

Articulation Agreement
Between
Wharton County Junior College
And Strayer University

I. PURPOSE

This articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of the transfer of associate degrees from the Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) to Strayer University (SU).

This agreement is also a Reverse Transfer Agreement that assists students who earned credits that applied towards an associate's degree while enrolled at WCJC, but did not complete an associate's degree, and subsequently pursue their education at SU. This agreement is designed to allow these students to transfer their credits earned at SU to WCJC and provide them the opportunity to complete their community college associate's degree.

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. SU will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from WCJC into any related baccalaureate degree program at SU. Transferring WCJC applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to SU.

2. WCJC students who graduate with an associate's degree, are applying to a related degree program at SU, and have a WCJC cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirement of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog. Students who have questions may consult a counselor and/or advisor at either institution for assistance.

3. WCJC students, who have completed or will complete an associate's degree by the time they enroll in classes at SU, will be exempt from paying the SU application fee.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. The maximum number of transfer credits accepted from WCJC will be equal to 84 semester credit hours. Under this agreement, all courses required to complete the specific related associate's degree program will be transferred into the bachelor's program in their entirety. "C- and D" grades, will transfer in as well, allowing the student to complete their related degree program at Strayer University in about two years of full-time study.
2. This agreement covers all related associate's degrees.
3. If a student does not have the prerequisite for a 300 or 400 level course at SU, he or she may be required to take the prerequisite course before taking upper division course.
4. SU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. SU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide the university with official transcripts for evaluation.
5. Prior Learning Activity and other life experiences credits already evaluated as part of the associate's degree program will be brought in with the degree.
6. Students enrolled at SU who (i) previously attended WCJC or are currently enrolled at WCJC and (ii) meet WCJC's resident credit requirement of a minimum of 24 semester credit hours (SCH) will be eligible for reverse transfer credit.
7. For students admitted to and enrolled in SU, the University will review its database and determine (i) whether any of SU students

previously transferred coursework from WCJC, (ii) whether the students have indicated an interest in the reverse articulation program and (iii) whether the students have satisfied WCJC's minimum resident credit requirement. Upon receiving the consent of the students, SU will transmit official copies of the SU transcripts for these students to WCJC. Strayer University and WCJC agree to exchange transfer student information for the purpose of monitoring and promoting student academic success and degree conferral. The exchange may occur through paper transcripts or through secure electronic communication. Communication of this student information shall occur each September or at other appropriate intervals agreed upon by the parties.

8. SU shall notify all students who transfer coursework from WCJC to SU of the existence of the purpose of this Agreement between SU and WCJC and of the likelihood that SU will share transcript information with WCJC. This notification to students shall be in writing and shall occur at the time of the student's application to SU.
9. Upon receipt of official SU transcript information, WCJC will conduct a degree audit of each affected student and evaluate all coursework that may assist in the completion of the student's associate degree at WCJC. Students who meet all WCJC degree requirements are eligible to receive a WCJC degree at no cost to the student. WCJC will notify each affected student that he or she is eligible to receive an associate's degree and eligible to participate in WCJC's graduation ceremony.
10. SU and WCJC agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective communities concerning the relationship between the two institutions. SU and WCJC agree to acknowledge and recognize the reverse articulation program on each institution's website and via other marketing and publicity methods.
11. SU and WCJC agree to promptly communicate with each other any future significant curriculum changes, policy changes, or resident credit requirements that will affect this Agreement.
12. Each institution will designate in writing an employee who will serve

as the point of contact for administration of the reverse transfer process. For WCJC, that employee will be the Registrar. For SU, that person will be the University Registrar.

13. SU and WCJC shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") with regard to any personally identifiable information contained in student education records received from the other party.

C. Implementation of the Agreement

1. SU and WCJC agree to review this agreement as needed. WCJC & SU will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Upon request, SU agrees to provide WCJC reports on enrolled WCJC transfer students, their majors and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
2. SU and WCJC agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, and reports.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

If to SU:

Lloyd B. Tredwell
Director of College Relations
Strayer University
431 Maple Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

If to WCJC:

Leigh Ann Collins
Vice President of Instruction
911 Boling Hwy
Wharton, TX 77488

4. The curriculum in effect at the time a student first enrolls at WCJC will be honored by SU if the student completes an associate's degree and successfully transfers to SU within 7 years of that first enrollment at WCJC.
5. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement.

