

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND  
CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY FOR  
AA/AIS/AITS/AS/AAS DEGREES**

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY, hereinafter referred to as CMU, and OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, hereinafter referred to as OTC. By entering into this agreement, OTC and CMU express our mutual commitment to serve students in the OTC area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement provides information for transfer of the general transfer degree program Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Interdepartmental Studies (AIS), Associate of Individualized Technical Studies (AITS), Associate of Science (AS), and the Associate of Applied Science (AAS).

**PURPOSE:**

These two institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the associate's degree prior to transfer. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

CMU will apply such to baccalaureate degree requirements in a manner consistent with the treatment of native students. For OTC students entering focused programs, CMU will credit designated OTC courses as defined in an addendum to this agreement.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

OTC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as CMU native students. Criteria for acceptance into CMU will be the same for transfer as for native students.

Upon request of students, OTC will provide verification of completed courses to CMU through its Registrar Office. OTC students who transfer to CMU prior to completing an associate's degree may transfer credits back to OTC to complete their degree. CMU is a participant in the Missouri Reverse Transfer initiative.

Transfer students from OTC will have access to financial aid, advising and other student services on the same basis as native students.

CMU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to students who transferred from OTC as those applied to native students.

OTC and CMU will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and transfer to CMU with maximum ease. OTC and CMU will cooperatively promote transfer opportunities to potential graduates of OTC. OTC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the transfer opportunities available to them by participating.

OTC and CMU will publicize the existence of the articulation agreement and transfer guides. Use of either institution's name and/or logo in mass marketing materials requires mutual agreement negotiated between both marketing departments.

## **Section II: Transfer of Credit**

There is no maximum of credit hours that will be accepted by CMU from OTC to be applied to the Bachelor's Degree. However, students will be expected to meet CMU's residency and graduation hour requirement. All students must have 30 hours of 300-level course work from a four-year institution, and 30 of the last 36 hours must be from CMU. All students must have a minimum of 15 hours in the major at the 300-level. All students must have a minimum of 120 hours. Students must have a minimum 2.0 residential and cumulative GPA for graduation. CMU will accept 100 and 200-level courses that are equivalent in rigor and content as meeting the content of meeting a 300-level course on a case-by-case basis as outlined in the appropriate transfer guide. However, the course will not meet the 300-level course requirement for graduation. Students will need to take the appropriate number of 300-level courses as noted above.

CMU will accept courses that are equivalent in which a D or higher is earned unless a higher grade is required by a specific program, or a prerequisite to another course. Developmental courses will not be accepted in transfer.

Students transferring to CMU with a post-1995 Associate of Arts degree and Associate of Arts in Teaching degree (and 60-89 hours of transfer credit) from a Missouri institution of higher education (or with a completed general education program consistent with the "Core 42" as outlined by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development) are required to complete additional general education courses, including upper divisional general education requirements, for the particular program or degree, as identified in the catalog or as designated in any subsequent catalog. Students are cautioned, however, that Associate of Arts coursework might not meet individual program requirements.

Representatives of the advisement staffs will develop and annually review Transfer Guides that will provide information on programs and requirements. The Transfer Guides are a part of this agreement and provide degree opportunities covered by this agreement.

## **Section III: Program Plan**

Focused program transfer guides will be incorporated as addenda to this agreement. Each will specify student degree course plan and credit transfer requirements, and will be updated annually.

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year noted below and remains in effect here forth. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above and the honoring of the course, program and other requirements outlined in the Transfer Guides attached as appendices to this agreement. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and is subject to review every five years to assure currency. Transfer guides shall be reviewed annually. Should either institution desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two-years (24 months) will be required.

**SIGNATURES:**

Ozarks Technical Community College and Central Methodist University hereby enter into this articulation agreement leading from the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Interdepartmental Studies (AIS), Associate of Individualized Technical Studies (AITS), Associate of Science (AS), and the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) to the baccalaureate degree by the affixing of signatures of the provost officers of both institutions.

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DR. TRACY McGRADY  
PROVOST/VICE CHANCELLOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6/28/2023

Date



DR. RITA GULSTAD  
PROVOST  
CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY

6/22/23

Date