

## TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE / ASHFORD UNIVERSITY

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

**Ashford University and  
Tidewater Community College**

- I. Purpose  
This agreement between Ashford University and Tidewater Community College is intended to facilitate the transfer of students from TCC's Associate of Art and Associate of Science Degree Programs to Ashford University's Baccalaureate Programs.
- II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility
  - a. To be eligible to enroll at Ashford University, students must meet admission criteria and processes as set forth by Ashford University under the terms of this agreement. For general transfer information, visit (<http://www.ashford.edu/>). Tidewater Community College students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 entering Ashford University under the terms of this Articulation Agreement will be admitted into Ashford University.
  - b. Tidewater Community College students shall proceed through Ashford University admissions process by applying through Ashford University's free online application at <https://oap.ashford.edu/online/login.php?entry=au-online&team=all&ga=1.209792533.1067911194.1415988438>. Tidewater Community College students shall comply with all current policies and procedures of Ashford University.
- III. Transfer of Credits
  - a. Tidewater Community College coursework will be evaluated for transfer credit according to Ashford University transfer credit policy. Students who have completed TCC Associate of Art and Associate of Science Degrees and who are transferring under the terms of this agreement, will be granted junior standing and be considered to have satisfied the lower level general education requirements necessary to complete a bachelor's degree. Student who do not complete their Associates of Arts and Associate of Science Degree will have credits evaluated and accepted as outlined in Ashford University transfer credit policy.
  - b. The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree represents the attainment of in-depth technical competency within an identified occupational area. However, Tidewater Community College students may need to obtain competencies in the area of General Education of which many can be taken at TCC. Ashford University will provide AAS transfer students with

- a flexible degree plan that will meet Ashford University's Baccalaureate Degree requirements.
  - c. The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion by TCC students is up to 90 credit hours.
  - d. Transfer of AP, IB, DANTEs, CLEP, etc... course work from institutions other than TCC, is permitted under the terms of this articulation agreement.
- IV. Responsibilities of Ashford University
- a. Consider TCC students who transfer under this agreement on the same basis as native Ashford University students.
  - b. Provide annually in July tracking data on the performance of students including, but not limited to, number of currently enrolled TCC transfer students and graduates, program specific enrollment, number of TCC accepted transfer credits, GPA for TCC graduates and transfers, programs completed by graduates.
- V. Responsibilities of Tidewater Community College
- a. Notify students of Ashford University transfer opportunities.
  - b. Advise students regarding the course work needed to transfer to Ashford University under this agreement.
- VI. Responsibilities of Students
- a. Follow all Ashford University application processes and all specific department/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements as set forth in this agreement.
  - b. Meet regularly with a transfer counselor
- VII. Review of Agreement
- a. This agreement will be reviewed and updated every three years or whenever academic program changes occur at Tidewater Community College or Ashford University to necessitate an update.
  - b. Either institution can initiate a review of this agreement.
- VIII. Terms, Termination, and Other Provisions
- a. This agreement is effective as of the date of the fully executed agreement and shall continue until terminated.
  - b. This agreement may be terminated:
    - i. By mutual agreement of Tidewater Community College and Ashford University, or
    - ii. By either party with 180 day prior written notice to the other party.
  - c. In the event of termination, the agreement must be honored for a minimum of three years for current students benefitting from it.

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