

Articulation Agreement (Undergraduate)
between
Edmonds Community College
and
Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University (“GCU”) hereby establishes an Articulation Agreement to facilitate students’ transfer from Edmonds Community College to Undergraduate Programs at GCU.

I. PURPOSE

A. This Articulation Agreement formally recognizes that Edmonds Community College is committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students and GCU is committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students who transfer. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already demonstrated.

B. The purpose of this collaboration is to facilitate the matriculation of Edmonds Community College students to an academically challenging baccalaureate degree through Grand Canyon University.

C. Grand Canyon University enters into this Articulation Agreement in the spirit of recognizing Edmonds Community College as a quality institution with a history of demonstrated excellence delivering high quality educational programs. Each institution, furthermore, was and is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, or national origin.

D. Through ongoing communication with Edmonds Community College graduates, GCU will better understand the needs of students who are transferring and cooperate in responding to these needs.

II. TRANSFER ELEMENTS

A. Treatment of Associate Degrees and General Education Core as Admission Criteria

1. This Articulation Agreement establishes the principle that all applicable Associate Degrees at Edmonds Community College transfer to GCU, allowing Edmonds Community College Associate degrees to combine with GCU’s baccalaureate degree. Credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate college degree(s). Articulated Associate degrees will be identified, maintained, and available as Appendix A to this Articulation Agreement.

2. Edmonds Community College graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, courses numbered 100 and above, entering under the terms of this Articulation Agreement are guaranteed admission into the University. Students should be advised that some degree programs at GCU, specifically the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program, requires a 2.8 or higher GPA for admission. To be considered for this program, students must possess a current unencumbered, unrestricted license as a registered nurse in the state where they are employed as an RN. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Nursing and Health Care Professionals, and College of Fine Arts and Production may require college-specific admission requirements. Program admission criteria are available in the GCU Policy Handbook.

3. Edmonds Community College graduates will follow GCU's transfer process and, therefore, must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, advising, registration, length of program availability, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution.

4. In order to complete the baccalaureate program in a timely manner, students are advised to follow the Transfer Guide for the academic program they plan to pursue at GCU (See Appendix C). If the student intends to change degree focus upon admission to GCU, the student may be required to complete some lower division preparation work prior to beginning the program at GCU.

B. Treatment of Edmonds Community College Coursework

Students who transfer to GCU with less than an Associate Degree and have not completed the General Education requirements will complete their General Education requirements at GCU. However, if these students have taken equivalent General Education courses at Edmonds Community College, these courses will be accepted toward satisfying General Education requirements at GCU (See Appendix B).

C. Total Number of Transferable Credits

The determination of how many credit hours GCU may accept from Edmonds Community College programs is subject to accreditations and regulatory requirements. GCU agrees to provide an Articulation Agreement for Edmonds Community College Associate Degrees. A maximum of 90 hours of transfer credit, no more than 84 credits of which can be lower division, can be applied to an undergraduate program at GCU. After GCU evaluates the student's transfer credits, GCU will only apply those transfer credits that fulfill program requirements including general education, electives, and, with college approval, courses in the program major.

D. Evaluation Process

There will be an annual evaluation of the partnership supported by this Articulation Agreement. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

III. OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

A. Internship and Work Study Agreements

If applicable to the students program GCU will endeavor to provide internship and work-study opportunities for Edmonds Community College transfer students. These opportunities will be based on availability and students must be enrolled in a course to be considered eligible. It is understood that internship and work-study employment decisions are made by the employers, not GCU. Also, applicable U.S. Federal Regulations, INS guidelines and all other laws and regulations will be followed.

B. Creating and Distributing GCU Materials

All GCU-related printed and media materials created by Edmonds Community College shall be approved by GCU prior to their use.

C. Longevity of the Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by Grand Canyon University or Edmonds Community College. Immediate termination will occur if either Grand Canyon University or Edmonds Community College loses their current accreditation status. Termination shall occur upon written notice by the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost at Grand Canyon University. Either party may terminate this Articulation Agreement with a 45 day written notice. If an agreement is terminated due to the loss of accreditation the Articulation Agreement will end retroactive to the date the accreditation status changed. In the event of termination, GCU agrees to ensure students currently enrolled in a program under this Articulation Agreement will be given the opportunity to complete their degree with GCU.

D. Opportunities to Expand the Articulation Agreement

GCU may choose to expand this Articulation Agreement as mutually beneficial opportunities are presented or in response to the needs that are identified.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GCU

GCU will provide enrollment counseling and/or academic advising to Edmonds Community College students. Additionally, GCU will provide materials, catalogs, and other information to Edmonds Community College students to facilitate their understanding of University requirements and academic programs.

GCU may place Edmonds Community College students, interested in attending GCU, on its mailing list and invite the students to participate in cultural events, social activities, and presentations open to the public.

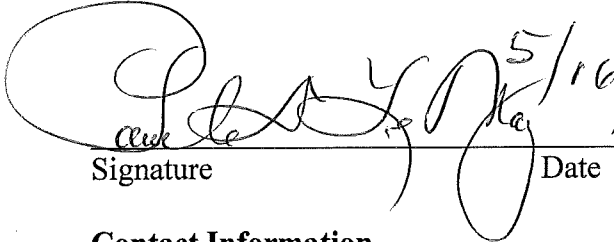
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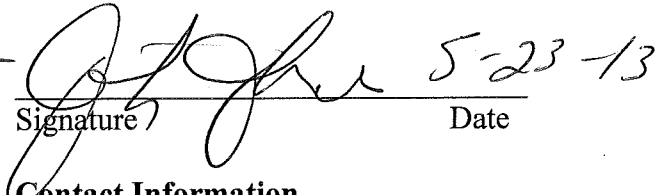
Edmonds Community College and GCU agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) governs the disclosure of information about students. The institutions will exchange admissions, grades, and retention date after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines.

In collaboration with Edmonds Community College, the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (e.g., Transfer Guide) are the responsibility of GCU.

EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY


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Appendix A: Transfer-Oriented Associate Degrees
between
Edmonds Community College
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The following table is a list of Associate Degrees at Edmonds Community College that have been identified as transfer-oriented. They are matched with the corresponding Bachelor Degrees identified at Grand Canyon University. Students who complete a transfer-oriented associate degree (Associate of Arts or Associate of Science) may fulfill Grand Canyon University's General Education requirements. For more information please refer to the Associate Transfer Plan in the GCU University Policy Handbook.

Edmonds Community College	Grand Canyon University
• Fire Officer Degree Associate of Applied Science - T	• Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management

Appendix C: Transfer Guide
between
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Fire Officer Degree Associate of Applied Science-T – Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management

The following table outlines the requirements needed to receive a Fire Officer Degree Associate of Applied Science-T from Edmonds Community College. Within the table we have identified preferred courses from Edmonds Community College that will be applicable towards Grand Canyon University's Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences: Professional Development and Advanced Patient Care. The following will be used in assessing official transcripts.

Edmonds Community College– Fire Officer Degree Associate of Applied Science-T	ECC Quarter Units	Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management	GCU Semester Credits
General Education Requirements			
Communication Skills			
ENG 101: English Composition I	5	ENG 105: English Composition I	3.33
ENG 102: English Composition II	5	ENG 106: English Composition II	3.33
CMST 101: Introduction to Communications OR CMST 220: Public Speaking	5	General Education: Effective Communication OR COM-210: Public Speaking	3.33
Computation/Quantitative Skills			
MATH 107: Mathematics in Society	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
Human Relations/Group Interaction			
PSYC 100: General Psychology	5	PSY-100: Psychology in Everyday Life	3.33
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology	5	SOC-100: Everyday Sociology	3.33
Career Management			
FOD 110: Fire Service Leadership	3	Open Elective	2
Other General Education Requirements			
CHEM 110: Chemical Concepts	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
BIOL 100: Survey of Biology OR PHYS 121: General Physics I	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
Program Requirements			
FOD 101: Fire Officer I	5	Open Elective	3.33
FOD 131: Fire Service Instructor I	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 137: Fire Protection Systems	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 140: Incident Safety Officer	2	Open Elective	1.67
FOD 152: Building Construction	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 160: Tactics	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 190: Codes & Inspections Procedures	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 201: Fire Officer II	5	Open Elective	3.33
FOD 210: Incident Management – MCO	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 215: Hazardous Materials Incident Management	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 220: Fire Investigation	3	Open Elective	2
Program Electives			
FOD 135: Fire & Life Safety Educator	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 155: Special Topics	1-5	Open Elective	0.67-3.33
FOD 231: Fire Safety Instructor II	3	Open Elective	2
Total Credits Completed at Edmonds Community College			Units 90 Credits 59.6
Total Credits Applied Towards Grand Canyon University Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management			Units 90 Credits 59.6

Appendix B: Course-by-Course Transfer Guide
between
Edmonds Community College
and
Grand Canyon University

The following table is the assessment of the courses between Edmonds Community College and Grand Canyon University. The following will be used in assessing official transcripts.

These courses fulfill the competency requirements; however, the courses may not fulfill the credit requirements. To obtain an undergraduate degree at Grand Canyon University students are required to meet 120 semester credit hours for graduation.

Edmonds Community College Course Number	Edmonds Community College Units	GCU Course Equivalency	GCU Semester Credits
BIOL 100: Survey of Biology	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
CHEM 110: Chemical Concepts	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
CMST 101: Introduction to Communications	5	General Education: Effective Communication	3.33
CMST 220: Public Speaking	5	COM-210: Public Speaking	3.33
ENGL 101: English Composition I	5	ENG 105: English Composition I	3.33
ENGL 102: English Composition II	5	ENG 106: English Composition II	3.33
FOD 101: Fire Officer I	5	Open Elective	3.33
FOD 110: Fire Service Leadership	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 131: Fire Service Instructor I	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 135 Fire & Life Safety Educator	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 137: Fire Protection Systems	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 140: Incident Safety Officer	2	Open Elective	1.67
FOD 152: Building Construction	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 155: Special Topics	1-5	Open Elective	0.67-3.33
FOD 160: Tactics	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 190: Codes & Inspections Procedures	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 201: Fire Officer II	5	Open Elective	3.33
FOD 210: Incident Management - MCO	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 215: Hazardous Materials Incident Management	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 220: Fire Investigation	3	Open Elective	2
FOD 231: Fire Service Instructor II	3	Open Elective	2
MATH 107: Mathematics in Society	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
PHYS 121: General Physics I	5	General Education: Critical Thinking	3.33
PSYC 100: General Psychology	5	PSY 100: Psychology in Everyday Life	3.33
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology	5	SOC 100: Everyday Sociology	3.33

The following table outlines the requirements needed to receive a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences: Professional Development and Advanced Patient Care from Grand Canyon University.

Course #	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management	Semester Credits
University Foundation and Christian Worldview Requirement – 8 credits		
UNV 303	University Foundation	4
CWV 301	Christian Worldview	4
General Education-Critical Thinking (Math) – 4 credits		
MAT 134	Applications of Algebra	4
Program Major Requirement Remaining – 36 credits		
PSC 410	Servant Leadership	4
MGT 420	Organizational Behavior and Management	4
EMM 300	History and Development of Emergency Management	4
EMM 305	Emergency Operations and Techniques	4
EMM 310	Mitigation Planning	4
EMM 415	Disaster Response and Recovery	4
EMM 442	Terrorism’s Impact on Emergency Management	4
PSC 450	Project Management	4
PSC 495	Action Research Project	4
Additional elective credits to reach required 120 total		13
Total Credits Completed at Grand Canyon University		61

Transfer Credits Applied From Fire Officer Degree Associate of Applied Science -T – Edmonds Community College	59.6 semester credits
University Foundation, Christian Worldview, General Education, and Electives – Grand Canyon University	25 semester credits
Program Major Requirement - Grand Canyon University*	36 semester credits
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management	120 credits

*To obtain a baccalaureate degree at Grand Canyon University, a student must earn a minimum of 36 semester credits in upper division (300 or above) courses.