

Articulation Agreements

Articulation agreements are established to provide for the smooth transfer of credits between member institutions so that students can attain their educational objectives as efficiently and effectively as possible. Although the associate in arts (AA) degree remains the basic transfer degree of community colleges, a statewide articulation agreement has been established for specified associate in science (AS) programs, which in past were classified as “terminal degrees.” This AS to BA/BS agreement allows students who successfully complete specified AS degrees to enter into any university in the State University System. However, just as with the AA degree, not all AS degree coursework counts as elective credit or will transfer should the student lack the completed degree.

Individual articulation agreements may be established with senior institutions, both public and private, for specified AS programs that are not included in the statewide AS to BA/BS articulation agreement.

Articulation agreements are not limited to arrangements between the two-year degrees and senior institutions. HCC participates in the Hillsborough County District Articulation agreement and has established a number of tech prep articulation agreements with high school programs in Hillsborough County and in other Florida counties. The pages below describe the articulation agreements that HCC has established or participates in.

The College strongly recommends that the students review transfer goals with an advisor or counselor before registering for any courses at HCC.

Associate in Arts Articulation

Graduates of community college associate in arts (AA) degree programs are guaranteed certain rights under the State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024, the state articulation agreement, which governs the transfer of students from Florida community colleges into the state university system.

The articulation agreement also specifies the associate in arts degree will be awarded upon:

- completion of at least 60 semester hours of college credit courses, including a general education core curriculum of at least 36

semester hours in the liberal arts and sciences. (Courses not accepted by the state university system are excluded.)

- an overall GPA of at least 2.0 in all courses attempted. Only the final grade received in courses repeated by the student will be used in computing the average. The grade of “D” will transfer and count toward the baccalaureate in the same way as “D” grades earned by state university students. The university department decides whether “D” grades in the major satisfy requirements.
- completion of the Gordon Rule requirements.
- achievement of the minimum standards on the College Level Academic Skills Tests (CLAST).

General Admission

- Community college associate in arts (AA) degree graduates are guaranteed admission to one of the 11 state universities, but not necessarily to their university of choice or to a limited access program; a teacher certification program; or a major program requiring an audition or portfolio.
- Upon transferring to a state university, AA graduates will be awarded at least 60 credits toward the baccalaureate degree.
- The university catalog in effect the year the AA degree-seeking students first enrolled at the community college will remain the governing catalog for the students’ programs, provided the students maintain continuous enrollment as defined in that catalog.
- Students who have been certified as completing the general education core, whether or not they have earned an associate in arts degree, will not be required to take additional general education courses.
- When transferring among institutions participating in the Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS), a receiving institution must accept all courses taken at the sending institution, if the sending institution offers the same course with the same course number with certain state specified exceptions.
- Credits earned through accelerated mechanisms (CLEP; AP; early admissions; International Baccalaureate, and dual enrollment courses) within the AA degree will be transferable to a state university.

Students without an AA degree seeking admission to a state university are not protected by the articulation agreement and may be denied admission or lose credit when transferring. In most cases, students without an AA degree will have to meet university freshman admissions standards.

Program Admission

General

The universities determine the courses and prerequisites that must be taken to receive a baccalaureate degree. Although all credits earned toward an AA degree will transfer to a university, not all credit earned will meet program prerequisites or course requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Therefore, students must assume responsibility for knowing the course requirements of their intended program and taking the appropriate courses while pursuing their AA degree.

Limited Access

Due to limited resources, some university programs have admission requirements that are more restrictive than the university's general admissions requirements. These program

requirements might include grade point average, test scores, prerequisite courses, auditions, and portfolios.

Guarantees

AA graduates are not guaranteed admission to limited access programs. They are guaranteed

- the same opportunity to enroll as native university students;
- that selection and enrollment criteria will be established and published in catalogs, counseling manuals and appropriate publications; and
- that changes in programs will be published sufficiently in advance to allow prospective students time to adjust to the revised criteria.

Appeals

If any of the aforementioned guarantees are denied, students have the right to appeal. Each state postsecondary institution has established appeal procedures that are available from the institution's articulation officer.

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) Articulation Agreement

The intent of the ICUF articulation agreement is to establish an effective and orderly transfer process for students entering a state community college, completing an associate in arts degree, and transferring to an independent college or university. Under this agreement, community college students holding an associate in arts degree are guaranteed junior standing, recognition of the general education core, and the application of a minimum of 60 credit hours toward the baccalaureate degree.

Members of the ICUF are:

Barry University
 Beacon College
 Bethune-Cookman College
 Clearwater Christian College
 Eckerd College
 Edward Waters College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Flagler College
 Florida College
 Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Memorial College
 Florida Southern College
 International College

Jacksonville University
 Lynn University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Palm Beach Atlantic College
 Ringling School of Art & Design
 Rollins College
 Saint Leo University
 Saint Thomas University
 Southeastern College
 Stetson University
 University of Tampa
 Warner Southern College
 Webber International University

Hillsborough County District Articulation Agreement

Hillsborough Community College has joint academic, and technical, articulation agreements with the School District of Hillsborough County and the University of South Florida.

HCC/ School District of Hillsborough County (SDHC)

The agreements between HCC and SDHC specify the guidelines and procedures for the Dual Enrollment Program, Early Admissions and the awarding of college credit applicable to the associate in applied science degree for tech-prep programs completed at high schools or at Tampa Bay, Brewster, Erwin, or Leary Technical Centers. (See dual enrollment and early admission of high school students under Admissions Policies in this catalog.)

The following programs are articulated with the HCC Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree:

Brewster Technical Center

Automotive Technology/Industrial Management
Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Management
Practical Nursing/Nursing Associate Degree RN (ADN Transition Option)

Erwin Technical Center HCC

Commercial Foods and Culinary arts Culinary Management
Commercial Foods and Culinary arts Restaurant Management
Computer Aided Drafting and Design Architectural Design and Construction Technology
Court Reporting Office Administration
Legal Secretarial Office Administration
Practical Nursing Nursing associate Degree RN (ADN Transition Option)
Respiratory Care Respiratory Care

Learey Technical Center HCC

Child Care Provider Early Childhood Management

Tech Prep Articulation Agreements

The following high school programs may be articulated with the HCC Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree:

Hillsborough District School System HCC

Academy of Finance Accounting Technology
Academy of Finance Business Administration
Academy of Finance Business Administration-International Business
Management Option
Academy of International Business Accounting Technology
Academy of International Business Business Administration
Academy of International Business Business Administration-International Business
Management Option
Accounting Accounting Technology
Accounting Business Administration
Accounting Computer Information
Accounting Office Administration - Office Management
Specialization
Accounting Office Administration
American Sign Language Sign Language Interpretation
Aquaculture Aquaculture
Business Supervision and Management Accounting Technology
Business Supervision and Management Computer Information Technology

Business Supervision and Management	Office Administration
Carpentry	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Commercial Art	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Criminal Justice Operations	Criminal Justice Technology
Culinary Operations	Culinary Management
Culinary Operations	Restaurant Management
Culinary Operations	Hospitality and Tourism Management
Dental Laboratory Assisting	Dental Assisting
Digital Design	Office Administration
Diversified Career Culinary Technology	Culinary Management
Drafting	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Drafting/Illustrative Design Technology	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Management
Electricity	Architectural Design and Construction Technology
Electricity	Computer Engineering Technology
Electricity	Electronics Engineering Technology
Electronics Technology	Biomedical Equipment Engineering
Electronics Technology	Electronics Engineering Technology
Engineering Technology	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Engineering Technology	Manufacturing Technology
Environmental Horticulture	Environmental Horticulture Technology
Science & Service Cluster	Environmental Horticulture Technology
Forestry/Natural Resources	Environmental Science Technology
Materials & Processes Technology	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Technology Studies	Architectural Design/Construction Technology
Technology Studies	Manufacturing Technology
TV Production	Radio & Television Broadcast Programming
Vision Care Assisting 3 & 4	Opticianry

HCC/Collier County School District

The following Collier County high school program is articulated with the HCC associate in applied science degree:

Aquaculture	AAS Aquaculture or CCC Aquaculture Technology
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HCC/Hardee County School District

The following Hardee County high school program is articulated with the HCC associate in applied science degree:

Sign Language Interpretation	Sign Language Interpretation
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HCC/Pinellas County District School Board (PCDSB)

The following PCDSB high school programs are articulated with the HCC associate in applied science degree:

Pinellas County District School Board HCC

Child Care Center Operations	Early Childhood Management
Child Care Provider/Infant Toddler Specialization	Early Childhood Management
Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Management
Child Care Provider/Preschool Specialization	Early Childhood Management
Child Development Specialist	Early Childhood Management

HCC/University of South Florida

Hillsborough Community College has joint academic and technical articulation agreements with the University of South Florida (USF). These agreements specify the guidelines and procedures for the associate in arts degree program and the cross-enrollment program and the awarding of university credit for students completing an associate in science (AS) degree (the AS to BS Program).

The associate in arts degree program articulation agreement complies with the statewide Articulation Agreement 6A-10.024. The agreement addresses both general admission to USF and program admission.

The cross-enrollment program allows students from each institution to enroll for credit at the other. Students will then have access to courses not normally offered at their home institutions. Students must obtain permission from their home institution before cross enrolling. After completing a course, students must ask the host institution to send an official transcript to their home institution.

HCC students who cross-enroll at USF will pay USF tuition for courses they take. They must also pay a parking-permit fee. HCC students should contact their counselor or advisor for more information or for assistance completing a Cross-Enrollment Form.

HCC students denied admission to USF may not enroll at USF under this agreement.

To cross-enroll at USF, an HCC student must

1. have an HCC cumulative GPA of at least 2.0,
2. have completed 24 or more credits at HCC, and
3. unless the student is graduating, enroll for at least two courses (six credit hours) at HCC.

International students (F-1 Visa) enrolled at HCC must attend HCC full-time during any term in which they wish to cross-enroll.

USF students must have signed approval from their counselor/advisor before they can register at HCC.

Both HCC and USF students must adhere to the rules and regulations of the host institution.

USF offers a bachelor's degree program designed for associate in science (AS) degree graduates from a Florida public community college. Students admitted to the bachelor of science in applied science program will have

an AS degree from a public Florida community college and will have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours of transferable general education coursework, which should include writing and math courses that meet Gordon Rule requirements. The USF BSAS degree includes the following areas of concentration: behavioral healthcare, business administration, criminal justice, gerontology, public administration and urban policy.

Other Agreements

Florida A & M University and HCC have an articulated pharmacy program and a construction engineering program. The first two years of the baccalaureate degree will be taught at HCC. See an advisor or counselor for information.

Florida Gulf Coast University will accept in transfer a maximum of 72 credit hours from an HCC student's associate in science degree in legal assisting/paralegal studies and general education coursework.

The Institute of Spanish Studies, Miami, Florida, has agreed to accept HCC students for the express purpose of Spanish language studies in accordance with the articulation agreement. For more information, contact an HCC counseling or advising office.

National Louis University, Tampa, Florida, has agreed to accept associate degree graduates into its accelerated bachelor's degree program in accordance with the terms of an articulation agreement. For more information, contact an HCC counseling or advising office.

Northwood University of West Palm Beach, Florida will accept associate in science fire science graduates into its business administration - fire science management baccalaureate program. Northwood will award up to 60 credit hours toward the baccalaureate degree.

St. Leo University allows HCC students receiving an associate in science degree in human services to transfer into the bachelor of social work or bachelor of arts.

St. Petersburg College allows HCC students receiving an associate degree (associate in arts or associate in science depending on the program) to transfer into a bachelor of applied science degree program. Within the education area of concentration, the following tracks are available: elementary education with infused ESOL, exceptional student education

with infused ESOL, secondary mathematics education, secondary science education, technical teacher education and business technologies teacher education.

The University of Central Florida allows HCC students receiving an associate in science degree in Radiography to enroll in that bachelor degree program. UCF will also accept into its bachelor of arts, radio-television degree program HCC graduates with associate in science degrees in radio/television program broadcasting. Further, UCF will accept into its honors program HCC Honors Institute graduates who have completed the associate in arts degree and have been admitted into UCF. For more information on the Honors Institute, contact the HCC Honors Institute.

The University of North Florida allows HCC students receiving an associate in science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography to enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

The University of Phoenix has agreed to accept associate in arts degree graduates into its baccalaureate program in accordance with the terms of the articulation agreement. For more information, contact an HCC counseling or advising office.

The University of Tampa (UT), a private institution, will accept into its Honors program HCC Honors Institute graduates who have completed the associate in arts degree and have been admitted to UT. For more information, contact the HCC Honors Institute. The University of Tampa allows HCC's associate in arts degree graduates to transfer there as juniors. Additionally, students graduating from HCC with an associate in science degree in Nursing are eligible to transfer into the University of Tampa's Bachelor of Nursing program.

For more information about these articulation agreements, contact any HCC campus counseling or advising office.

Affiliation Agreements

HCC's health sciences and nursing programs have affiliation agreements with various local facilities to provide clinical education. These agreements stipulate the guidelines by which students will be educated at each facility.

Linkage Programs

The Linkage system is a cooperative agreement among five community colleges in the Tampa Bay Area - Hillsborough Community College, Manatee Community College, Pasco-Hernando Community College, Polk Community College and St. Petersburg College.

The Linkage system offers HCC students the opportunity to enter technical educational programs at the other colleges through a quota-based arrangement. Some courses appropriate to the respective programs may be taken at HCC, but students admitted to a linkage program will be required to conform to all program requirements, institutional policies, and procedures of the linkage college.

You can obtain additional information on Linkage Programs by contacting an HCC counselor.

The following institutions offer linkage programs:

- Dental Hygiene – Hillsborough CC, Pasco-Hernando CC, St. Petersburg College
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology – Hillsborough CC
- Funeral Services – St. Petersburg College
- Health Information Management – St. Petersburg College
- Medical Laboratory Technology – St. Petersburg College
- Nuclear Medicine Technology – Hillsborough CC
- Occupational Therapy Assistant – Manatee CC, Polk CC
- Physical Therapist Assisting – Manatee CC, Polk CC, St. Petersburg College
- Radiation Therapy – Hillsborough CC
- Respiratory Care – Hillsborough CC, St. Petersburg College
- Veterinary Technology – St. Petersburg College