

OMNIBUS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
AND  
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM LEADING TO THE  
REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Marshall University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, in order to facilitate the efficient transfer of students between the two institutions, hereby establish an omnibus articulation agreement that will help adult students of West Virginia and other states earn an associate and a baccalaureate degree through the State's Regents Bachelor of Arts degree. Through this articulation agreement, Marshall University will accept a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework offered by Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Such courses may be used to fulfill a portion of Marshall University's general education curriculum and portions the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree.

**I. Conventional Transfer from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College to Marshall University**

Students who are in good standing and meet all admission requirements are eligible to matriculate at Marshall University and receive full credit for a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework completed at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and other regionally accredited community and technical colleges.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will assist students by providing academic advising that will counsel students to enroll in general education and other prerequisite courses that will prepare students to complete a baccalaureate degree at Marshall University. In addition, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will inform students and advise them of the process of completing a Marshall University application package that includes an admission application, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College transcript, identification of intended major, transfer evaluation fee or waiver request, and consent for Marshall University to share academic information with Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Marshall University will admit students participating in this agreement under a special designation to facilitate tracking of student progress. Marshall University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will create, and revise annually, a list of all course equivalences to fulfill portions of general education and degree requirements.

Should a student transfer to Marshall University before the completion of an associate degree at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, Marshall University will monitor the student's progress and send an official transcript to Blue Ridge Community and Technical College once the student's cumulative credit hours are equal to or greater than 60 hours of college-level coursework. As appropriate, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College may then use the combined coursework of the two schools to issue the student an associate's degree.

Students working toward the associate and Regents Bachelor of Arts degrees will be encouraged to work with academic advisors to ensure their previous, current, and future courses will lead to a timely completion of the degree. In addition, the advisor will determine if the student is eligible to receive credit for work experience, military service and training, and civilian licensure

and specialized training programs. Students participating in this program will be required to complete course requirements as outlined by the State's Regents Bachelor of Arts program.

Marshall University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement to ensure program consistency and quality, and transferability for the benefit of the students of both institutions.

This articulation agreement supplements all currently existing articulation agreements which will continue to serve as specialized links between the two institutions.

Marshall University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College agree to renegotiate this agreement as necessary due to changes in curriculum or graduation requirements implemented by either institution. This process will be the responsibility of the chief academic officer at both institutions.

## **II. Assessment of Prior Learning**

Students admitted to Marshall University who may be eligible to receive college credit for prior learning will be directed to the professional staff of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College for an assessment of eligible credit. The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College staff will review the students' relevant military, work, and other professional experiences which may be translated to the equivalence of college-level credit hours. As necessary, students participating in this program may be required to complete a portfolio development course to develop materials necessary for the assessment of prior learning.

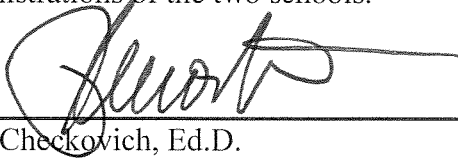
When the assessment is complete, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will prepare a transcript listing the college-level credits the students received from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and course equivalences, where appropriate. As appropriate, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College may also issue an associate degree to students based upon prior course work and granted prior learning credit. Marshall University will accept all college-level credits and accept equivalent college level courses granted through the prior learning assessment.

Students participating in this program may need to pay course fees to Blue Ridge Community and Technical College to enroll in a portfolio development course. Participating in this program does not affect the students' ability to enroll in Marshall University courses.

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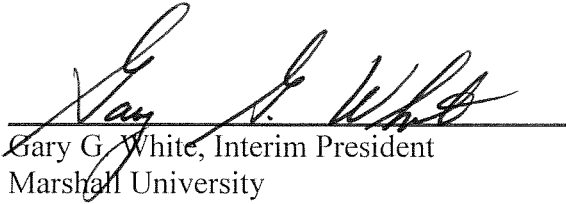
This agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party: provided that the students currently pursuing a degree shall be permitted to complete the program. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree through this articulation agreement will be bound by the curriculum requirements in effect at the time they are officially accepted into the articulated program.

The terms of this agreement are hereby approved on July 1, 2015, by the respective administrations of the two schools.



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