

University of Phoenix

And

Virginia Community College System

Virginia

Articulation Agreement

Introduction

An articulation agreement formally recognizes that the **University of Phoenix** and **Virginia's 23 Public Community Colleges** (including: Blue Ridge Community College, Central Virginia Community College, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Danville Community College, Eastern Shore Community College, Germanna Community College, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, John Tyler Community College, Lord Fairfax Community College, Mountain Empire Community College, New River Community College, Northern Virginia Community College, Patrick Henry Community College, Paul D. Camp Community College, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Rappahannock Community College, Southside Virginia Community College, Southwest Virginia Community College, Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Highlands Community College, Virginia Western Community College, Wytheville Community College) are all active educational partners in providing educational opportunities for currently enrolled and potential students of their combined institutions. Agreement to a partnership requires a commitment by all institutions to facilitate the transfer of an associate degree conferred students into a baccalaureate degree program without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of any of the institutions.

Purpose

The agreement defines a structure through which articulation on all levels will be supported. This agreement is specifically designed to allow for maximum transfer of credit and a seamless transition for students earning an associate degree. Development and distribution of all transfer articulation products (e.g. brochures, checklists or transfer guides) are the responsibility of the University of Phoenix. The University of Phoenix will consider the input from Virginia Community College System so that the most efficient transfer possible may be achieved for the student. The University of Phoenix and Virginia Community College System agree to develop a working plan to accomplish students' transition between associate and baccalaureate degrees.

Transfer Features and Benefits

1. All credit from associate degrees (including vocational degrees), awarded by Virginia Community College System will transfer to the University of Phoenix, meaning that all associate degree-related courses, subject to the following limitations, will automatically transfer. A maximum of 60-72 transfer credits will apply to the baccalaureate programs depending on the students major.
 - Although credits will be accepted in transfer, additional general education credits may be needed to fulfill the program requirements.
 - Students from Virginia Community College System will be granted admission to a baccalaureate degree program at the University of Phoenix 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 University Catalog. University of Phoenix admission requirements may be viewed at www.phoenix.edu
2. At the time an associate degreed student enrolls in the last University of Phoenix baccalaureate degree required course, the tuition will be waived if the student has remained in continuous enrollment and is in good academic standing.
3. If the student is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Management program (in states where offered), the associate degree focus will be listed as an area of emphasis on the baccalaureate transcript and University of Phoenix diploma.
4. Students from Virginia Community College System, who are within 12 months of the completion of their associate

degree, may pre-apply to a University of Phoenix baccalaureate program and will be granted access to the University of Phoenix proficiency assessment system and University Library Online Collection. Continued access to these services following the 12-month period will require students to be enrolled in the University.

Services Provided to Virginia Community College System by the University of Phoenix

1. Transfer support material will be provided by University of Phoenix.
2. University of Phoenix campus will provide onsite or online counseling services.
3. University of Phoenix will provide information about Virginia Community College System to students who do not meet University of Phoenix admission requirements or who need additional program prerequisites or requirements.
4. University of Phoenix will provide onsite training to advisors of Virginia Community College System regarding the use of transfer literature.

Services Provided to the University of Phoenix by Virginia Community College System

1. Virginia Community College System will provide the opportunity for University of Phoenix representative to meet with the Virginia Community College System students on an ongoing basis.
2. Virginia Community College System will assist the University of Phoenix in the distribution of updated degree and transfer materials to alumni and current students.
3. Virginia Community College System will provide to the University of Phoenix materials for distribution to students who do not meet the University of Phoenix graduation or program requirements.

The University of Phoenix will honor this agreement with all associate degree granting institutions currently accredited or in candidacy status by regional or national accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Virginia Community College System agrees to notify the University of Phoenix of any adverse changes in its accreditation status.


Any written materials published and distributed by Virginia Community College System and/or the University of Phoenix which specifically references the articulation agreement between the two institutions or makes any general representation of each other's institution, must be approved by each respective party prior to its use. The University of Phoenix through its holding company, the Apollo Group, Inc., owns both federal and common law trademarks and service marks (collectively, "Marks") which may not be used without the express written permission of Apollo Group, Inc. Guidelines for the proper use of trademarks, service marks and domain names can be located at www.apollogrp.edu/trademarks

No financial implications concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate is intended or implied by this agreement. The University of Phoenix and Virginia Community College System are separate and independent institutions of higher education and intend to remain so.

Longevity of Agreement

This agreement will be in effect for three years from the date of execution. Renewal of the agreement with appropriate content changes will be discussed at the end of this time period. Transfer literature will be updated on an annual basis. Termination of this agreement may occur by either party with a ninety (90) day written notification.

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Articulation Agreement Addendum

The undersigned agree to the following terms in addition to the Articulation Agreement.

1. University of Phoenix will provide a \$5000 tuition scholarship annually to one Associate-degreed student from each Virginia Community College. Scholarships will be applied to tuition at the University of Phoenix degree programs only and will be credited to the student's financial account on a course-by-course basis.
2. The University of Phoenix will provide a \$5000 tuition scholarship annually to each Virginia Community College to be used for their faculty and/or staff enrollment into University of Phoenix degree programs. It will be at the Community College Administration's discretion to select the scholarship's recipient, assuming faculty and/or staff meet University of Phoenix admission criteria. Scholarships will be applied to tuition only and will be credited to the student's financial account on a course-by-course basis.

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