse (RN) under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing equal to that of a native student and all credit awarded by a community college will transfer to the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, which includes a minimum of 60 credits earned at the community college. However, the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, 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 for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities member institutions require baccalaureate degree seeking students to successfully complete 3.0 semester hours in philosophy and 3.0 semester hours in religion. If community college students have not successfully completed philosophy and religion requirements prior to transfer, an additional 6.0 credit hours will be required for graduation with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

B. Courses taken as part of the AS in nursing degree to meet the general education requirements of the community college will transfer and apply toward the general education or core curriculum credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree. No additional general education credit hours can be required except to complete the total general education or core curriculum hours required by the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. The participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities may specify additional courses that must be completed prior to the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. These courses must be documented in the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Articulation Manual and may be completed at either institution.

General Articulation Provisions

C. Transfer students shall meet the same standards and program requirements as native students. This includes 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.

D. A community college student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a community college, provided the student receives a certificate or degree and transfers to the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities within six years of initial enrollment in a community college. The student also will have the

option of graduating under the participating member of the Association of Jesuit College and University's catalog in effect at the time of transfer.

E. Admission of a community college student to the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities will be consistent with policies for native student admission to the upper division and 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 the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities to comply with the provisions of the Articulation Agreement relative to the discontinued program.

F. The participating members of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities may require a specified cumulative grade point average (GPA) for admission purposes. However, for those students who have earned the associate degree and who have been admitted to the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, course grades of "C-" will transfer in as part of the degree program.

G. 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. Policies for community college students will be consistent with the policies for native students.

H. Programmatically, the forgiveness policy for the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities shall prevail.

I. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

VI. During the period of this Agreement, the Division of Community Colleges shall:

A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in the Community 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 Community Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.

B. Make available to community college faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within the Florida Community College System, the participating member of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities 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. During the period of this Agreement, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities shall:

A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in the Community College System via the online course and program catalog maintained by the AJCU's Jesuit Distance Education Network (JesuitNET). The catalog shall maintain updated descriptions of each AJCU online degree or certificate program participating in this articulation agreement, as well as updated descriptions of each AJCU online course offered by the online degree or certificate programs.

VIII. 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 the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, the Division of Community Colleges, and Florida's Community College System. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

<b>Florida Division of Community Colleges Liaison Officer:</b>  Dr. Judith Bilsky Executive Vice Chancellor Florida Division of Community Colleges 325 W. Gaines Street, #1314 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 (850) 245-9452 or <a href="mailto:judith.bilsky@fldoe.org">judith.bilsky@fldoe.org</a>	<b>Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Liaison Officer:</b>  Dr. Kathleen Snyder Director of Curriculum Development, JesuitNET Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities One Dupont Circle, NW Washington, D.C. 20036 (805) 895-4798 or <a href="mailto:ksnyder@usfca.edu">ksnyder@usfca.edu</a>
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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 Community College System and the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. A review should be initiated by the Division of the Community Colleges at the end of the first year following initial implementation of the Agreement and every three years thereafter.

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 are the President of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the Chancellor for Florida Community 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 the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and the Division of Community Colleges was accepted and approved by the participating entities this 18th of January, 2008.

By: Charles J. Currie, SJ  
President, Association of Jesuit Colleges  
and Universities

By: Willie Holah  
Chancellor, Florida Community Colleges

THIS AGREEMENT shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.