

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY
AND
COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ashland University and Columbus State Community College recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Columbus State Community College to Ashland University to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

Ashland University (Ashland, OH) is a mid-sized, private university conveniently located a short distance from Akron, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. Ashland University (www.ashland.edu) values the individual student and offers a unique educational experience that combines the challenge of strong, applied academic programs with a faculty and staff who build nurturing relationships with their students. Ashland University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. (230 S. LaSalle Street - Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

Columbus State Community College (Columbus, OH) has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of the Central Ohio community for more than 50 years. The College has grown from an initial enrollment of 67 students in 1963, to its current thriving college of more than 24,000 students. In addition to the Columbus Campus and the Delaware Campus, Columbus State operates various regional learning centers at locations including Dublin and Southwest Columbus at Bolton Field. Columbus State Community College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association. (30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

It is understood by the parties that Columbus State Community College is a state community college created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3358, and is subject to certain applicable federal, state and local laws, including the Ohio Ethics Law, R.C. 102.03 and 102.04, and the Ohio Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, *et seq.* Any record kept by Columbus State Community College that is deemed a public record is subject to release if a proper request is made. Both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this agreement.

While this Agreement is active and for a period of two years after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records of all charges pertaining to this Agreement and make such records available to the Columbus State Community College as we may reasonably require.

This agreement is contingent upon the availability of sufficient appropriated funds and the College Treasurers certification that such funds are available as required pursuant to the O.R.C. 3358.10

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).

1. Ashland University and Columbus State Community College shall adhere to the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).
2. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog

requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.

3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, Ashland University will guarantee admission to the college/university and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Columbus State Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

Students completing an AA or AS at Columbus State Community College will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at Ashland University, with the exception of core requirements identified on transfer pathways for specific programs.

4. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, Ashland University will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS degree from Columbus State Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

Columbus State Community College and Ashland University will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit for AAS graduates. This includes application to general education requirements.

5. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native Ashland University students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at the Ashland University.
6. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of the Ashland University, according to catalog requirements.
7. Under this agreement, students of Columbus State Community College will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS degree before transferring to Ashland University.

Should a Columbus State Community College student transfer to Ashland University prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS degree, Columbus State Community College shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS degree in absentia using Ashland University course credit. Ashland University agrees to supply information to Columbus State in order to facilitate this reverse transfer credit.

In this interest, all course work completed at Ashland University will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS degree requirements at Columbus State Community College consistent with the criteria used for native Columbus State Community College students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at Ashland University.

8. Columbus State Community College and Ashland University will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental

programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Ashland University. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of Ashland University.

9. All collegiate level courses completed at Columbus State Community College with a D or better grade or passing grade, by students who choose to transfer before completing an associate degree, will be accepted toward the student's class standing at Ashland University.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Ashland University students pursuing the same academic program. These credits will also be considered for application to the student's degree requirements using the same criteria used for native Ashland University students.

10. Ashland University will provide Columbus State Community College with course equivalent information regarding Columbus State Community College courses and their Ashland University equivalents. Ashland University will update the information and provide the most current equivalencies to Columbus State Community College for the upcoming academic year, annually no later than July 1st.
11. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, Ashland University cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from Ashland University within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) at Ashland University.
12. Ashland University will report, to the Assistant Director for Curriculum Management, the number of transfer students from Columbus State Community College for the previous academic year, annually no later than July 1st.
13. All collegiate level courses completed at Columbus State Community College with a D or better grade or passing grade will be accepted for students who transfer with an earned AA/AS/AAS degree. These credits shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific Ashland University courses whenever possible.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Ashland University students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native Ashland University students and Columbus State Community College transfer students.

14. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Columbus State ends when the student completes their CSCC degree and commences working upon a degree program at Ashland University. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at Ashland University and exercised where permissible, with Ashland University, serving as the home institution.

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Ashland University will also designate individual(s) responsible for aspects of the financial aid consortium.

Contact: Nicole Stockland, Interim Executive Director of Financial Aid
Ashland University
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nstockla@ashland.edu – 419-207-4563

15. The Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Columbus State Community College will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Columbus State Community College.

Contact: Dr. Greg Goodhart, Interim Dean
Columbus State Community College
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Ashland University will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

Contact: Dr. Gregory McBrayer, Interim Provost
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16. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Columbus State Community College will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

Ashland University will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the Columbus State Community College transfer student.

17. Columbus State Community College is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the Ashland University name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and Ashland University programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Ashland University is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use Columbus State Community College's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of marketing to the Columbus State Community College student population about this Agreement and Ashland University's programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete

any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

18. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the Institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of Ashland University with any other company.
19. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through June 30, 2027. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every two years, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to ensure that agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.
20. Ashland University and Columbus State Community College each reserve the right to terminate this agreement provided that at least one year's notice of a process terminated date is given.

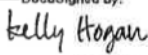
This agreement is effective as of: October 15, 2025

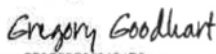
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Interim Provost

Date: 10/9/25

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