

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

This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 9th day of October, 2014, by and between the Division of Florida Colleges and Ashford 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 colleges and Ashford University, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of qualified Associate in Arts students from Florida's public colleges to Ashford University,

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

- I. Ashford University shall recognize the Associate in Arts degree as the transfer degree(s) from the Florida College System.
- II. Ashford University shall publish an articulation manual that specifies the programs articulated with the Associate in Arts degree, 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 Florida Virtual Campus website and the Ashford University transfer page. The manual will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
- III. Ashford 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 participating Florida College System institutions.
- IV. Ashford 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. Ashford University and the Division of Florida Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:
 - A. Florida College System students who transfer into an Ashford University Bachelor of Arts degree with a conferred Associate in Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing, provided that transfer students shall meet the same standards and program requirements as native students. This includes admissions requirements (i.e., standard high school

diploma or high school equivalency diploma), 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.

B. Florida College System students who transfer under the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as having completed the general education competencies and subject area requirements of Ashford University. Students will still be required to take the Introductory Course requirement and the General Education Capstone as prescribed by their degree plan. However, Ashford University may specify additional courses that must be completed prior to the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. Courses not required to be taken at Ashford University may be completed at either institution.

C. A Florida College System student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the Ashford University catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment at Ashford University.

D. Admission of a Florida College System student to Ashford University will depend on the number of spaces in each academic year and the continuation of the program. Program discontinuance will remove any obligation (beyond those protections afforded to native students) of Ashford University to comply with the provisions of the Articulation Agreement relative to the discontinued program.

E. For the students accepted for transfer, the grade of "D" will be treated the same as grades of "D" obtained by native students at Ashford University. Ashford 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. Transferability of courses, grades and GPA of the student from the participating Florida College System institution will be determined by the policy in effect in the Ashford University catalog at the time the student enrolls into a baccalaureate degree.

F. All college level credit (1000 level or higher) awarded by participating Florida College System institutions will transfer to Ashford University, based on the established number of credits in the college program of study. This includes a minimum of 60 credits for the Associate in Arts. However, the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of Ashford University which may mean extending the number of credit hours to earn the degree, if the 60 hours transferred and applied do not include all of the degree prerequisites.

G. Credit awarded by a participating Florida College System institution 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.

H. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with Ashford University.

I. Programmatically, the forgiveness policy for Ashford University shall prevail.

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 Florida Virtual Campus website as well as other appropriate Department of Education and Division of Florida Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.

B. Make available to college faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within the Florida College System, the Ashford University admission requirements; preferred general education requirements; program prerequisite courses, other related requirements, and the course equivalency lists. This will be done via the Florida Virtual Campus website.

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 Florida College System transfer students who are directly affected by this Agreement.

C. To foster communication between Ashford University, the Division, and the Florida College System. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

Division of Florida Colleges:	Ashford University:
Abbey Ivey Director of Academic Affairs (850) 245-9492 or abbey.ivey@fldoe.org	Mark K. Young Divisional Vice President of Academic and Strategic Partnerships (800) 798-0584 ext. 3426 Mark.young@ashford.edu

Both parties agree to notify the other in writing of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers.

D. To provide for periodic review of the Agreement to evaluate articulation between the Florida College System and Ashford University. The review should be initiated by the Division and should take place once every three years, following initial implementation of the Agreement.

VIII. Participation Agreements.

A. Each Florida College System institution that elects to participate shall submit to the Division of Florida Colleges a Participation Agreement. The Participation Agreement shall be in effect until terminated.

B. Proposed modifications, additions, or deletions to a Participation Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

C. Termination of a Participation Agreement must be submitted in writing to the Division of Florida Colleges prior to April 1 of each year. The termination of the agreement will be in effect beginning with the following Fall term. Ashford University shall abide by the terms and conditions of the Articulation Agreement and the Participation Agreement for all students who were enrolled in a

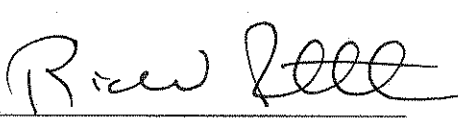
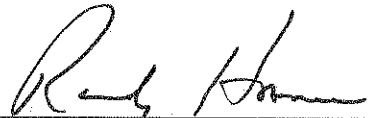
Florida College System institution on or before the effective date of termination, except with regard to terminated programs.

IX. 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.

X. 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 Ashford University and the Chancellor for the Division of Florida Colleges.

XI. 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 participating Florida College System institution 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 Ashford University and the Division of Florida Colleges was accepted and approved by the participating entities this 9th day of October, 2014.

By:  By: 
President, Ashford University Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

THIS AGREEMENT shall take effect on Nov. 6, 2014, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.