

Articulation Agreement

Between Thomas Nelson Community College and Strayer University

I. PURPOSE

The articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between Strayer University (SU) and Thomas Nelson Community (TNCC).

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. SU will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from TNCC into any baccalaureate degree program at SU. Transferring TNCC applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to SU.
2. TNCC students, who have completed or will complete an AA/AS or AAA/AAS degree by the time they enroll in classes at SU, will be exempted from paying the SU application fee.
3. Students transferring from TNCC to specific SU programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria, as other native or transfer students applying to SU's programs.
4. TNCC students who graduate with an AA/AS or AAA/AAS degree, have earned at least 24 semester hours of transferable work at TNCC, and have a TNCC curriculum GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirement of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog. Students who have questions may consult a counselor and/or advisor at either institution for assistance.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. SU will transfer in, in its entirety, the AA/AS or AAA/AAS degree program for students enrolling in a related degree program at SU.
2. General Education/Integrative Studies - students completing an AA or AS at TNCC will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at Strayer University.
3. Where course equivalencies exist for required courses and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply to SU's graduation requirements in the student's stated major field of study. For courses taught at the 300 or 400 level at SU, students may be required to take alternative courses to earn upper division credit.
4. All credits earned at TNCC while completing an associate degree program will be evaluated for credit by SU. "D" grades will be accepted. However, SU will accept only courses in which a grade of "C" or better is earned by students who have not completed the requirements for the associate degree at TNCC.
5. SU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. SU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide the university with official transcripts for evaluation. SU will evaluate Prior Learning Activity for Credit Evaluation and other life experiences for possible credit. Students should present documentation to a SU Campus Dean for assessment for credit.
6. SU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to TNCC.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

1. SU and TNCC agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. TNCC & SU will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon request, SU agrees to provide TNCC reports on enrolled TNCC transfer students, their majors and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
2. SU and TNCC agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, reports and through the sharing of mailing lists.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

If to SU:

Lloyd B. Tredwell
National Community College Manager
Strayer University
2121 15th Street North
Arlington, VA 22201

If to TNCC:

Michael Bruno
Dean of Instructional Services
99 Thomas Nelson Dr.,
P.O. Box 9407, Hampton VA
23670

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

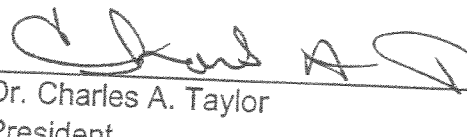
1. The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at TNCC will be honored by SU if the student completes an AA/ AS or AAA/AAS degree and successfully transfers to SU within 4 years of that first enrollment at TNCC.
2. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement.
3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the agreement.



Dr. J. Chris Toe
President
Strayer University

8/12/05

Date



Dr. Charles A. Taylor
President
Thomas Nelson Community College

7/29/05

Date