

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

### GARRETT COLLEGE AND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

Franklin University is located in Columbus, Ohio. Accredited by the North Central States Accrediting Association, Franklin University has about 8,000 students on its campuses and another 2,000 students who take courses via the internet. Garrett College will be entering into an articulation agreement with Franklin University through what is known as their Community College Alliance Program (CCA). This is a very unique arrangement. Franklin University currently has partnerships with 204 community colleges across the U.S.

The partnership between Garrett College (GC) and Franklin University involves an articulation agreement for our graduates (A.A. or A.A.S. degree) into any of ten B.S. degree programs at Franklin:

- Accounting - 48 credits
- Applied Management - 40 credits
- Business Administration - 40 credits
- Computer Science - 63 credits
- Digital Communications - 52 credits
- Health Care Management - 40 credits
- Information Technology - 40 credits
- Management - 44 credits
- Management Information Sciences - 53 credits
- Public Safety - 40 credits

Through the Community College Alliance, Franklin University will transfer all credits (64 - 70) taken for the GC degree. Students will have to take the capstone credits (indicated above) through Franklin University; all of these courses are available on-line. "Bridge courses" (the number of credits between the A.A./A.A.S. degree and the B.S. degree) will be taken at Garrett College.

This agreement will offer GC graduates, who are interested in any of the degrees listed above, the opportunity to earn a B.S. degree without leaving Garrett County. Tuition for Franklin University is \$224 per credit hour.

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**Whereas**, Garrett College and Franklin University share a learner-centered and community-oriented approach to higher education,

**Whereas**, they share a common desire to create a seamless transition for the Garrett College graduates seeking a Franklin University Bachelor of Science degree that articulates well with programs offered at Garrett College,

**Whereas**, the two institutions seek to use current technology to enhance the educational options for time and/or place bound working adults,

Garrett College and Franklin University hereby enter into an Articulation Agreement designed to effect the above stated aims in a manner that will provide the participating student with a quality bachelor's degree completion program.

Garrett College and Franklin University have developed this Articulation Agreement to allow students and graduates of Garrett College to complete a Bachelor of Science degree from Franklin University's distance-education, degree-completion program. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credit-hours from Franklin University.

This Articulation Agreement states the conditions under which Franklin University will accept and apply credits from Garrett College. Transfer Guides, developed specifically for Garrett College, list the courses students and graduates are to complete at the community college in order to maximize transfer.

Garrett College students planning to complete their bachelor's degree at Franklin University may apply to Franklin University at any time during their enrollment at Garrett College.

Franklin University encourages students to complete their associate's degree at the community college before transfer. The student who successfully completes an Associate's degree from Garrett College will be accepted into Franklin University's degree-completion program. Franklin University will apply the associate's degree coursework as described in this Articulation Agreement and listed on the Transfer Guide. The student who has not completed an associate's degree but has 60 or more semester hours of college coursework and a Garrett College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better will be accepted into the Franklin University degree-completion program.

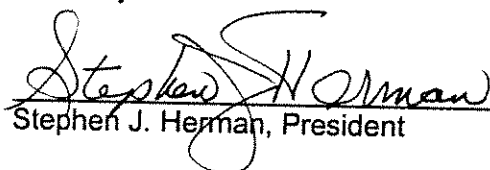
Students may concurrently take courses at both institutions. Each institution will provide student services for students enrolled at that institution. Franklin University will enter into a consortium agreement with Garrett College that will allow students to take courses concurrently from both institutions during a given academic term and maintain eligibility for federal financial aid for all applicable coursework.

Garrett College and Franklin University will work together to provide students with accurate and timely transfer information and academic advising relative to Franklin University's degree-completion program. Franklin University will provide appropriate brochures and informational material to Garrett College and its students.

Garrett College agrees to notify Franklin University annually of changes and additions to its curriculum, so that the Transfer Guides can be revised as necessary. Franklin University will, likewise, inform Garrett College of additions and revisions to its curriculum. Students will be held to the requirements of the catalogue under which they matriculate as long as the student maintains reasonable progress toward completion of the degree.

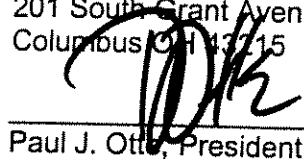
The respective designees at both institutions will monitor and report on the status of the Articulation Agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving a notice to the other institution at least six months prior to the date on which action would be taken. Such a notice will specify the nature of the action contemplated and the rationale for such action. In the event the program is discontinued, Franklin University and Garrett College will continue to provide the educational program and student services during a phase-out period of up to 24 months or until the last active student completes the program.

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