

OMNIBUS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
AND  
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS LEADING TO A  
BACCALAUREATE 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 residents of West Virginia and other states earn an associate and a baccalaureate degree in a discipline of their interest. 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 of a baccalaureate program of study.

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

Henceforth, 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.

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 participating in this agreement 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 course work. As appropriate, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College may then use the combined coursework of the two schools to issue the student an associate degree.

Students working toward the associate and baccalaureate degrees will be encouraged to work with academic advisors to develop a plan of study that ensures their previous, current, and future courses will lead to the timely completion of a baccalaureate degree. Although students will receive appropriate transfer credit for college-level course work, some of these courses may not fulfill specific requirements for Marshall University's degree programs.

Students who do not complete the sequence of courses outlined in a plan of study may require additional time and expense to complete the degree.

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 current existing articulation agreements that will continue to serve as specialized links between the two institutions.

Marshall University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College agree to revise 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.

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.

## **II. Collaborative Enrollment**

Applicants for admission to Marshall University who are not admitted to Marshall University will be referred to Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. All students matriculating at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College within this program will be advised to enroll in specially designed core curriculum courses designed to award college level credit and increase the students' core competencies in English composition, critical reasoning, mathematics, and speech communication, which are expected of a student enrolled in a contemporary college curriculum. Students may then complete the requirements for the baccalaureate degree as outlined in Section I of this agreement.

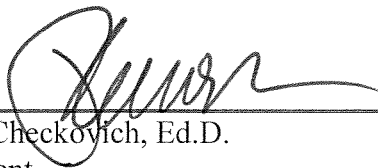
## **III. Enrollment of Academically Suspended Students**

Students placed on academic suspension by Marshall University will be given the opportunity to be admitted to Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Students matriculating within this program will be advised to enroll in courses for which they have earned a grade of less than 'C' as well as core curriculum courses specially designed to award college-level credit and increase the students' core competencies in English composition, critical reasoning, mathematics, and speech communication, which are expected of a student enrolled in a contemporary college curriculum.

Upon successful completion of the associate degree, students matriculating within this program who are in good standing and whose transcripts may be released from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, will be assisted in the admission process to Marshall University as outlined in Section I.

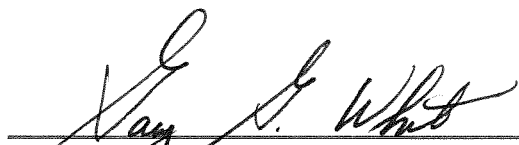
This agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party: provided that the students currently pursuing a degree shall be permitted to complete the program. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree through this articulation agreement will be bound by the curriculum requirements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