

TRANSFER AGREEMENT  
AMONG  
THE MEMBER INSTITUTIONS  
OF THE  
*NATIONAL ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER NETWORK*

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I. Goal

To enhance the overall effort to provide pathways into higher education that promote both aspiration and achievement, the member institutions of the National Articulation and Transfer Network (NATN) hereby enter into the following agreement to facilitate the *transfer of associate degree* recipients from member community colleges into participating *baccalaureate* degree granting colleges and universities.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the *Transfer Agreement* is to provide a structure through which transfer *articulation* from the community college to the baccalaureate institution can be supported at both levels. NATN member institutions understand and agree that transfer articulation under this agreement applies equally to all other member institutions, making courses taken and degrees earned at any participating institution equally transferable.

III. Responsibilities of Community Colleges

To assure quality of transferred courses and degrees, participating community colleges will:

1. Ensure that faculty teaching transferable courses are appropriately *credentialed*, as required by *regional accrediting bodies*;
2. Ensure that *transferable courses* offer content and instruction at the *college level*, as required by regional accrediting bodies.
3. Adhere to principles of good practice as commonly defined by regional accrediting bodies.

IV. Responsibilities of Colleges and Universities

Participating colleges and universities will:

1. Accept community college associate degree recipients without requiring SAT or ACT scores; (admission of individual community college graduates will be in accordance with other *admission standards* of the *receiving institution*);
2. Accept and apply towards the baccalaureate degree all transferable courses at least 60 *semester hour* or 90 *quarter hour* credits within or beyond a completed associate degree, including at least 36 semester hour or 54 quarter hour credits towards *General Education Core Requirements; grades below C*

and remedial/developmental course work will be excluded; *CLEP, Advanced Placement*, and other credit granted by generally accepted *acceleration mechanisms* will be honored as shown on the student's *transcript*;

3. Publish in the NATN system remaining courses and credits required for completion of the baccalaureate degree sought by a transferring associate degree graduate;
4. Consider community college graduates for scholarships and other forms of financial aid available to other students at the institution.

V. Transfer Criteria

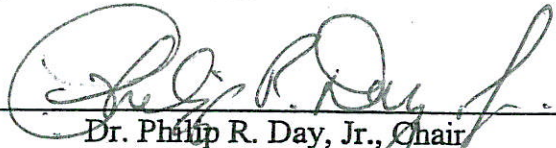
Community college students must meet the following criteria for successful transfer:

1. Complete an associate degree with a minimum of 60 transferable semester credit hours or 90 transferable quarter credit hours, at least 36 semester credit hours or 54 quarter credit hours of which comprise a general education core, exclusive of remedial/developmental courses and grades below C;
2. Achieve a *cumulative grade point average* of 2.5 or greater in a 4.0 system as calculated by the community college. (Transfer admissions requirements of a receiving baccalaureate institution may exceed the minimum 2.5 GPA. Admissions decisions will be governed by the receiving institution's criteria, including criteria for *limited access programs* within the institution. Receiving institutions may also accept GPA's below 2.5, but the full guarantee of the NATN agreement might not apply in such cases.)
3. Community college students should confer with their community college counselors/advisors or admissions/outreach advisors at the **upper division** institution early in their educational planning to ensure that they are taking the appropriate *lower division* courses.

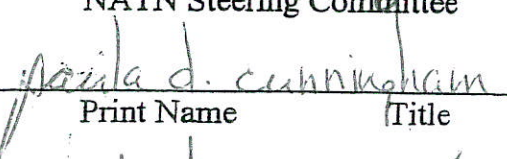
VI. Termination of Participation

Any NATN member electing to terminate participation in the NATN network must provide written notice to the *Steering Committee* at least one year in advance of the date of intended termination, to allow for appropriate advising of currently enrolled students.

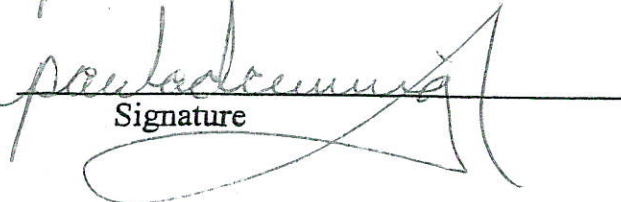
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NATN Steering Committee

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