

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN**

**The District Boards of Trustees of Valencia College,  
Orlando, Florida and  
The District Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community  
College, Tampa, Florida**

**PURPOSE**

The intent of this Articulation Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of graduates from the Associate of Science degree program in Respiratory Care at HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, herein referred to as "HCC," into the Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences at VALENCIA COLLEGE, herein referred to as "VC."

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO VALENCIA COLLEGE FRAMEWORK**

1. This Agreement is based upon a student's successful graduation from the HCC Respiratory Care Degree Program.

Before being accepted into VC's Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences program, the student must meet the following Admissions Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.
- Have a physical address (not a post office box) in Florida.
- Review the current BSCARDIO Program Guide and Updates at <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/admissionupdates.cfm>
- Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission using the Bachelor's Degree & ATC application, pay the non-refundable application fee, and be in Active Student Status.
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5.
- Submit official transcripts from all prior colleges and universities with one denoting completion of an Associate degree in Respiratory Care, Cardiovascular Technology or Cardiopulmonary Technology from a regionally accredited institution and have a minimum of 70 accepted credits, including the previously-specified Respiratory Care General Education coursework.
- Following admission to Valencia College *as a candidate for the Bachelor of Science*, submit a Health Sciences Program Application for the B.S. in Cardiopulmonary Sciences limited access program with a copy of your current certification with CCI or NBRC or equivalent certification, and the application fee.

At the time of application, the student must also provide the following additional documentation:

- Provide official copies of transcript showing degree completion and all coursework within the degree.
- Provide proof of national certification or its equivalent in respective cardiopulmonary discipline.

After acceptance into VC's Bachelor of Science program, and prior to beginning the

practicum/clinical, students must comply with all VC policies and protocols for the program, including but not limited to the provision of the following documentation:

- Provide current criminal background check
  - Provide Fingerprinting
  - Provide drug test results
  - Provide physical exam forms
  - Provide up-to-date immunizations data record
2. HCC students seeking admission to the VC Cardiopulmonary Sciences program without an acceptable AS degree will be treated in accordance with VC's policies for transfer students.
  3. Any student transferring into VC from the HCC program and following the specifications of this Agreement will be accepted into VC's Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences as a junior. It is also agreed that students graduating from VC will be required to meet all requirements for the baccalaureate degree, which includes, but is not limited to, thirty six (36) hours of college level general education coursework, two (2) semesters of the same foreign language in college or two (2) years of one foreign language from high school, and minimum hours to degree (see Attachment A), in addition to any further requirements VC may implement in its discretion.

Graduation Requirements:

- Earn a 2.0 Valencia and Overall GPA.
  - Earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all prerequisite and upper division courses.
  - Satisfy Valencia's General Education requirements and Gordon Rule requirements unless you hold an Associate in Arts or Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
  - Complete at least 40 semester credits of upper division course work.
  - Complete at Valencia at least 25% of the 128 hours (33 credit hours) of coursework for the total 128 hour degree program, based upon the Florida College System's requirement of a 2+2 admission into the baccalaureate program.
  - Obtain a degree audit through your Atlas account and review it for readiness to submit your application for graduation.
  - Submit an application for graduation online through Atlas by the deadline date listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. You must have at least the minimum number of college-level credits for your degree, including all courses for which you are registered, in order to submit a graduation application.
  - Fulfill all financial obligations to Valencia.
  - Complete two years of one foreign language or American Sign Language in high school or one year foreign language in college (or equivalent proficiency prior to graduation).
  - Total Semester Credits Required - 128
4. It is understood that students must fulfill VC's prerequisites for junior and senior level courses and earn a minimum number of specified credit hours at VC in order to receive a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences. Upon the student's request for a degree audit via ATLAS, VC agrees to provide an academic advising report, or program of study, to each HCC student accepted into the Bachelor in Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences detailing specific coursework required to complete the degree.
  5. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 in all college level courses is

required for acceptance by VC. Transfer courses may include those completed through recognized proficiency testing programs or completed by alternative acceleration mechanisms acceptable to VC and HCC.

#### **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

1. This Agreement is based on current curricula offerings at VC and HCC. Curricular changes by either institution which affect the terms of the Agreement must be agreed upon in writing by both parties.
2. This Agreement will be effective immediately at both institutions and remain in full force and effect for each successive year unless canceled in writing by either institution with 30 days' notice, subject to the conditions included in item 1 Framework.
3. If this Agreement is canceled, it will not affect students enrolled in and accepted into the VC program at the time of cancellation, nor will it affect the status of students who have already matriculated into the Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences program at VC.
4. HCC may use Valencia's name verbally for reference purposes only. Valencia grants HCC the right to use the School's name and logo in writing for purposes of this Agreement only and only upon prior written approval by Valencia for each use.

**ATTACHMENT A  
TRANSFER GUIDE  
Respiratory Care (AS) to Cardiopulmonary Sciences (BSCARDIO)**

COURSES TO BE TAKEN AT HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR  
TRANSFER TO THE BACHELOR IN SCIENCE IN Cardiopulmonary Sciences (BSCARDIO)  
PROGRAM AT VALENCIA COLLEGE.

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**

Communications

ENC 1101 Composition I (3 credit hours)

Humanities

General Education Course (core or institutional) (3 credit hours)

Mathematics

MAC 1105 or Higher Math (3 credit hours)

Social and Behavioral Science

PSY 2012 General Psychology (3 credit hours)

Biological Science

BSC 2085 Anatomy & Physiology I (3)  
BSC 2085L Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (I) BSC  
2086 Anatomy and Physiology II (3)  
BSC 2086L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab (1) (8 credit hours)

Total General Education Credits earned with Associate degree (20 credit hours)

Additional Common Pre-requisites

MCB 2000 Microbiology & Human Disease 3  
MCB 2000L Microbiology & Human Disease Lab (1) (4 credit hours)

Respiratory Care Program Credits (52 credit hours)

**VALENCIA COLLEGE:**

Additional VC Designated General Education Courses  
taken after transfer to meet local and SUS requirements (15 credits hours)


ENC 1102 (3)  
SPC 1608 or SPC 1017 (3)  
Humanities (Gen. Ed. core or institutional req. GR)^ (3)  
Social Science (Gen. Ed. core or intuitional req. GR)^ (3)  
Mathematics (GR) STA 2023 (recommended) (3)

Upper Division Core Requirements Courses (30 credit hours)  
Upper Division Concentration Courses (10 credit hours)

^select institutional if GR has not been met

Students must fulfill 36 credits in the State General Education Requirements and Gordon Rule requirements by selecting courses from the categories listed above. However, substitutions may be made with the approval of the appropriate VC administrator. NOTE: All substitutions must also satisfy all SUS General Education requirements, and Gordon Rule requirements.

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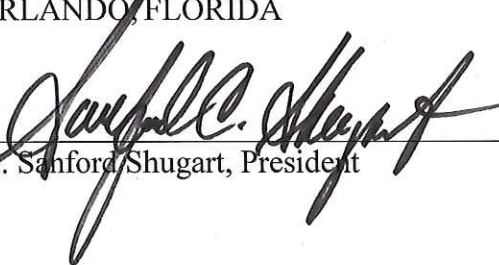
  
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Dr. Ken Atwater, President

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VALENCIA COLLEGE  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

  
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Dr. Sanford Shugart, President

8-17-2016  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**  
  
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