

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN

ASHFORD UNIVERSITY
AND
SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT formally recognizes that Ashford University and **Seattle Community College District** are active educational collaborators, 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 **Seattle Community College District** 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 **Seattle Community College District** 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 **Seattle Community College District** only.

TRANSFER ELEMENTS

Seattle Community College District Associate Degrees

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT establishes that students who transfer from **Seattle Community College District** to Ashford University and have earned an Associate degree with a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher are accepted as fulfilling all General Education and competency requirements of an Ashford University Bachelor's program when one of the two conditions below is satisfied:

- 1) The student meets the General Education requirements for Bachelor of Arts degrees offered through state universities in Washington;
- OR
- 2) The transfer credits have been evaluated and deemed acceptable by the University Registrar's Office.

For either condition, the Associate degree will be transferred as a block covering General Education requirements as appropriate to each degree program. This does not constitute a waiver of any course required to earn a particular major.

Completed blocks are treated as whole; the components are not examined separately to determine

transferability towards General Education requirements. **Seattle Community College District** 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.

Seattle Community College District students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 entering Ashford University under the terms of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT will be admitted into Ashford University provided they meet all admissions requirements for the applicable program as determined by Ashford University.

Seattle Community College District students transferring to Ashford University without an Associate degree will have all college-level/non-remedial courses completed at **Seattle Community College District** 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 current transfer credit policies.

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

Seattle Community College District students must have the ability to study in English indicated by one of the following:

- Achieved a recognized high school diploma or equivalent in which the primary language of instruction was English.
- Received a GED that was taken in English.
- A minimum of 30 transferable credits from regionally or approved nationally accredited colleges/universities in the United States or equivalent in which the primary language of instruction was English.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination taken within the past 2 years. A minimum score of 173 computer based, 500 paper based, or 61 internet based, is required. Copies of official scores must be submitted prior to provisional enrollment, and official scores must be submitted for full admission.

Seattle Community College District General Education Curriculum

Completion of the **Seattle Community College District** state-approved General Education Curriculum will transfer as a block and will satisfy lower-division General Education requirements at Ashford University. The approved general education curriculum 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, the **Seattle Community College District** General Education Curriculum will be evaluated and accepted by Ashford University on a course-by-course basis.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

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

Award of Upper-Division Credit

Seattle Community College District 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, even if upper-division courses are awarded, **Seattle Community College District** 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 credit 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 **Seattle Community College District** agree to provide direct links on each institution's website indicating the existence of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT.

Seattle Community College District agrees that no publicity regarding this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT will be released without obtaining prior written consent from Ashford University.

The parties agree that this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT shall not be posted on an internet website, and that the terms and conditions of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT shall be kept confidential except as may be required by law or accrediting agency standard, or as may be necessary to promote the agreement described herein among the students of **Seattle Community College District**.

Official lists of programs for which articulation agreements have been approved by both Ashford University and **Seattle Community College District** 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 and Chief Executive Officer 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 **Seattle Community College District** 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 arrangement supported by this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

TERM

The term of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT exists indefinitely from the date of the last signature to this Agreement unless it is 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;

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing contained herein shall imply any partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between the parties, and neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner except to the extent herein provided.

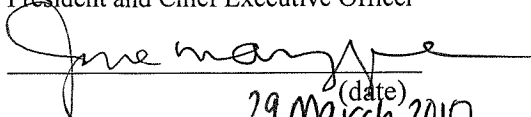
This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both parties. Notwithstanding the previous statement, Ashford University reserves the right to amend its programs, policies, procedures, and criteria relating to transfer credit in its sole discretion at any time. Such changes will be reflected in the Ashford University Academic Catalog.

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile or .PDF signature shall be deemed an original for purposes of evidencing execution of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT.

The signatories to this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT represent and warrant that each has the right and authority to execute this Agreement in their individual or representative capacity, as applicable.

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President and Chief Executive Officer



(date)
29 March 2010

Seattle Community College District:
Vice President-Instruction
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Vice President-Instruction
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