

## **A Transfer Articulation Agreement**

**By and between the**

**Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Northwestern State  
University of Louisiana**

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto (the "Effective Date") by and between NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA whose address is 175 Sam Sibley Drive Natchitoches, LA 71497 and the LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (LCTCS), whose address is 265 S Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

### **Background**

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) is composed of 12 public technical and community colleges across Louisiana. LCTCS colleges collectively serve over 130,000 students in traditional credit instruction, workforce training, and adult education. Eighty percent of its over 25,000 annual graduates earned credentials in high-demand, high-income fields as defined by the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Each year, over 15,000 students transfer from an LCTCS institution to a 4-year university.

Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSULA) central campus is located in Natchitoches, LA. with numerous off campus instruction sites. NSULA offers certificate, undergraduate and graduate programs. Face to face and on-line courses are offered with enrollment in both undergraduate and graduate programs over 11,000 students.

### **General Requirements**

LCTCS and NSULA enter into this Agreement for the express purpose of ensuring acceptance of college coursework between institutions and further facilitate the transfer of LCTCS students who satisfy either of the following criteria:

1. An Associate Degree Awarded by a LCTCS campus with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher, that meets one of the following requirements:
  - a. The degree is an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AALT) degree, an Associate of Arts (AA), an Associate of General Studies (AGS), or an Associate in Science for Transfer (ASLT) degree. These degrees were designed to provide a clear pathway to a baccalaureate degree and they represent strong preparation for upper division coursework in a range of majors;
  - b. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and other Associate Degree where a transfer degree pathway has been established along with a course articulation table. LCTCS institutions with transfer degree pathways will work to establish a course articulation table for those programs not included in section 1a.

(OR)

2. When an Associate Degree is not complete, a minimum of 30 transferrable semester units with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher is needed to meet transfer agreement requirements. College courses recognized in the state's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix will be transferable when an equivalent is available. Where a transfer pathway exists, the course articulation table for those programs will be followed.

When determined by NSULA to its reasonable satisfaction, that a student has satisfied either of the conditions set for above, LCTCS transfer students will be afforded the following opportunities:

#### **Guaranteed Admission**

LCTCS transfer students awarded an Associate Degree, as identified above, will be guaranteed admission at junior standing. Students will be made aware that additional prerequisites, and graduation requirements may be required for certain majors.

LCTCS transfer students without an Associate Degree but obtaining a minimum of 30 transferrable units as defined above will be guaranteed admission at an appropriate standing.

In either instance, students will be made aware of the additional prerequisites and graduation requirements in accordance with academic requirements for certain majors. Only students who are in good standing at their last transfer institution will be considered.

#### **Transferability of Credit**

Completed coursework includes transferable courses outlined on the NSULA/LCTCS Articulation Matrix, which is a modified version of the State's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix.

For LCTCS transfer students awarded an Associate Degree, NSULA will accept a minimum of 60 semester units. Because the Associate Degrees listed in 1a are designed to provide a clear pathway to a baccalaureate degree and they represent strong preparation for upper division coursework in a range of majors, NSULA will guarantee that credits will be used towards graduation of a bachelor degree.

For LCTCS transfer students without an Associate Degree, but with a minimum of 30 transferrable units, NSULA will accept a minimum of 30 semester units. In cases where, transfer degree pathways are established along with a course articulation table for those transfer pathways, credits transferred will be used towards graduation requirements.

Institutions agree to accept the completion of general education requirements and other courses as identified in the state's Board of Regents' Course Articulation Matrix. These courses will be used to satisfy requirements of degree programs.

### **Student Advising**

NSULA will provide pre-transfer advising to LCTCS students through online, onsite, and/or telephone advising. Further advising by discipline will be available to future transfer students prior to and once enrolled. Informational materials for potential transfer students will be available at the community colleges to facilitate the transfer process.

Activities may include the following:

- a. Participation in transfer conferences, transfer fairs, professional conferences and visits to community colleges to educate administrators, counselors, faculty, staff, and students about University admissions requirements, costs, etc.;
- b. Provision of onsite admissions to eligible LCTCS students at transfer conferences, transfer fairs, and during college visits; and,
- c. Work with the LCTCS campus transfer centers to provide outreach to all students. Additional efforts will be made to reach out to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) majors.

For students without an Associate Degree, LCTCS and NSULA will collaborate in communication and advice for students to have the opportunity to complete the Associate Degree while at their transfer institution, when applicable. This is commonly known as reverse transfer.

If an institution modifies the degree requirements or prerequisites after admission, transfer students will be accommodated with equivalent coursework credit and not penalized in total units required for their degree. Admitted transfer students will be required to follow the degree requirements as outlined in the catalog that was in effect at the time of application.

### **Program Evaluation**

Once every year, the LCTCS faculty and staff will meet with NSULA faculty and staff to review current curriculum and course offerings and present any changes to the curriculum as outlined in the exhibits included herein prior to implementing the proposed changes. Any changes made to the MOU are done through the Academic Affairs Office of each institution. The contact persons are Dr. Greg Handel, NSULA

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dr. Wendi Palermo, LCTCS Chief Education and Training Officer. Following agreed upon changes, the MOU will be routed to the respective President/Chancellor for signatures.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Transfer scholarship opportunities for incoming students are based on based on grade point average, other applicable criteria, and available funding. The Purple Prestige Transfer Scholarship is available to transfer students who are Phi Beta Kappa (PTK) graduates. The PTK scholarship is funded and provides awardees guaranteed admission to Northwestern State University and eligibility to receive an annual scholarship of \$1,500 upon meeting the stated criteria. Transfer scholarship applications are submitted through the NSU Foundation.

### **Data Sharing**

For the purposes of this Agreement, parties agree to share student information that assists with the furtherance of the activities outlined herein. Both parties agree to keep student information confidential and to use such information only for the activities outlined in this agreement. All information about students obtained from any of the Parties shall be held confidential pursuant to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C.A. 1232g) ("FERPA") and of La. R.S. 17:3914.

### **Data Exchange**

For the purposes of this Agreement, LCTCS and NSULA will exchange data files (rather than individual files) at the student level for ease of transfer. NSULA and LCTCS agree to determine the best format and method for sending and receiving electronic data and consider the use of the existing product by the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), Electronic Transcript Exchange, or create their own secured file exchange platform to reduce time in processing transcripts and to expedite student advising and registration.

### **Marketing & Communication**

The LCTCS will work with NSULA to develop an internal and external marketing plan to communicate and publicize the President's support of this Agreement to all LCTCS campuses. Dissemination may include print media, news releases, email, webinars, and social media distribution channels. The system office will assist in promoting this opportunity to each LCTC and ensure that Transfer Center Directors understand the benefits of the program for students. Professional organizations and initiatives will be encouraged to disseminate information about the agreement.

### **Terms of Agreement and Severability**

The term of this Agreement shall be ongoing commencing on the date first set forth above, provided that either party may terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon written notice, with the termination effective at the start of the following academic year. If the Agreement is terminated, all

students identified on or before the date of termination will retain their transfer guarantee and all other terms stated in the Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and may not be amended, unless in writing and signed by both parties.

This Agreement shall not be construed to create any rights in favor of any non-party hereto, including as third-party beneficiaries.

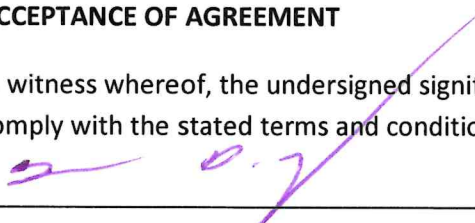
All notices (including, without limitation, approvals consents and exercises of rights or options) required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed served, if by personal delivery or by facsimile, on the date the same is actually received by the addressee thereof or, if by mail, two business days after the same is deposited with the United States Postal Service (or its successors) for mailing by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage fully prepaid, addressed as hereinafter set forth, or, if by overnight messenger service (e.g., Federal Express) on the date of delivery by such overnight messenger service to the address as hereinafter set forth. All notices shall be addressed as follows or to such other address as the party entitled to receive such notice may, from time to time hereinafter, designate by giving written notice pursuant hereto:

If to NSULA: Northwestern State University of Louisiana  
Attn: President, Northwestern State University  
175 Sam Sibley Drive  
Natchitoches, LA 71497

If to LCTCS: Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
Attn: President  
265 S Foster Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT**

In witness whereof, the undersigned signifies their intent to execute this Agreement and agrees to comply with the stated terms and conditions.

  
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Marcus Jones, President

4/12/2023  
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Date

Northwestern State University of Louisiana  
  
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Monty Sullivan, President  
Louisiana Community and Technical College System

4/12/2023  
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Date

LCTCS

Common Course Number	Common Course Title	BPCC	BRCC	CLTCC	DCC	FTCC	LDCC	NUNEZ	NTCC	RPCC	SLCC	SOWELA	NSU	Notes
<b>Accounting</b>														
CACC 2113	Intro to Financial Accounting	ACCT 205	ACCT 2113	ACCT2100	ACCT 205	ACCT 2100	ACCT 201	ACCT 2400	ACCT 2***	ACCT 2010	ACCT 2102 or 2103	ACCT 2030	ACCT 2000	
CACC 2213	Intro to Managerial Accounting	ACCT 206	ACCT 2213	ACCT2110	ACCT 211	ACCT 2110	ACCT 202	ACCT 2150	ACCT 2***	ACCT 2020	ACCT 2120	ACCT 2040	ACCT 2010	
CACC 2413	Computerized Accounting	ACCT 212	ACCT 2413	ACCT ***	ACCT 221 or 222	ACCT 2500	ACCT 210 or 1500	ACCT 2100	ACCT 2***	ACCT 2413	ACCT 2115	ACCT 1210 or 1510	ACCT 1040	
<b>Art/Dance/Music</b>														
CART 1013	Exploring the Arts	ART 206	ARTS ***	ARTS1200 or THRT1200	FNAR ***	ARTS ***	HUMN 250	FIAR ***	ARTS 1***	ARTS 1100	ARTS ***	ARTS ***	FA 1040	We will substitute for most Art/Dance/Music/Theatre Appreciation courses.
CDNC 1013	Dance Appreciation	THTR ***	DANC ***	DANC ***	DANC ***	ARTS ***	DANC ***	CDNC ***	ARTS 1***	DNCE ***	DANC ***	THEA ***	FA 1040	
CMUS 1013	Music Appreciation	MUSC 120	MUSC 1013	MUSC 1200	MUSC 105	MUSC 1010	MUSC 101	MUSC 1013	MUSC 1***	MUSC 1010	MUSC 1010	MUSC ***	FA 1040	
CMUS 1023	Jazz Appreciation	MUSC 121	MUSC 1023	MUSC ***	MUSC 137	MUSC 2020	MUSC ***	MUSC ***	MUSC 1***	MUSC ***	MUSC 2300	MUSC ***	FA 1040	
<b>Biological Sciences</b>														
CBIO 1013	General Biology I	BLGY 105	BIOL1013	BIOL 1010	BIOL 101	BIOL 1010	BIOL 101	BIOL 1060	BIOL 1010	BIOL 1010	BIOL 1000	BIOL 1010	SCI 1020	We will substitute for almost any biology or related subject here.
CBIO 1023	General Biology II	BLGY 106	BIOL 1023	BIOL 1020	BIOL 102	BIOL 1020	BIOL 102	BIOL 1080	BIOL 1020	BIOL 1020	BIOL 1002	BIOL 1020	SCI 2020	We will substitute for almost any biology or related subject here.
<b>Business</b>														
CBUS 2003	Legal Environment	BADM ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSL 250	BUSN 2200	BUSN ***	BUSN 2190	MGMT 2010	BUSN 2200	GBUS ***	BUSI 2010	BUAD ***	
CBUS 2103	Business Law (Lower Level)	BADM 215	BUSN 2103	BUSN ***	BUSL ***	BUSI 1000	BUSN 231	BUSN 2200	BUSN 2***	BUSN ***	GBUS 2030	BUSI ***	BUAD ***	
	Business Law (Upper Level)	BADM 215											BUAD3250	
CBUS 2203	Computer Applications	CTEC 100 or 115	CSCI 2203	BUSN ***	BUSG 224	CPTR 1100	CPTR 1002	BUSN 1150	MGMT 2010	CSCI 2010	MCIS 1005	ITEC 1000/OADM 1150	CIS ***	
CINS 1350	CINS Spreads Applications					CINS1350							CIS 2000	
CBUS 2303	Business Statistical Methods I	BADM 203	MATH 2303	MATH2100	BUSG ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN 2***	BUSN ***	GBUS ***	BUSI ****	BUAD 2120	
CINS 1250	Word Processing					CINS 1250							BUAD 1800	
CBUS 1003	General/Intro to Business Administration	BADM 105	BUSN 1003	BUSN ***	BUSG 129	BUSN 1100	BUSN 101	BUSN 1100	BUSN 1100	BUSN 1100	GBUS 1010	BUSI 1030	BUAD 1040	
<b>Communication</b>														
CCOM 2313	Business & Professional Communication	BADM 220	SPCH 2313	BUSE1045	CMST132	SPCH ***	BUSN 215	BUSN 2400	SPCH 2***	ENGL/BUSN 2300	SPCH ***	BUSI ***	COMM 1010	Might need to examine whether we could put BUAD2200 here. It is articulated with BPCC's BADM 220 (which is not part of the matrix either).
<b>Economics</b>														
CECN 2213	Macroeconomics	BADM 201	ECON 2213	ECON 2010	ECON 201	ECON 2010	ECON 201	ECON 2020	ECON 2010	ECON 2010	ECON 2040 or 2020	ECON 2010	ECON 2000	

CECN 2223	Microeconomics	BADM 202	ECON 2223	ECON 2020	ECON 202	ECON 2020	ECON 202	ECON 2000	ECON 2020	ECON 2030	ECON 2020	ECON 2010
	<b>English</b>											
CENL 1013	English Composition I	ENGL 101	ENGL 1013	ENGL 1010	ENGL 101 or ENRE 110	ENGL 1010	ENGL 1010/1009	ENGL 1015	ENGL 1010	ENGL 1010	ENGL 1010	ENGL 1010
CENL 1023	English Composition II	ENGL 102	ENGL 1023	ENGL 1020	ENGL 102	ENGL 1020	ENGL 1020	ENGL 1025	ENGL 1020	ENGL 1020	ENGL 1020	ENGL 1020
CENL 2323	Intro to Literature	ENGL201, ENGL202, or ENGL257	ENGL 2323	ENGL2010 or ENLG2070	ENGL ***	ENGL ***	ENGL ***	ENGL 2***	ENGL 2100	ENGL 2060	ENGL 2420	ENGL 2110
	<b>Finance</b>											
CFIN 2113	Personal Finance	BADM 108	FINA ***	BUSI2150	BUSG 125	BUSN 2130	BUSN 1330	BUSN 2***	BUSN 1330	GBUS 2100	BUSI 1090	FIN 2150
CFIN 3113	Principles of Business Finance (Upper Level)	BADM ***	FINA ***	FIN ***	BUSG ***	FINC ***	BUSN ****	FINA ***	BUSN ***	FIN ***	BUSI ***	FIN 3090
	<b>History</b>											
CHIS 1013	Western Civilization I	HIST 101	HIST ***	HIST 1010	HIST 101	HIST 1010	HIST 1010	HIST 1010	HIST 1010	HIST1020	HIST 1010	HIST 1010
CHIS 1023	Western Civilization II	HIST 102	HIST ***	HIST 1020	HIST 102	HIST 1020	HIST 1020	HIST 1020	HIST 1020	HIST 1021	HIST 1020	HIST 1020
CHIS 1113	World Civilization I	HIST 103	HIST 1113	HIST ***	HIST 103	HIST 1500	HIST 1500	HIST 1***	HIST 1003	HIST 1040	HIST 1210	HIST 1010
CHIS 1123	World Civilization II	HIST 104	HIST 1123	HIST ***	HIST 105	HIST 1510	HIST 1510	HIST 1***	HIST 1005	HIST 1041	HIST 1220	HIST 1020
CHIS 2013	American History I	HIST 201	HIST 2013	HIST 2010	HIST 205	HIST 2010	HIST 2010	HIST 2010	HIST 2010	HIST 2010	HIST 2010	HIST 2010
CHIS 2023	American History II	HIST 202	HIST 2023	HIST 2020	HIST 206	HIST 2020	HIST 2020	HIST 2020	HIST 2020	HIST 2020	HIST 2020	HIST 2020
	<b>Management</b>											
CMGM 2103	Principles of Management (Lower Level)	BADM 212	MANG 2103	MANG***	MANG 201	BUSN 2100	BUSN 2100	BUSN 2***	MGMT 2010	GBUS 2010	BUSI 2310	MGT ***
CMGM 3103	Principles of Management (Upper Level)	BADM 212	MANG ***	MANG***	MANG ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	MGMT ***	GBUS ***	BUSI ***	MGT 3220
CMGM 4103	Organizational Behavior (Upper Level)	BADM 212	MANG ***	MANG***	MANG ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	GBUS ***	BUSI ***	MGT 3220
	<b>Marketing</b>											
CMKT 2003	Foundations of Marketing (Lower Level)	BADM 214	BUSN 2003	BUSN ***	MARK 201	BUSN 2230	BUSN 2000	BUSN 2***	BUSN 2000	GBUS 2020	BUSI 2320	MKTG ***
CMKT 3003	Principles of Marketing (Upper Level)	BADM 214	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	MARK ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	BUSN ***	GBUS ***	BUSI ***	MKTG 3230
	<b>Mathematics</b>											
CMAT 1213	College Algebra	MATH 102 or 111	MATH 1213	MATH 1100	MATH 130 or 133	MATH 1213 or 1214	MATH 1300	MATH 1005 or 1015	MATH 1100	MATH 1105	MATH 1100	MATH 1020
CMAT 1313	Finite Mathematics	MATH 114	MATH 1313	MATH 1060	MATH 151	MATH ***	MATH 1700	MATH 1500	MATH 1500	MATH 2040	MATH 1305	MATH 1060
	<b>Physics</b>											

If a class is a literature-related class, we will substitute it for ENGL2110

Can look at either free challenge assessments or substituting credit for lower-level to upper-level

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We will also allow students to take Trigonometry, Calculus, Business Math, or Mathematical Statistics and count it here.

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CPHY 1023	Physical Science I	SCI 101	PHSC 1023	PHSC 1000	SCIE 101	PHSC 1000	PHSC 100	PHSC 1000	PHYS 1***	PHSC 1010	PHSC 1000	PHSC 1010	PHSC 1000	SCI 1010
CPHY 1033	Physical Science II	SCI 102	PHSC 1033	PHSC 1200	SCIE 102	PHSC 1200	PHSC 120	PHSC 1200	PHYS 1***	PHSC 1020	PHSC 1200	PHSC 1200	PHSC 1200	SCI 2010
	Psychology													
CPHY 2013	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 201	PSYC 2013	PSYC 2010	PSYC 127	PSYC 2010	PSYC 201	PSYC 1100	PSYC 2015	PSYC 2010	PSYC 2010	PSYC 2010	PSYC 2010	PSYC 1010
	Other - Not on Articulation													
	Info. Tech/SW Apps - Word	CIS 205		ISYS1440 or ISYS1540										
	Spreadsheets - Excel	CIS 207		CPTR1320										
	Academic Elective - 6 hrs.	Various		Various										
	Univ. Exp./Orientation - 1 hr.	Various		ORNT1000										

Any Non Accounting, Business, CIS, Finance, Management, or Marketing Courses Will Work Here

UNIV1000 Any Non-Used 1+ Hour Course Can Be Subbed (With 30 Transfer Hours)

Blue highlights are where we have established credit in an articulation agreement that is not shown on the statewide matrix.

Orange highlights are where we could potentially specify credit in an articulation agreement.

Purple highlights are where we could look at some lower-level courses either counting as an upper-level course at NSU or having the students do free challenge assessments, like BFCC currently does.

Green highlights are where we have proposed credit in an articulation agreement that is not shown on the statewide matrix but not yet signed.