

Article I
Agreement of Principle

This agreement made on 7-16, 2011 ("Effective Date") between **HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCC)** and **RASMUSSEN COLLEGE** is to provide a seamless transition process for students, allowing them to transfer from HCC to Rasmussen College without loss of credits or duplication of coursework. Rasmussen College and HCC enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the academic integrity of their separate programs.

Article II
Agreement of Program Specifics

This agreement is designed for students earning their Hillsborough Community College Associate Degree within the identified program areas to articulate into the identified Bachelor Degree programs at Rasmussen College.

A) ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Transfer Features and Benefits

Except as provided in Section B), Section C), and Section D) below, all credit from associate degrees awarded by HCC will transfer towards related baccalaureate degrees at Rasmussen College as a "block", meaning that all associate degree-related courses will automatically transfer, subject to the following limitations:

1. No more than 67% of the coursework toward a baccalaureate degree may be completed via transfer credits, course waivers, credit by examination, or other means.
2. Programmatic and general education credits from college-level courses (not remedial or developmental) earned with a grade of C or better will be accepted in transfer into the appropriate, corresponding baccalaureate degree program. (Note: Programmatic credits from programs that do not correspond to the baccalaureate degree program in which the student seeks to enroll may not be accepted in transfer. For example, criminal justice program credits would not be accepted into an accounting program.)
3. Although credits will be accepted in transfer, additional general education credits—including credits in the math/natural sciences area—may be needed to fulfill the degree requirements.
4. In cases where 300 and 400-level courses have defined prerequisites not already earned by the transfer student, certain additional course work may be required.
5. Students from HCC will be granted admission to a baccalaureate degree program at Rasmussen College 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 Rasmussen College catalog. Rasmussen College admission requirements may be viewed at www.RasmussenCollege.edu.

Additional information is provided in the Rasmussen College Transfer Policy ("Policy") which is incorporated by reference herein. The Policy is available for viewing at:

<http://www.rasmussen.edu/admissions/transfer-students/>

In the event of a conflict in the terms of this agreement and the Policy, the terms of the Policy shall govern.

- A) Block Credit Award:** For associate degree graduates of Hillsborough Community College in the below-listed programs, a block of 90 quarter credits will be awarded to students who have completed their associate degree who subsequently enroll in a Rasmussen College bachelor's degree program in a similar

program area (i.e., business degrees are required for business, accounting for accounting, criminal justice/law enforcement for criminal justice, etc.)

Hillsborough Community College Program

AAS • Accounting Technology
 AA • Business Administration
 AS • Business Administration/Management
 AS/AAS • Business Administration/Int'l Business
 AS/AAS • Criminal Justice Technology
 AS/AAS • Digital Media/Multimedia Technology
 AS/AAS • Digital Media/Multimedia Technology
 AS/AAS • Web Designer
 AS/AAS • Web Designer

Rasmussen College Bachelor Program

Accounting
 Business Management
 Business Management
 Business Management
 Criminal Justice
 Digital Design/Animation
 Game/Simulation Programming
 Digital Design/Animation
 Game/Simulation Programming

B) Special Terms Related to the Rasmussen College Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management

Program: For students entering the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management program, credits will be transferred based on the guidelines below:

Graduates of Programmatically Accredited Allied Health Associate Degree Programs at HCC:

Rasmussen College will apply 45 lower level core credits and 32 lower level General Education credits for a total of 77 credits. Students who have not completed, at HCC, the equivalent of the following Rasmussen College courses will need to take them upon matriculation to Rasmussen College: Financial Accounting I, Financial Accounting II, Introduction to Business, and Introduction to Human Resource Management.

Applicable Hillsborough Community College Programs:

AS/AAS • Emergency Medical Services
 AS/AAS • Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology
 AS • Dental Hygiene
 AAS • Nuclear Medicine Technology
 AS/AAS • Optical Management Technology
 AS/AAS • Opticianry
 AS • Radiation Therapy
 AS • Radiography
 AS • American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Option
 AAS • Respiratory Care
 AS • Dietetic Technician
 AAS • Medical Office Administration

Graduates of Business Associate Degree Programs at HCC:

Rasmussen College will apply 49 lower level core credits and 32 lower level General Education credits for a total of 81 credits. Students who have not completed, at HCC, the equivalent of the following Rasmussen College courses will need to take them upon matriculation to Rasmussen College: Medical Terminology, Medical Office Procedures, and Medical Law and Ethics.

Applicable Hillsborough Community College Programs:

AA • Business Administration
 AS • Business Administration/Management
 AS/AAS • Business Administration/Int'l Business Management

Graduates of Accounting Associate Degree Programs at HCC:

Rasmussen College will apply 45 lower level core credits and 32 lower level General Education credits for a total of 77 credits. Students who have not completed, at HCC, the equivalent of the following Rasmussen College courses will need to take them upon matriculation to Rasmussen College: Introduction to Human Resource Management, Medical Terminology, Medical Office Procedures, and Medical Law and Ethics.

Applicable Hillsborough Community College Programs:

AAS • Accounting Technology

The remaining core content necessary for the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management degree will be provided in the upper level core courses.

- C) **Special Terms Related to the Rasmussen College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program:** For students entering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, credits will be transferred based on the guidelines below:

Students must have an unencumbered Registered Nurse license and have successfully completed an associate's degree.

Hillsborough Community College graduates will receive a block of 32 lower division general education courses plus a block of 81 lower division core courses.

Applicable Hillsborough Community College Programs:

AS • Nursing

- D) **Special Terms Related to the Rasmussen College Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Program:** Students entering the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program must complete Rasmussen College courses Advanced Algebra, Introduction to Discrete Mathematics, Precalculus, Calculus I, Calculus II or the equivalent courses at HCC.

Applicable Hillsborough Community College Programs:

AS/AAS • Computer Programming

- E) **Updates to this Agreement:** This articulation agreement will be updated periodically, as needed, to reflect the changes in course offerings, credit transfer policies and other policies of both Hillsborough Community College and Rasmussen College. In addition, the terms and conditions of this agreement are subject to change by law or applicable government rules and regulations.

**Article III
Services Provided by Each Party**

Services Provided to HCC by Rasmussen College

1. Transfer support materials will be provided by Rasmussen College.
2. Rasmussen College will provide onsite or online advising services.
3. Rasmussen College will endeavor to provide information about HCC to students who do not meet Rasmussen College admission requirements or who need additional program prerequisites or to meet additional program requirements.

Services Provided to Rasmussen College by HCC

1. HCC will provide the opportunity for Rasmussen College representatives to meet with HCC students on an ongoing basis.

- 2. HCC will assist Rasmussen College in the distribution of updated degree and transfer materials to alumni and current students.
- 3. HCC agrees to use the most current transfer information available when discussing transfer with students.
- 4. HCC will provide to Rasmussen College materials for distribution to students who do not meet Rasmussen College graduation or program requirements.

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

Article IV
Agreement on Communication

HCC and Rasmussen College agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with common and respective publics concerning the established relationships between the two institutions. Communication may include the development of various kinds of publications to inform people who might benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by this agreement. Institutional and joint efforts in marketing the program and recruiting students may also be pursued. The appropriate faculty and staff in both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will also provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students.

HCC and Rasmussen College further agree to communicate annually concerning any curriculum changes or policies that may affect the agreed upon relationships between programs at the respective colleges. Both HCC and Rasmussen College agree to communicate any plans that might lead to future opportunities for program articulations between the two institutions. Both parties reserve the right to amend or revise, by mutual consent and in writing, this agreement or to change curriculum, whenever feasible.

Notices

This agreement may be modified by written mutual consent or may be terminated by either party by submitting notice of such intent in writing at least ninety (90) days in advance of the proposed termination date. Notice must be in writing addressed to the following:

If to Rasmussen College: Rasmussen College, Inc.

Attn: _____

With a copy to: Rasmussen, Inc.
1415 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Attn: Susan D. Falotico, EVP/CFO

If to HCC: Hillsborough Community College

Attn:

Article V
Term

Term of Agreement

Unless earlier terminated as provided herein, this agreement will remain in effect for three (3) years from the Effective Date.

Required Signatures

Rasmussen College

Kristi Waite 7/6/11

Kristi Waite (Date)
President

Carie Ann Potenza 7/7/11

Carie Ann Potenza (Date)
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Hillsborough Community College

Ken Atwater 6/20/11

Ken Atwater (Date)
President

Craig Johnson (Date)
VP Academic Affairs

Craig B. Johnson 5-26-11

Randall Reid (Date)
Chair, Board of Trustees

Randall Reid 6/22/11

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

MK Kuehn
COLLEGE ATTORNEY
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE