



UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY

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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

Union Institute & University (UI&U)

and

Community College System of New Hampshire

Consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the Community College System of New Hampshire to provide quality educational programs for students, Community College System of New Hampshire enters into this Articulation Agreement with Union Institute & University in order to provide Bachelor's level degree completion opportunities for their graduates.

Union Institute & University (Cincinnati, Ohio) is an accredited, private, national university that has, since 1964, redefined higher education by placing learners at the center of their own education. UI&U's main campus is located in Cincinnati, Ohio, with academic centers in Vermont, Florida, and California. Union Institute & University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., #2400, Chicago, IL 60602, www.hlcnca.org) and is licensed by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Community College System of New Hampshire (Concord, NH) is public system of higher education consisting of seven independent colleges, plus local academic centers. CCSNH is organized pursuant to NH RSA 188-F. The System Office is located in Concord on the campus of NH Technical Institute. CCSNH serves over 24,000 learners annually and offers over 80 associate degree programs, plus short-term certificate programs and specialized training. All colleges in the CCSNH System are accredited by the New England Association of Schools ((209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201, Bedford, MA 017301433) & Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

This agreement applies to the Community College System of New Hampshire's seven independent colleges and its academic centers:

- Great Bay CC
- Lakes Region CC
- Manchester CC
- Nashua CC
- NHTI-Concord
- River Valley CC with an academic center in Keene
- White Mountains CC with 3 academic centers in Littleton, Woodsville and Conway.

Union Institute & University and the Community College System of New Hampshire seek to demonstrate leadership within the regional and national higher education distance learning communities by removing barriers to transferability for students and their credits, and in the management of resources to enhance educational opportunities.

Union Institute & University and the Community College System of New Hampshire agree to the following:

Qualifying Academic Conditions

1. Application & Review Procedures – Graduates of one of the seven participating institutions who hold an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science from the Community College System of New Hampshire will be considered for admission to Union Institute & University's undergraduate degree program upon completion of:
 - the Application for Admissions form with essay
 - the receipt of all official transcripts from Community College System of New Hampshire as well as any other college/university attended

Note: Acceptance into the Bachelors program of Union Institute & University is not guaranteed to holders of the associate's degree from one of these seven participating institutions but is contingent on successful completion of the application process and acceptance of the application by the admissions committee at UI&U.

Specific Bachelor of Arts concentrations in Liberal Studies include:

- Arts
- Historical, Social and Cultural Studies
- Education Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Women's Studies/Gender Studies
- Psychology and Human Development
- Religion, Spirituality and Holistic Studies
- Thematic Studies
- Literature and Writing

Specific Bachelor of Science majors include:

- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Early Childhood Studies
- Emergency Services Management
- Leadership
- Maternal Child Health: Lactation Consulting
- Psychology
- Social Work

2. Credit Review - All graduates of the seven participating institutions from selected programs may transfer appropriate course work taken with a grade of "C-" or better and including "life experience" assessment credits or "prior learning" assessment as long as these credits are achieved through the institution's own academic policies and procedures. Courses to be transferred will be evaluated on a course by course basis for application towards degree requirements at Union Institute & University. For the purpose of this condition, the New Hampshire State Colleges assessment of prior learning process is recognized as a policy and procedure of the Community College System of New Hampshire.
3. Union Institute & University's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs reserve the right to assign credits to its own degree graduation criteria, major or concentration requirements, or electives where it sees fit. Once approved, specific courses will be summarized on a table showing credit awards by UI&U.

Assuming at least 60 semester hours are required for the associate's degree, the applicant shall receive at least 60 transfer credits (semester hours) toward the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Union Institute & University.

4. Scholarship – Graduates of one of the seven participating institutions who transfer into the Union Institute & University undergraduate program will receive a scholarship equal to 10% of each term's tuition.

In addition, those graduates will receive a tuition scholarship for the last four credits on the condition that they maintain continuous enrollment in good standing with UI&U.

In addition, UI&U offers all Title IV federal financial aid, State of New Hampshire grants for private university students as well as several university scholarships.

5. Additional Services - Union Institute & University offers itself as a second academic home to Community College System of New Hampshire students. Students planning to transfer will have the opportunity to schedule a transcript review with an admissions counselor. Every effort will be made to see those transfer students receive favorable consideration in the transfer of the coursework and that the courses they need to complete their studies will be made accessible to them.
6. Community College System of New Hampshire students transferring to Union Institute & University will be governed by Union Institute & University catalog policies in effect once they apply for admission at UI&U.
7. Tracking - At the end of each academic year, the Registrar at Union Institute & University will provide appropriate tracking information about Community College System of New Hampshire students to the Director of Education at Community College System of New Hampshire.

In its role in this agreement, Community College System of New Hampshire agrees to the following:

1. Community College System of New Hampshire will support the marketing effort by promoting the above-mentioned programs and "bridge" courses through a variety of marketing efforts, including learner and alumni publications, local community publications/media, transfer fairs, information sessions and through the Community College System of New Hampshire advisement staff/faculty, in conjunction with Union Institute & University.
2. Community College System of New Hampshire will designate administrative, academic, student services and marketing personnel who will act as liaisons to their counterparts at Union Institute & University.

This agreement will remain in effect until modification or termination is sought by Union Institute & University. Written notice will be required one year prior to an intended termination. Annual reviews will be conducted in June of each year to assess ongoing continuation of this agreement. Both institutions will monitor the continual development of curriculum and work cooperatively to adjust curriculum content and course sequencing as needed.

This agreement will become effective on June 1, 2010 as authorized by the signatures below.

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Community College System of
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