

OTC ONLINE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between Ozarks Technical Community College
and Northcentral University

OVERVIEW:

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by Northcentral University and Ozarks Technical Community College, hereinafter referred to as OTC. For the purposes of the below statements, these institutions may be referred to as the "Institutions." With this agreement, OTC and Northcentral University express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for OTC online students and their success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures which assure articulation between online programs, these institutions seek to assist online students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate or higher degree.

PURPOSE:

This agreement provides students who have earned a(n) Associate's degree at OTC the opportunity to complete a(n) Bachelor's degree at Northcentral University. Any OTC student who has earned a(n) Associate's degree and adheres to the guidelines within this agreement is guaranteed that Northcentral University will accept designated freshman and sophomore education credits and all general education credits and will apply such credits to the Bachelor's degree in a manner consistent with the treatment of native Northcentral University students.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

Section I: Admissions and Matriculation

- a. The Institutions agree to allow simultaneous admission to OTC and Northcentral University. Northcentral University shall encourage online students to attain their Associates degree in its entirety at OTC.
- b. OTC online students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as native Northcentral University students enrolled under a specific catalog.
- c. Northcentral University will waive their admission application fee if the OTC online student completes the application prior to graduating from OTC.
- d. Criteria for acceptance into Northcentral University will be the same for transfer as for native students.
- e. OTC, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to Northcentral University.
- f. Online transfer students from OTC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services at Northcentral University on the same basis as native students. Northcentral University will assist students with scholarship applications as requested.
- g. A minimum grade of "2.0 (4.0 GPA scale)" in all courses must be maintained to qualify for transfer under this articulation agreement.
- h. Northcentral University will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to OTC online transfer students as those standards applicable to native students at Northcentral University.
- i. OTC Online transfer students, upon acceptance into appropriate program at Northcentral University, will

enter with junior status at that institution.

Section II: Program Plan

- a. While a course-by-course equivalency standard is used in the development of this plan, this articulation agreement presumes that the general education core requirements at OTC meet all freshmen and sophomore level studies requirements of Northcentral University. Online students participating in this articulation agreement will be responsible for successfully completing these core requirements.
- b. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Institutions retain the right and authority to make changes in their respective courses, programs, and credential requirements as determined to be in their respective best interest.

Section III: Publicity and Promotion

- a. During the term of this Agreement, the Institutions shall develop and agree upon a mutually acceptable marketing plan to promote the OTC-Northcentral University online articulation agreement.
- b. Neither Institution shall use the name or marks of the other institution in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release, or other publicity without the prior written consent of the institution whose name of likeness may be under consideration.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year of 2011 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement to both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to review every three (3) years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two (2) years will be required.

SIGNATURES:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Institutions, by their below duly authorized signatures, have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date.


Signature

Dr. Clinton D. Gardner
President

Northcentral University
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Date

9/7/2011


Signature

Dr. Hal L. Higdon
Chancellor

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Date

9/16/11