

OMNIBUS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
AND  
WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE SYSTEM:  
FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM LEADING TO THE  
REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Marshall University (Marshall) and the West Virginia Community and Technical College System (CTCS), in order to improve their existing effort to help adult citizens of West Virginia and other states earn an associate and a baccalaureate degree, hereby enter into an articulation agreement to jointly offer the State's Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) degree. This degree option will now be available to students enrolled at any of the state's nine community and technical colleges. Through this articulation agreement, Marshall will accept a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework offered by the community and technical colleges to fulfill portions the RBA degree at Marshall.

**I. Conventional Transfer from CTCS to Marshall University**

Students who are in good standing and meet all admission requirements are eligible to matriculate at Marshall and receive full credit for a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework completed at any regionally accredited West Virginia Community and Technical College.

CTCS 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 the RBA degree through Marshall. Marshall and CTCS will create, and revise biannually, a list of all course equivalences to fulfill portions of general education and degree requirements.

Students working toward the associate and RBA 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, CTCS 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 RBA program. As necessary, CTCS advisors, faculty, and staff may contact Marshall's Director of the RBA program regarding questions about the degree option and requirements.

**II. Assessment of Prior Learning**

Students pursuing the RBA degree may be eligible to receive college credit for prior learning and professional work experience. The CTCS 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, CTCS will prepare a transcript listing the college-level credits the students received from CTCS and course equivalences, where appropriate. As appropriate, CTCS may also issue an associate degree to students based upon prior course work and granted prior learning credit. Marshall will accept all college-level credits and accept equivalent college level courses granted through the prior learning assessment done at the CTCS.

CTCS prior learning processes are online at <https://www.stepupwv.com/#/>

### **III. Collaborative Enrollment**

Applicants for admission to Marshall University who are not admitted to Marshall will be referred to their local Community and Technical College. All students who matriculate to their local CTC under 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 curriculum at Marshall. Students may then complete the requirements for the baccalaureate degree as outlined in Section I of this agreements.

### **IV. Collaborative Review of Program and Academic Programming**

Marshall and CTCS 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 all institutions. Specifically, all institutions will strive to offer general education and program specific courses that are equivalent regarding content covered and course learning objectives.

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

Marshall and CTCS 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 all institutions.

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 December 6, 2017 by the respective administrations of the schools.