

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN

ASHFORD UNIVERSITY
AND
CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT formally recognizes that Ashford University and **Cuyamaca Community College** are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.

Ashford University and **Cuyamaca Community College** enter into this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT in the spirit of cooperation and to mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution is dedicated to serving students from diverse populations.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is to enable **Cuyamaca Community College** students who transfer to **Ashford University** to carry with them the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. The transfer guidelines outlined in this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT are applicable to students transferring to Ashford University from **Cuyamaca Community College** only.

TRANSFER ELEMENTS

Cuyamaca Community College Associate Degrees

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT establishes the principle that the following Associate Degrees at **Cuyamaca Community College** transfer to Ashford University as a block covering General Education requirements as appropriate to each degree program:

Associate of Arts (AA degrees)

Associate of Science (AS degrees) Note: Must be in University Studies

Completed blocks are treated as whole; the components are not examined separately to determine transferability towards General Education requirements. **Cuyamaca Community College** students will not have to repeat General Education requirements at Ashford University except where major coursework applies as determined by Ashford University. All other credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate Ashford University degree to satisfy elective and major requirements as appropriate and applicable and in accordance with current Ashford University transfer credit policies.

Cuyamaca Community College students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 entering Ashford University under the terms of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT are guaranteed admission into Ashford University provided they meet all admissions requirements for the applicable program as determined by Ashford University.

Cuyamaca Community College students transferring to Ashford University without an Associate Degree will have all college-level/non-remedial courses completed at **Cuyamaca Community College** with a grade of "C-" or better, and which do not duplicate other credits earned by student, accepted for transfer as either an elective, General Education requirement, or an exemption or replacement for a required course as deemed appropriate in accordance with Ashford University's current transfer credit policies.

Cuyamaca Community College students shall proceed through **Ashford University's** admissions process and shall meet all requirements and deadlines applicable at the time of application. **Cuyamaca Community College** students shall comply with all current policies and procedures of Ashford University.

Cuyamaca Community College General Education Curriculum (CSU GE or IGETC)

Completion of the **Cuyamaca Community College's** state-approved General Education Curriculum (CSU GE or IGETC) will transfer as a block and will satisfy lower-division General Education requirements at **Ashford University**. The CSU or IGETC can be transferred and accepted as a component of an Associate Degree or as a stand-alone General Education block not affiliated with an Associate Degree. In the event a state-approved block of General Education Curriculum does not exist, Cuyamaca Community College's General Education Curriculum will be evaluated and accepted by Ashford University on a course-by-course basis.

Associate in Science (AS) Degree

The Associate in Science (AS) Degree represents the attainment of in-depth technical competency within an identified occupational area. However, **Cuyamaca Community College's** students may need to obtain competencies in the area of General Education. Ashford University will provide AS transfer students with a flexible degree plan that will meet **Ashford University's** Baccalaureate Degree requirements.

Award of Upper-Division Credit

Cuyamaca Community College's students who transfer lower-division credits beyond that required for an Associate Degree, or whose lower-division credits are equivalent to designated upper-division course content, may have these courses evaluated by Ashford University and, where appropriate, they will be applied toward the course in the major. Lower-division credits transferred to satisfy upper-division courses do not constitute completion of the 30 upper-division credits required for graduation. Therefore, if upper-division courses are awarded, **Cuyamaca Community College's** students will still need to obtain a minimum of 30 upper-division credits at Ashford University to meet graduation requirements.

Maximum Number of Transferable Credits

The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion is 99** credits, 90 of which can be transferred from community colleges.

*****The 99 credits in transfer policy applies only to Ashford University's Center for External Studies, which offers online and campus accelerated degree programs. All other programs offered at Ashford University's traditional Iowa campus have a maximum transfer policy of 90 credits, of which all 90 can be transferred from community colleges.***

Joint Obligations

Ashford University and **Cuyamaca Community College** agree to provide direct links on each institution's website indicating the existence of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT.

Cuyamaca Community College agrees that no publicity regarding this partnership will be released without obtaining prior written consent from Ashford University.

Official lists of programs for which articulation agreements have been approved by both Ashford University and **Cuyamaca Community College** will be made available at both institutions and on both institutions' websites. No transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are valid without an ARTICULATION AGREEMENT signed by the President of Ashford University.

Development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (e.g., Transfer Guide) are the responsibility of Ashford University.

Ashford University and **Cuyamaca Community College** agree, **subject to applicable federal and state laws and regulations**, to exchange data and documents as mutually agreed upon in writing, which will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT as well as promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.

Evaluation

Ashford University will conduct an annual evaluation process of the partnership supported by this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

LONGEVITY AND MODIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is in perpetuity or until it is either:

- (1) Discontinued by either educational partner by submitting written notification to the other partner one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students transferring between these institutions, such that students who transfer pursuant to this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT are not adversely affected by cancellation of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT; or
- (2) Modified in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both educational partners.

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