

**STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MISSOURI FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND
MISSOURI PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES
FOR THE
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (AAT)**

Overview

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by the Missouri four-year colleges and universities that are signatories to this agreement, hereafter referred to as four-year transfer institutions or transfer institution, and the public community colleges of Missouri, hereafter referred to as community colleges. By this agreement, Missouri's four-year transfer institutions and community colleges express a shared commitment to increase student access to and success in higher education, and specifically to increase the number and quality of certified teachers prepared by and graduating from Missouri's colleges and universities. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which ensure articulation between programs, Missouri's colleges and universities commit to assisting students in making a seamless transfer from the associate's to the baccalaureate degree.

Purpose

This agreement provides students who have earned an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree (AAT) at a Missouri community college the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Education at four-year transfer institution in the state. By this agreement, any Missouri community college student who has earned an AAT degree from any Missouri community college is guaranteed consistent treatment by the four-year transfer institution in accordance with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education's (CBHE) Credit Transfer Policy, Principles of Best Practice and related addenda and clarifying comments. The AAT degree to which this agreement refers is attached.

Conditions of Transfer

Section I: Admissions and Matriculation

Community college students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as native college or university students enrolled under a specific catalog.

Criteria for acceptance into the four-year transfer institution will be the same for community college AAT completers as for native college or university students or transfers from other colleges or universities. Criteria for acceptance into the four-year universities' Colleges of Education or teacher education programs, including grade point average and MoGEA score minimums, will be the same as for native college or university students at the transfer institution. These minimums may be higher than the minimums established for completion of the AAT degree.

Missouri's community colleges, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to four-year transfer institution through its office of admissions and records. The transcripts of students transferring from community colleges will be evaluated by the registrar's office at the four-year transfer institution in a manner consistent with this agreement.

Four-year transfer institutions will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to community college AAT degree completers' students as those applicable to native college or university students.

Section II: Transfer of Credit

Students completing an AAT degree from a Missouri community college, upon acceptance into teacher preparation program at four-year transfer institution, will have junior standing.

The four-year transfer institution will accept in transfer all 62 credit hours required for completion of the AAT degree as meeting requirements of its baccalaureate degree in teacher education.

The four-year transfer institution may accept additional credit hours from the community college on a course-by-course basis for those courses that meet additional program or degree requirements at the transfer institution.

To ensure that all of the 62 credit hours of the AAT degree at the community college meet program and degree requirements at the four-year transfer institution, a program plan will be developed that specifies the courses that students should take at both the community college and four-year transfer institution. These program plans, which may be specific to each community college and four-year transfer institution, will in all cases include acceptance of the 62 credit hours of the AAT degree earned at any Missouri community college.

Section III: Program Plans

Each institution that is signatory to this articulation agreement commits to developing, publishing, and maintaining a program plan that details the specific courses that students must take at each institution in order to complete both the AAT degree and baccalaureate degree. Program plans will describe in detail how an AAT completer from any Missouri community college will be accepted in transfer at each signatory four-year transfer institution.

Each program plan will detail a course of study that will ensure 1) that AAT completers will not be required to repeat coursework or any significant material or experiences at the four-year transfer institution that they had already completed as part of the AAT degree at the community college, and 2) that AAT degree completers will not be required to complete a greater number of credit hours than native college or university students in order to earn the baccalaureate degree in teacher preparation.

AAT degree completers who follow the program plans of any Missouri four-year transfer institution will be assured of seamless transfer from any Missouri community college to that institution.

Term of Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into effective with the beginning of the academic year TBD and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of the affected institutions. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of all parties and is subject to regular review to ensure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should any party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

Dispute Resolution

Signatories to this agreement agree to adhere to the dispute resolution processes contained in the CBHE Credit Transfer Policy. In addition, signatories agree to submit disputes regarding the implementation of this agreement to the CBHE Committee on Transfer and Articulation for review and recommendation to the Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, whose decision will be binding, subject only to appeal to the full Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Signatories

The Missouri public community colleges and four-year colleges and universities hereby enter into this program articulation agreement leading from the Associate in Arts in Teaching degree to the Bachelor of Arts or Science in teacher preparation by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of the institutions.

Two-Year Chief Executive Officers

2-year name, title
2-year institution formal name

Date

2-year name, title
2-year institution formal name

Date

2-year name, title
2-year institution formal name

Date

ETC.

Four-Year Chief Executive Officers

Central Methodist University

Four-year name, title
Four-year institution formal name

12/12/16

Date

Rita Gulstad, Provost

Four-year name, title
Four-year institution formal name

Date

Rita Gulstad

Four-year name, title
Four-year institution formal name

Date

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