

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF JUSTICE STUDIES (Legal Studies)
And
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and transition of legal assisting/paralegal students (the "students") from HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE ("HCC") into the BS in Legal Studies Program in the Division of Justice Studies of FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ("FGCU"). It is intended to provide students the opportunity to continue their college education at the university level, while recognizing the achievements of those students in the community college setting.

ARTICULATION FROM
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO FLORIDA GULF COAST
UNIVERSITY

HCC and FGCU agree to the following to facilitate transfer of students from the HCC Legal Assisting/ Paralegal Associate in Science Degree Program into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program:

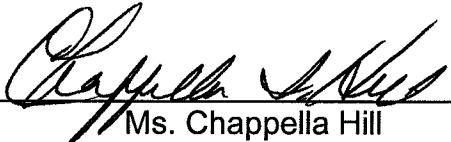
- A. As part of acceptance into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program, a student must have received an Associate in Science degree from HCC which includes the completion of certain program core course work as set forth in Appendix A.
- B. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on all previous coursework is required for acceptance into FGCU.
- C. Any student admitted into FGCU from the HCC Legal Assisting/Paralegal Program and following the specifications in Appendix A of this agreement will be accepted into the FGCU Legal Studies Program as a Junior. Once accepted at FGCU, the student will need to successfully complete a minimum of 48 credits at FGCU at a 3000 level or higher. Students must also satisfy the state-mandated 36 hour general education requirement. Students may complete their general education requirements in the following manner:
 - (1) Prior to admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted, or
 - (2) while enrolled at FGCU as an upper division student by meeting FGCU general education requirements, or
 - (3) after admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted.
- D. FGCU will accept in transfer a maximum of 72 credit hours from an HCC student's Associate of Science degree in Legal Assisting/Paralegal Studies and general education coursework.

E. Students remain subject to all other state and FGCU admission and graduation requirements as specified in the FGCU catalog.

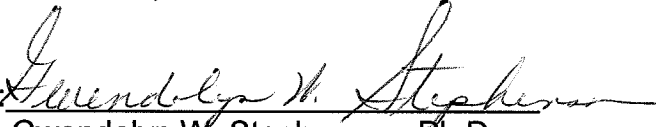
This Agreement will be in force continuously beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year at both institutions and for each successive year unless otherwise canceled by either institution through notification in writing to the undersigned CEO or his/her successor by certified mail no less than 90 days prior to the commencement of the next academic year. Program changes by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties. If this Agreement is canceled, it will affect only future students, and not any students who have already been enrolled in and accepted into either program with the understanding that current AS students must exercise their right to transfer within two years of the effective date of cancellation.

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

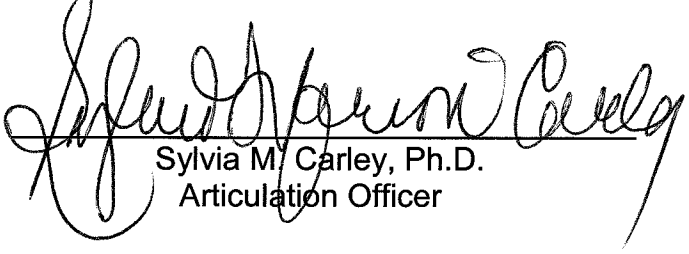
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

By: 
Ms. Chappella Hill
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Dr. William C. Merwin, President

Attest: 
Gwendolyn W. Stephenson, Ph.D.
President

Date: 12/17/03


Sylvia M. Carley, Ph.D.
Articulation Officer

Effective: January 8, 2004

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

COLLEGE ATTORNEY
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

APPENDIX A
Associate of Science Degree in
Legal Assisting
Articulated Program with Florida Gulf Coast University
Bachelor of Science Degree in Legal Studies

FGCU Program Core

Course Number	Course Title	Type of course	Semester Hours
CCJ 4215	Constitutional Criminal Law	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3202	Courtroom Techniques	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3700	Ethics for Legal Assistants	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3763	Law Office Management	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3803	Family Law Issues	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4116	Research & Document Drafting	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4603	Florida Trusts, Estates & Probate	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4612	Commercial & Residential Real Estate Transactions	Core Requirement	3
XXXX	Upper Division Communications	Core Requirement	3
XXXX	Select from approved list of PLA electives	Major Elective	15
IDS 3920	University Colloquium	University Requirement	3
PLA 4850	American Jurisprudence Seminar	University Requirement	3
Total Hours			48

TOTAL FGCU PROGRAM CORE 48 CREDIT HOURS

HCC Coursework

Course Number	Course Title		Semester Hours
APA 1111	Basic Accounting	Recommended Course	3
PLA 1003	Introduction to Legal Assisting	Core Course	3
PLA 1104	Writing and Research I	Core Course	3
PLA 1203	Litigation Procedures I	Core Course	3
PLA 1271	Torts and Criminal Law	Core Course	3
PLA 1433	Business Organization	Core Course	3
PLA 1611	Real Estate Law/Property Transactions I	Core Course	3
PLA 1600	Administering Wills/Trusts/Probate	Core Course	3
PLA 2460	Bankruptcy Law	Core Course	3
PLA 2421	Contract Law	Core Course	3
PLA 2114	Writing and Research II	Core Course	3
PLA 2800	Family Relations/Family Law	Core Course	3
Total Hours			36

TOTAL HCC COURSEWORK (AS PROGRAM) 36 CREDIT HOURS*

*Note that the student must complete an additional nine credit hours of specified electives to complete the HCC AS degree program.