



CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT Capella University and Palm Beach State College

This Agreement is entered into as June 24, 2010 by and between Palm Beach State College (Lake Worth, FL), hereinafter Palm Beach State, and by Capella University* (Minneapolis, MN), hereinafter Capella.

PURPOSE

This Agreement has as its sole purpose the establishment of an academic articulation agreement between Palm Beach State and Capella in order to make baccalaureate and graduate programs available to graduates of Palm Beach State.

This Agreement includes a Course-to-Course transfer agreement between Palm Beach State and Capella, which is intended to allow Palm Beach State students to transfer approved credit hours into a Capella program of study.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

1. Capella will award quarter transfer credit for approved Palm Beach State courses into one of the bachelor programs listed below:

Bachelors of Science in Business Specializations (including all listed specializations)
Bachelors of Public Administration
Bachelors of Science in Information Technology Specializations (including all listed specializations)
Bachelors of Science in Public Safety Specializations (including all listed Specializations)
Bachelors of Science in Nursing

Under this Agreement, Palm Beach State students will be awarded specific credit hours for credits earned in an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree at Palm Beach State to be applied towards a Bachelors Degree Program at Capella. Palm Beach State students may earn credits to start at junior standing at Capella. Specific degree program articulation agreements between Capella University bachelor degree programs and Palm Beach State College Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degrees are set forth below (refer to the appendix for specific course by course mapping by degree program):

Palm Beach State College degree	To	Capella University Bachelors Degree Program
Associate of Arts		BS Psychology General Psychology
Associate of Arts		BS Business (All specializations)
AS or AAS Accounting		BS Business - Business Administration
AS Nursing		BS Nursing

2. Palm Beach State students must graduate from Palm Beach State with an Associate of Arts (AA), or Associate of Science (AS), and have an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by Palm Beach State.
3. Palm Beach State graduates who completed their program under the official 2005-2006 college catalog or later meet the current general education requirements reviewed for purposes of this agreement.
 - a. *Refer to addendums for exceptions.*
4. The Associate of Arts degree programs at Palm Beach State require a total of 60 semester, equivalent to 90 quarter, hours credit for graduation. The general education core includes study in the areas of English composition, humanities and fine arts, natural sciences and mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences.

Palm Beach State students who have completed the general education core will be considered to have fulfilled the lower-division general education requirements for Capella.

5. All college-level courses, meeting Capella transfer requirements, at Palm Beach State will be evaluated for transfer into Capella Baccalaureate degree programs up to a maximum of 144 quarter (96 semester) hours of academic credit.
6. Students must complete a minimum of 50 percent of their core and specialization courses at Capella.
7. Students from Palm Beach State must meet all other admission criteria documented in the current Capella catalog. Applicants to Capella's School of Undergraduate Studies' BSN degree program must have a current, unrestricted RN license to practice in the United States and one year of licensed RN work experience.
8. Graduates of Palm Beach State who complete a Bachelors degree program with Palm Beach State College, who apply for admission to the graduate program in the Capella University, and meet or satisfy all Capella University admission requirements will be admitted to Capella University's graduate programs of study. The degree programs that are accepted (given they meet Capella's admission requirements) are, but not limited to:
 - a. B.A.S. in Supervision and Management
 - i. General Management
 - ii. Health Management
 - iii. Public Safety Administration Management

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

1. Capella will provide a welcome page specifically for Palm Beach State graduates on the Capella website (www.capella.edu/pbsc).
2. Capella will list Palm Beach State as an alliance member on an internal site utilized by Capella students and/or on the main Capella website and maintain a link that will direct learners to Palm Beach State's website.

3. Capella will provide literature and other information to Palm Beach State to support its efforts in promoting this Agreement.
4. Capella will provide Palm Beach State updated degree and transfer materials for students and graduates.
5. When permissible, Capella will participate in Palm Beach State transfer fairs, and graduates events.
6. Capella will provide an Alliance Manager as the primary contact for Palm Beach State to facilitate this Agreement.
7. Capella will share information regarding the aggregate number of enrollments and courses taken by Palm Beach State graduates on an annual basis.

Palm Beach State College PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

1. Palm Beach State will assign a primary point of contact person to work with the Alliance Manager in order to effectively implement participation benefits to students and graduates.
2. Palm Beach State will work with Capella to develop an appropriate communication plan that allows students and graduates access to the benefits of this Agreement. Communications may take a variety of forms including, but not limited to:
 - i. Quarterly Messaging (approx 6-8 times per year)
 - ii. Messaging within graduate publications, student newspaper
 - iii. Internet or intranet placement
 - iv. Participation in transfer events
3. Palm Beach State will distribute and/or make available updated degree and transfer information from Capella to its students and graduates via their transfer/career center or other medium.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR BOTH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

1. Implementation and interpretation of this Agreement will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies and procedures established by the accrediting and governing bodies of the institution and other agencies having jurisdiction over the operation of either institution.
2. Participation of students in the degree programs will be permitted in compliance with the applicable federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws and regulations.
3. Both institutions shall advertise the provisions of this Agreement so that it is disseminated to all prospective and existing students by reasonable means. This could include, but is not limited to, student catalogs, transfer guides, program brochures, intranet or Internet sites, and other advertising.

4. Both institutions may issue joint press releases and other announcements with prior approval from both parties.
5. Both institutions shall maintain their accreditation with their regional accrediting associations and any other accreditation currently in existence pertaining to this degree program.
6. Both institutions shall have the common goal of developing a comprehensive and seamless services infrastructure for this Agreement.

DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT


This Agreement will remain in effect for one year and automatically renewed thereafter as long as the obligations of the relationships are met by both parties. This Agreement will be reviewed annually for changes to degree and general education requirements at both Capella and Palm Beach State. Either party may terminate participation in this Agreement with 90-days notice. Tuition and fee rates, admission criteria and academic and other requirements will be subject to the Capella University Catalog at the time of the students' admission to Capella. Active students at the time of termination will be grandfathered in and receive tuition discount until such time they graduate or discontinued enrollment in a program.

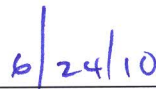
Capella will establish a procedure to assist in identifying Palm Beach State students and graduates by the time of application. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Palm Beach State affiliated students to identify themselves in order to be considered a participant in this Agreement.

REVISIONS TO AGREEMENT

Amendments and/or revisions to this Agreement may be made in writing at any time by mutual consent of all parties. Such amendments and/or revisions signed by authorized representatives of both parties shall be prepared in the form of an Addendum Agreement. The procedure for approval of such addenda and/or revisions shall follow the same procedure employed in securing approval of all parties in the original cooperative agreement. Each of the parties shall work cooperatively to review, at least annually, and to update each year as appropriate, specific items or operational procedures included in this Agreement.

SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS


Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D., President
Palm Beach State College


Date

Sharon A. Sass

Sharon A. Sass, Ph.D., Vice President of Academic Affairs
Palm Beach State College

June 24, 2010
Date

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

Denise Wallace

Denise Wallace, Esq. General Counsel
Palm Beach State College

6/24/10
Date

Shannon Cisewski

Shannon Cisewski, Associate Registrar
Capella University

6/30/10
Date

W. B. Williams

Feranda Williamson, Dean of SOUS
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Date

*Capella University's Accreditation

Capella University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org. The Higher Learning Commission grants regional accreditation, the type most common for major public, state, and private universities.