

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY
FOR
ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by Central Methodist University, hereinafter referred to as CMU, and Indian Hills Community College, hereinafter referred to as IHCC. By entering into this agreement, IHCC and CMU express our mutual commitment to serve students in the Western Iowa area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement provides information for transfer of the general transfer degree program.

PURPOSE:

These two institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the AA/AS degree as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree prior to transfer. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

Any IHCC student who has earned an Associate in Arts is guaranteed that CMU will accept the associate degree intact, except for developmental courses. CMU will apply such to the Bachelor of Science degree in a manner consistent with the treatment of native students.

For IHCC students entering focused programs, CMU will credit designated IHCC courses as defined in an addendum to this agreement.

Any IHCC student who has earned an Associate of Science/ Associate in Applied Science degree may be covered by a program addendum or have courses evaluated by CMU on a course-by-course basis.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

Section I: Admissions and Matriculation

IHCC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as CMU native students enrolled under a specific catalog. Criteria for acceptance into CMU will be the same for transfer as for native students.

Upon request of students, IHCC will provide verification of completed courses to CMU through its (Admissions/Registration) Office.

IHCC students who have completed the AA degree or the general education competency-based curriculum will transfer and have full acceptance into their designated CMU program. This acceptance is contingent upon students following the guidelines of the program and conditions of this articulation agreement.

Transfer students from IHCC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, advising and other student services on the same basis as native students.

CMU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to students who transferred from IHCC as those applied to native students.

IHCC and CMU will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and transfer to CMU with maximum ease.

IHCC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the opportunities available to them by participating.

IHCC will publicize the existence of the articulation agreement.

Section II: Transfer of Credit

CMU will accept 88 hours from IHCC to be applied to the Baccalaureate degree. As CMU requires 36 hours of upper divisional coursework, the maximum allowable is 88 lower divisional hours.

Representatives of the advisement staffs of IHCC and CMU will develop and annually review Transfer Guides that will provide information on programs and requirements. The Transfer Guides are a part of this agreement and provide degree opportunities covered by this agreement.

Section III: Program Plan

Focused program agreements will be incorporated as addenda to this agreement. Each will specify student degree course plan and credit transfer requirements. Such addenda will be effective when signed by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2014-15 and remains in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both institutions. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above and the honoring of the course, program and other requirements outlined in the Transfer Guides attached as appendices to this agreement. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and is subject to review every five years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either institution desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

SIGNATURES:

Indian Hills Community College(IHCC) and Central Methodist University (CMU) hereby enter into this articulation agreement leading from the Associate level degree to the Baccalaureate level degree by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

Carla Shibley

President or Representative
Indian Hills Community College

2-10-15

Date

Samuel P. Major

President or Representative
Central Methodist University

2/10/15

Date