



A Transfer Articulation Agreement

By and between the

Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Upper Iowa University

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature hereto (the “Effective Date”) by and between Upper Iowa University whose address is 605 Washington Street Fayette, IA 52142 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.

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit institution providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Courses are taught in the classroom, online and via self-paced learning (both web and mail) to an average of about 5,000 students annually. UIU’s residential campus is located in Fayette, Iowa. We also have over 12 locations across the United States (Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma). Five UIU locations are located in the state of Louisiana, including Alexandria, Baton Rouge, DeRidder, Fort Johnson, and New Orleans. UIU is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, flexible, quality programs online since 1999 and through distance learning since 1973. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment courses for high school students as well as special programs for learners of any age. Upper Iowa University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Center (HLC).

General Requirements

LCTCS and Upper Iowa University 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 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. UIU requires a grade of C- or better for credit transfer.
 - 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. UIU requires a grade of C- or better for credit transfer.

(OR)

2. UIU does not require a minimum number of credits for transfer. If a student does not complete the associate degree, the course-to-course equivalency document would be used to determine the transferability of courses taken. Courses taken prior to this agreement date would also be eligible for transfer. UIU requires a C- or better for credit transfer.

Course equivalencies will be reviewed every two years.

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

Guaranteed Admission

UIU will transfer up to 78 credits from lower division coursework to be applied toward a bachelor's degree. UIU guarantees a minimum of 60-semester credits will transfer from an earned associate degree as long as the credits and courses are outlined in the transfer course equivalencies. A grade of C- or better must be earned to qualify for transfer. UIU admission requirements must be met as outlined in the UIU Academic Catalog.

UIU will accept academic coursework in the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees earned through LCTCS with a C- or above based on the course equivalencies. 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. Additionally, UIU will accept AA or AS degrees with a liberal arts core as the fulfillment of the general education requirements for a baccalaureate program. LCTCS institutions with AALT or ASLT degrees with a liberal arts core will also fulfill the general education requirements.

LCTCS transfer students without an Associate Degree will be accepted through the UIU admission process and transfer credits will be determined based on credits earned and the course equivalencies tables. These students will be granted admission at an appropriate standing based on credits earned with a C- or better grade. Students will be made aware that additional prerequisites, and graduation requirements may be required for certain majors.

Transferability of Credit

Completed coursework includes transferable courses outlined on the Upper Iowa University /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, Upper Iowa University 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, Upper Iowa University will guarantee that credits will be used towards graduation of a bachelor degree. UIU requires a C- or better for credit transfer.

For LCTCS transfer students without an Associate Degree, transfer credits will be determined based on credits earned and the course equivalencies tables. These students will be granted admission at an appropriate standing based on credits earned with a C- or better grade.

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.

UIU may transfer up to 78 lower division college semester credits from accredited institutions. LCTCS students with credits from a four-year institution may transfer an additional 12 credits. UIU will accept a maximum of 90 transfer credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

Student Advising

Upper Iowa University will provide pre-transfer advising to LCTCS students through online, onsite, and/or telephone advising. Further advising 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. Onsite admissions advising 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 Upper Iowa University 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 and a process will be explored between LCTCS and UIU.

If an institution modifies the degree requirements or prerequisites after acceptance, transfer students will follow the degree requirements as outlined in the catalog that was in effect at the time of application. Students have seven (7) years from initial enrollment to complete the baccalaureate program under the requirements in place at time of enrollment. If the program is not completed in seven years, the requirements in effect at the time of the next enrollment will be used to determine graduation requirements.

Scholarship Opportunities

Transfer scholarship opportunities are available for incoming students based on meeting applicable criteria.

The Transfer Connection Scholarship of \$1500 annually is awarded to students who have earned their associate degree from a LCTCS school. Students who have earned credits, but not the degree are eligible for an annual \$1000 Transfer Connection Scholarship.

To better serve our partner schools, all faculty and staff members of LCTCS would be eligible for a Partner Connection Scholarship of up to \$250 per 3-credit course based on current tuition rates. This scholarship applies to both bachelor and master level courses.

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.

Marketing & Communication

The LCTCS will work with Upper Iowa University 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.

Both parties grant each other non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks or logos in promotion of the partnership to LCTCS current students and alumni. The use of these trademarks and logos shall comply with policy use of the originating institution. Should this agreement be terminated, both parties will discontinue use of trademarks and logos.

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.

Admission criteria, academic requirements, and other admission requirements will be subject to the applicable academic catalog at the time of enrollment.

The articulation agreement is based on the current curriculum of both institutions. The course transferability will be evaluated regularly and updated as appropriate.

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 Upper Iowa University:

Upper Iowa University
Attn: Mrs. Kathy Franken, President
605 Washington Street
PO Box 1857
Fayette, IA 52142

If to LCTCS:

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

Acceptance of Agreement

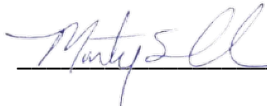
In witness whereof, the undersigned signifies their intent to execute this Agreement and agrees to comply with the stated terms and conditions.



Mrs. Kathy Franken
President
Upper Iowa University

8-1-2024

Date



Monty Sullivan
President
Louisiana Community and Technical College System

9/13/2024

Date