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Cleveland State Community College and
The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology Athens
For the Period of Fall 2025 through Fall 2028
For the Program Area Cyber Defense Concentration: Computer Information Technology

Articulation of TCAT Computer Electronics Delivered at the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology to be Applied Toward The Cyber Defense Concentration: Computer Information Technology A.A.S. Delivered at Cleveland State Community College

Cleveland State Community College hereinafter referred to as the “CLSCC" and the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology hereinafter referred to as the “TCATs" have entered into a statewide partnership which promotes student transfer and program articulation. The partnership is for the purpose of providing eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TCAT and/or by earning recognized industry certification(s) as identified in "APPENDIX A."

OVERVIEW

In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), and the procedures established by CLSCC, we hereby enter into this Agreement to provide the eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of a qualified program at a TCAT and by earning recognized industry certification(s) or meeting other criteria as identified in "APPENDIX A."

CLSCC determines awarded credits based upon the course completion(s), certification(s) earned, or other specified requirements.

1. TCATs will indicate on student transcripts the specific coursework completed, and certifications taken and passed (if known).
2. When evaluating student transcripts, CLSCC will award credit based on criteria identified in "APPENDIX A."
3. In addition, CLSCC may award credit based upon evaluation of transcripts on a course-by-course basis.
4. Pre-requisite courses must be considered prior to accepting credit via this agreement.
5. Students must meet the standards and follow the procedures of the individual CLSCC catalog for the year they enrolled in the articulated course/program or follow the current year CLSCC catalog.
6. The awarding of any nontraditional credit (e.g. CLEP, AP credit-by-exam, military services, etc.) may be granted for coursework not identified in "APPENDIX A."
7. Upon an institution’s request this agreement will be reviewed.
8. This agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the duly authorized signatories, or until the term of the agreement has expired.

9. The CLSCC and the TCATs shall:
    a. Designate a responsible party to provide oversight of details and disseminate

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general program information to students.

b. Determine course(s) to award credit based upon recommendation of content faculty.

c. Agree to review every three years the certifications/courses and/or Student Learning Outcomes for which college credit will be awarded.

d. Establish a process to ensure effective coordination between the individual CLSCC and TCAT. The Statewide Articulation Committee shall serve as a resource for questions or concerns that may arise and will consist of representatives from both the CLSCC and the TCAT that are faculty or curriculum coordinators for the discipline as appointed by the chief academic officer at the CLSCC and the President at the TCAT.

10. *The SACSCOC accredited institution agrees to accept specific course work from a non-SACSCOC accredited institution to be applied toward an award from a SACSCOC accredited institution. That course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a student transcript.* The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the receiving institution, and the acceptance of credits or course work is based on the receiving institution's regulations and guidelines.

11. This agreement will commence the semester following the signing thereof.

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APPENDIX A

CSCC Cyber Defense Concentration	Hours	TCAT Computer Electronics
CITC 1302 - Introduction to Networking	3	**Course Credit:** with TCAT Network+ Certification Prep 156 and current CompTIA Network+ Certification[1]
CITC 1351 - Principles of Information Assurance	3	**Challenge Exam:** can challenge CITC 1351[2]
WKBL 1010 - Work-Based Learning Seminar	3	**Course Waiver:** substitute course credits from TCAT that does not articulate to another course
CITC 1301 - Introduction to Programming and Logic	3	**Challenge Exam:** Introduction to Computing: Dantes Exam Certification[2]
CITC 1303 - Database Concepts	3	1. **Challenge Exam:** can challenge CITC 1303[2] 2. **Course Credit:** for Oracle Database Foundations#1Z0-006 OR Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Access[1]
CITC 1333 - Linux LPIC-1	3	**Course Credit:** for Linux+ Certification Prep 126 and current CompTIA Linux+ Certification[1]
CITC 2326 - Network Security	3	**Course Credit:** for Security+ Certification Prep 126 and current CompTIA Security+ Certification[1]
CITC 2352 - Digital Forensics	3	**Challenge Exam:** can challenge CITC 2352[2]
BUSN 2385 - Project Design and Management	3	**Course Credit:** for Project+ Certification Prep 90 and current CompTIA Project+ Certification[1]
	27	*PLA credit options. Total PLA credit hours are determined on an individual basis.*

Students that have successfully completed the TCAT Athens Computer Electronics Program may submit a transcript to Cleveland State Community College (CSCC), which can result in up to 27 articulated credit hours towards CSCC's Cyber Defense Concentration: Computer and Information Technology (CIT), A.A.S. Degree. The total hours articulated will be determined by CSCC based on the following conditions:

- *all course credits and PLA must be taken within the past five years,*
- *grade of C (70 or above,) and*
- *if an industry certification is required, it must be current and verified by CSCC.*

[1]***Course Credit:*** *For any certification prep course listed above, taken and passed by a student at TCAT Athens that aligns with a course targeting the same industry certification in the CSCC Computer Information Technology (CIT) A.A.S., the CSCC Business Department Chair and CIT Course Lead will review the TCAT*

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transcript and verify the current industry certification to determine if credit will be granted.
[2]***Challenge Exams:*** *Course credit may be granted to the student by CSCC by taking a Challenge Exam for that course. The student must contact the CSCC Business Department Chair and CIT Course Lead to inquire about the availability and cost of course challenge examinations.*

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Attachment B

12-Month Schedule to Complete
CSCC Cyber Defense Concentration: Computer Information Technology, A.A.S.:

Fall	Credit Hours
CITC 2320 - Windows Server I	3
CITC 2399 - Co-op/Internship III	3
CPED 1012 - Soft Skills in the Workforce	1
ENGL 1010 - English Composition I	3
Math/Natural Science	3
Semester Total	**13**
Spring	**Credit Hours**
CITC 1330 - Microsoft Desktop OS	3
CITC 2345 - Cloud Computing	3
CITC 2356 - Penetration Testing and Network Defense	3
CITC 2364 - Virtualization Essentials	3
CITC 2290 - CITC Capstone	2
COMM 2025 - Fundamentals of Communication	3
Semester Total	**17**
Summer	**Credit Hours**
Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
Semester Total	**6**
Total hours to earn CSCC CIT A.A.S., Cyber Defense Concentration if with the 27 articulated credit hours.	**36**

This schedule is based on students having 27 articulated credit hours towards the associated CSCC degree. If there are less than 27 articulated credit hours, there will be more than 36 credit hours required to complete the associated CSCC degree. CSCC advisors will work with the students to develop an individualized degree plan based on CSCC requirements, including any prerequisite requirements which may impact the schedule and length of program completion.

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