Rasmussen College, Inc.

and

The Colleges of the Wisconsin Technical College System

Articulation Agreement

I. Introduction

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") formally recognizes that Rasmussen College, Inc, a public benefit corporation ("Rasmussen") and the Colleges of the Wisconsin Technical College System ("WTCS") are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of each institution. Agreement to this alliance requires a commitment by both institutions to facilitate the transfer of associate degree conferred students into a baccalaureate degree program without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

II. Purpose

This Agreement is made and entered into effective as of December 31, 2014 ("Effective Date") and defines a structure through which articulation can be supported.

Additionally, this Agreement is specifically designed to allow maximum transfer of credit and a smooth transition for students earning an associate degree to continue their studies at the baccalaureate level. Development and distribution of all transfer articulation products (e.g. brochures, checklists or transfer guides) are the responsibility of Rasmussen. Rasmussen will consider input from the WTCS in order to provide the most efficient transfer process for students. Rasmussen and WTCS agree to develop a working plan to accomplish students’ transition between associate and baccalaureate degrees.

III. Transfer Features and Benefits

All credit from associate degrees awarded by WTCS will transfer towards related baccalaureate degrees at Rasmussen as a "block," meaning that all associate degree-related courses will automatically transfer, subject to the following limitations:

1. No more than 67% of the coursework toward a baccalaureate degree may be completed via transfer credits, course waivers, credit by examination, or other means.
2. Programmatic and general education credits from college-level courses (i.e., not remedial or developmental) earned with a grade of C or better will be accepted in transfer into the appropriate, corresponding baccalaureate degree program. (Note: Program-specific credits from programs that do not correspond to the baccalaureate degree program in which the student seeks to enroll may not be accepted in transfer. For example, criminal justice course credits may not be accepted into an accounting program.)
3. Although credits will be accepted in transfer, additional general education credits – including credits in the math/natural sciences area – may be needed to fulfill the degree requirements. (Note: For students transferring without an earned associate degree, programmatic credits from college-level courses (not remedial or developmental) earned with a grade of C or better will be accepted in transfer into the appropriate, corresponding baccalaureate degree program.)
4. In cases where 300 and 400-level courses have defined prerequisites not already earned by the transfer student, certain additional coursework may be required.
5. Students from WTCS will be granted admission to a baccalaureate degree program at Rasmussen based on academic requirements as a result of having earned an associate degree, and upon further satisfaction of all other conditions for admission as stated in the Rasmussen catalog, which can be found at: http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/course-catalog.

6. Additional information is provided in the Rasmussen College Transfer Policy ("Policy") which is incorporated by reference herein. The Policy can be found at: http://www.rasmussen.edu/admissions/transfer-students/.

In the event of a conflict in the terms of this Agreement and the Policy, the terms of the Policy shall govern. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are subject to change by law or applicable government rules and regulations.

IV. Services Provided to WTCS by Rasmussen

1. Rasmussen will offer a 10% tuition discount to all the WTCS students and employees who have completed their associate’s degree and enroll in a baccalaureate degree program through Rasmussen within one (1) year of graduation from the WTCS.
2. Transfer support materials will be provided by Rasmussen.
3. Rasmussen will provide onsite or online advising services.
4. Rasmussen will endeavor to provide information about WTCS to students who do not meet Rasmussen admission requirements or who need additional program prerequisites or to meet additional program requirements.

V. Services Provided to Rasmussen by WTCS

1. WTCS will provide the opportunity for Rasmussen representatives to meet with WTCS students on an ongoing basis.
2. WTCS will allow Rasmussen and its representatives to distribute degree and transfer materials to alumni and current students in a manner consistent with WTCS policies and procedures.
3. WTCS agrees to use the most current transfer information available when discussing transfer with students.
4. WTCS will provide Rasmussen with materials for distribution to students who do not meet Rasmussen graduation or program requirements.
5. WTCS will notify Rasmussen of any substantive curriculum change to a program involved in this Agreement.

No financial implications concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate is intended or implied by this Agreement. Rasmussen and WTCS are separate and independent institutions of higher education and intend to remain so.

VI. Notices

This Agreement may be modified by written mutual consent. This Agreement may be terminated by either party by submitting written notice of such intent at least ninety (90) days in advance of the proposed termination date. Notice must be in writing, addressed to the following:

If to Rasmussen: Rasmussen College, Inc.
1415 W. 22nd Street, Suite 400
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Attn: George E. Fogel, Vice President
contracts@rasmussen.edu
If to one of the Colleges of the WTCS: Address the notice to the particular College (from the list below), to the officer indicated. The notice shall be sufficient if sent to the last known street address.

VII. Term of Agreement

This Agreement will remain in effect for three (3) years from the Effective Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in the manner and form sufficient to bind them on the day and year written after the execution by their respective parties.

Rasmussen College, Inc. a public benefit corporation

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Kristi Waite
President
Date:

Blackhawk Technical College

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Name: Diane Nyhammer
Title: VP, Learning
Date: 11/5/14

Fox Valley Technical College

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Name: James Mathews, PhD
Title: VP, Instruction
Date: 11/5/14

Lakeshore Technical College

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Name: Barbara J. Dodge, PhD
Title: VP, Instruction
Date: 11/5/14

Mid State Technical College

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Name: 
Title: 
Date: 

Moraine Park Technical College

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Name: 
Title: 
Date: 

Chippewa Valley Technical College

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Name: 
Title: 
Date: 

Gateway Technical College

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Name: 
Title: Executive Vice President/Provost
Date: 11/5/14

Madison Area Technical College

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Name: 
Title: Interim Provost
Date: 10/5/14

Milwaukee Area Technical College

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Name: 
Title: 
Date: 

Nicolet Area Technical College

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Name: 
Title: 
Date: 

Northcentral Technical College
Name: Shelly Mondak
Title: VP, Academic
Date: 11/5/14

Southwest Technical College
Name: Phil Thomas
Title: VP for Student & Academic Affairs
Date: 11/5/14

Western Technical College
Name: Tracy Agyden
Title: Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs
Date: 11/5/14

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Name: Kenneth E. Urban
Title: Interim President
Date: 11/5/14

Waukesha County Technical College
Name: Denise Rood
Title: Vice President of Learning
Date: 11/5/14

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Name:
Title:
Date: