

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Honors College Articulation Agreement

THIS HONORS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into on August 8, 2016, by and between The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga ("UTC") and Cleveland State Community College ("CSCC"). The parties desire to enter into a partnership that promotes academic opportunity through this Agreement. The Agreement between UTC and CSCC is to be periodically reviewed every three (3) years or by the request of either institution, and revised, if necessary, by the partner institutions.

1. General Articulation

A. Criteria

Any interested student transferring to UTC from a credible honors program or college will be admitted to the Honors College at UTC via the Innovations in Honors ("IIH") Program, so long as the student meets the following criteria:

- a minimum of 3.25 GPA
- verification of good standing from the director or dean of the previous program

B. IIH Application

All students entering the Honors College via IIH will need to complete the IIH application for the purpose of providing additional background information.

2. Cleveland State Community College – Honors Program

Students transferring from CSCC's Honors Program with the required 3.25 GPA and having completed their general education requirements (with an earned associate's degree) will upon application be accepted to enter the UTC Honors College in the Innovations in Honors (IIH) Program.

3. IIH Program

A. Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from the IIH Program, students must complete the following:

1. Innovation Lab I (3 credit hours)
2. Innovation Lab II (3 credit hours)

3. Brock Seminar or other approved credit-bearing honors or experiential course (3 credit hours)
4. Departmental Honors Thesis or Honors College Thesis (4 credit hours)

B. Course Articulation

- CSCC's *HON 1110 Honors Colloquium* (1 hour) and *HON 2999 Honors Capstone* (1 hour) will each articulate as 1-credit hour versions of UTC's *UHON 1999 – Special Topics*, a course in which students may earn up to six hours of credit as long as the topic changes.
- CSCC's *HON 2902 Leadership Development Studies* (3 hours) will articulate as a 3-hour version of UTC's *UHON 1999*. These hours will satisfy IIH requirement #3 above. (In the future, we hope to develop 2000 and 3000 level versions of *UHON 1999* and will reconsider the articulation of this course at that time.)
- All honors courses successfully completed at CSCC in other academic departments will articulate as relevant general education courses; they will also count toward the 24 hours of honors credit required for the Honors College diploma.

4. Out-of-State and International Students

All U.S. permanent resident students not domiciled in the state of Tennessee who by way of an approved four-year honors curriculum are working toward the UTC Honors College diploma will receive a scholarship for out-of-state tuition; this benefit may also apply to a limited number of international students to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

5. General Provisions

- A.** Communication: The institutions agree to maintain consistent communication (may be by email and/or telephone as well as in person) each semester to address questions and to facilitate the programs.
- B.** Review: Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an Amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Tennessee Board of Regents
- C.** Focus on student success: This Agreement is in keeping with the Tennessee Board of Regents focus on partnership and collaboration between institutions.
- D.** Non-Exclusivity: This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

- E. Term: This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, the Effective Date, until terminated in writing by either party with one year prior notice. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement for students already participating in the program at the time notice of termination is given.
- F. Non-discrimination: The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status or national origin.

The parties also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection available to employees and applicants for employment.

G. Point of contact information:

For CSCC:
Jason Sewell
Director of Enrollment Services
Email: jsewell@clevelandstate.edu
Phone: 423-614-8744

For UTC:
Lindy Harp
Coordinator for Programs and Admin.
Email: Lindy-Harp@utc.edu
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- H. Notices: All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)

For CSCC:
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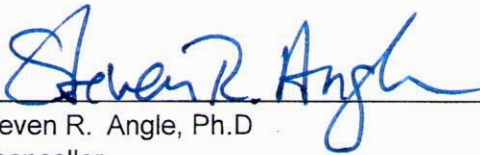
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- I. Confidentiality of Records: All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. §1232g) and its regulations.

These equivalencies and admission requirements may be updated, as required,

upon the formal approval of the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs of both UTC and CLSCC.

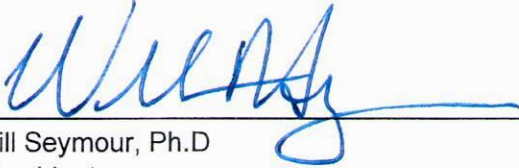
In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures:



Steven R. Angle, Ph.D
Chancellor
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

8-8-16

Date



Bill Seymour, Ph.D
President
Cleveland State Community College

8-8-16

Date