



**GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY AND MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT FOR RIO SALADO COLLEGE**

It is agreed that Ashland University and Maricopa County Community College District for Rio Salado College (“Rio Salado College”) desire to continue a strong academic articulation agreement to enhance the transfer opportunities for students from Rio Salado College to Ashland University for the completion of a Bachelor’s Degree. Moreover, it is agreed that a general academic program articulation agreement is to be followed by the development of specific transfer pathways as appropriate. Any revisions to the specific transfer pathways during the terms of this agreement must be approved in writing by the respective Parties and will be applied to new students undertaking the applicable program. Specific program advising sheets become effective on the date they are signed.

Rio Salado College warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and will notify Ashland University if such accreditation ceases to exist. Ashland University warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and will notify Rio Salado College if such accreditation ceases to exist.

**PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC
PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:**

1. A student, who completes an Associate Degree at Rio Salado College with a minimum of a 2.25/4.0 GPA, will be accepted at Ashland University with junior status, provided he/she has successfully completed a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours (90 – quarter hours) of coursework.
2. Only earned credits with grades C- or better are transferable and recorded on an Ashland University transcript. Letter grades and cumulative grade point average do not transfer.

3. Rio Salado College degree holders may transfer unlimited hours to Ashland University, however, students must meet the following residency requirements:
 - A. At least 30-semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland University.
 - B. The last 12 semester hours of credit must be completed through Ashland University.
 - C. At least one-half of the student's major requirements must be completed through Ashland University.
4. Admission to Ashland University with junior standing will, in many related programs of study, mean the student will be able to complete his/her baccalaureate degree with two years of full-time study. Some students may be able to graduate in less than two years if they are willing to continue their studies during Ashland University's summer terms. In certain disciplines, however, because of their sequential nature, careful prior planning of course work is necessary and more than two years at Ashland University may be needed to complete the Bachelor's Degree.
5. In general, remedial and/or developmental orientation courses are not generally transferable to Ashland University and do not meet graduation requirements. Usually, courses numbered 100 and above are transferable as either course-specific or general-elective credit. Technical courses, which do not match up with any Ashland University catalog course, will transfer as general-elective credit. In addition to the regular offerings of Rio Salado College, courses eligible for transfer include those offered through their off-campus location, and through their video-based program.
6. Students transferring to Ashland University must complete all of Ashland University's Institutional Baccalaureate Degree Requirements through transfer credit and Ashland University credit where applicable.
7. Rio Salado College degree holders with credits earned at one or more other institutions may transfer those credits to Ashland University subject to Ashland University's transfer policy.
8. Ashland University offers pre-transfer academic advising in order to ensure that the Rio Salado College student is able to transfer his/her credits in the best manner possible. This is unofficial; an official evaluation takes place upon enrollment at Ashland University.
9. Students wishing to transfer to Ashland University from Rio Salado College, may be eligible for federal, state and institutional financial aid. Qualified students may be eligible to receive the Ashland University Transfer Scholarship with the appropriate grade point average and appropriate semester hours of credit. This will be based on all grades earned from all schools attended. The Transfer Scholarship is only available to full-time students attending classes on the main campus.
10. Rio Salado College and Ashland University agree to participate in regular review of program requirements and appropriate advising procedures, and make adjustments or

amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing agreement.

This general academic program articulation agreement will be effective immediately after the representatives of both institutions sign the agreement. This general academic articulation agreement may be modified upon mutual consent; it may be terminated by either institution upon written notice to the other. This general academic program articulation agreement does not nullify existing program specific articulation agreements between our two institutions. Those program specific articulation agreements contain their own terms of renewal, modification or termination and shall remain in force.

Ashland University

**Maricopa County Community College District
for Rio Salado College**

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