



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH
UNIVERSITY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY
AND
CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADDENDUM

Mount St. Joseph University and Cincinnati State Technical & Community College recognize the following program articulations effective June 1, 2017. All programs are subject to the articulation master document signed June 1 2017.

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Chem Tech to Natural Science
- Criminal Justice
- Health & Fitness AAS to BS Health & Wellness
- Honors
- AAS Nursing to BSN
- Paralegal Associate of Arts to Legal Studies
- Pre-Business Administration to Business Administration
- Social Work
- Sport Management
- Undergraduate Education

Mount St. Joseph University

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College

Diana Davis 5/31/17
 Diana Davis Date
 Acting Provost

Robbin Hoopes 6/6/17
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Mount St. Joseph University and Cincinnati State Technical & Community College recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Cincinnati State to MSJU to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

Mount St. Joseph University ("MSJU" or "the Mount" as used herein) is a Catholic college of 2,200 students that provides students with a liberal arts and professional education. Founded in 1920 by the Sisters of Charity as Southwestern Ohio's first Catholic college for women, today the Mount is a coeducational institution nationally recognized for quality and value and for serving the needs of all its students including adult and graduate students. Our goals are to assist students in becoming leaders in their professions and in their communities, and to prepare them for their life journey equipped with values, integrity, and a sense of social responsibility. Mount St. Joseph University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association; (30 N. LaSalle Street – Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College ("CS" as used herein) a state community college created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3358 and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association. CS has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of the Southwestern Ohio community for more than 40 years, providing student-focused, accessible, quality technical and general education, academic transfer, experiential and cooperative education and workforce development. The College offers more than 100 degree programs and certificates, and is noted for its cooperative education program – one of the largest of its kind among two-year colleges in the U.S.

While this Agreement is active and for a period of one year after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records of all changes pertaining to this Agreement and make such records available to CS as may be reasonably required.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation agreement.

1. In support of this institutional agreement, CS and MSJU will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Mount St. Joseph University. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of the University.
2. MSJU and CS shall endeavor to increase the persistence of our students toward completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees by providing CS students interested in matriculating to MSJU with an array of resources described below while they are completing their associate degree at CS.
3. Enhanced Academic Transfer Advising for MSJU Bound Students
 - a. CS shall make available to MSJU advisors wireless access and office space within CS's Academic Transfer Center in order that MSJU Advisors can advise CS students interested in attending MSJU upon their completion of an associate degree at CS.
 - b. MSJU will provide Cincinnati State's Academic Transfer Center Director with course equivalent information regarding CS's courses and their MSJU equivalents. The Mount will update the information and provide the most current equivalencies to CS for the upcoming academic year, annually no later than July 1st.
 - c. MSJU will report to CS's Academic Transfer Center Director the number of transfer students from CS for the previous academic year annually no later than July 1st.
 - d. MSJU and CS will each comply with its obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy act (FERPA) with respect to any student records provided by or received from the other in connection with the performance of this agreement.

4. Privileges and Connections for Qualifying CS Students Bound for MSJU

- a. ***MSJU Connections Scholars.*** This section establishes a specific program and scholarship for emerging CS students who will be known as “MSJU Connections Scholars”. Participants will be admitted to this program by CS Administration from a pool of students in transfer programs who have submitted a Connections application and have completed 15 CS credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0. MSJU Connections Scholars will work with both CS and MSJU Advisors to assure a seamless transfer to MSJU, as each Scholar is ready.

Benefits include:

- i. A special orientation to the program specifically for the MSJU Connections Scholar
- ii. A special MSJU ID
- iii. Access to MSJU Library
- iv. Admission to MSJU sporting events
- v. Invitations to attend selected programs and events
- vi. MSJU application fee is waived
- vii. Priority registration for students beginning their first full-time semester at MSJU

b. ***MSJU Connections Scholarships.***

Students who have graduated from high school less than four years prior to application to MSJU Connections (traditional students) and who provide their high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores, will be awarded according to the academic scholarship chart in effect their senior year in high school. In some instances, a college GPA of 3.0 is required.

Non-traditional students who graduated more than 4 years prior to starting at MSJU qualify for a transfer scholarship under the following conditions: Full-time students who have earned a 3.0 GPA and at least 24 credit hours are eligible for a scholarship of \$6500.

Phi Theta Kappa students with an earned associate’s degree and a 3.25 GPA who enroll as full-time students at the Mount are eligible for a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship of \$7500. They must maintain a 3.0 GPA at MSJU for scholarship renewal.

Students accepted as *Connections Scholars* with a GPA of 3.0 who have completed an Associate’s degree and enroll at the Mount as a full-time student are eligible for an additional MSJU Connections Scholarship of \$2500 each semester that they maintain a 3.0 GPA and enroll in at least 12 academic credits.

5. Honors.

A CS student who has graduated as a member of the CS Honors Program with a 3.2 cumulative collegiate GPA will be accepted into the MSJU Honors program upon application to the Honors Program Director. Please consult the MSJU-Cincinnati State Honors Articulation for details.

6. Transfer Policies and Procedures

a. All transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.

b. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) degree, MSJU will guarantee admission and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. Some academic programs have additional admission requirements that must be met. Examples are: Education and Nursing.

Students completing an AA or AS at Cincinnati State will be considered to have met many lower division general education requirements at the University. Some additional coursework will be required to complete core requirements for the baccalaureate degree at the Mount.

c. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Associate of Applied Business (AAB), MSJU will guarantee admission to all students who have earned an AAS degree from CS, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses.

d. CS and MSJU will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit for AAS and AAB graduates. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, standing, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program.

- e. CS students who have completed or will complete an associate's degree by the time they enroll in classes at the Mount St. Joseph University will be exempt from paying the MSJU application fee.
- f. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native MSJU students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at the University.
- g. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of the University, according to catalog requirements.
- h. Under this agreement, students of Cincinnati State will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree before transferring to MSJU.
- i. Should a CS student transfer to MSJU prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, CS shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree in absentia using MSJU course credit. In this interest, all course work completed at MSJU will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree requirements at CS consistent with the criteria used for native CS students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at MSJU.
- j. Students who have successfully completed an AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree at CS who matriculate at MSJU under the terms of this agreement, shall be considered to have completed that portion of the MSJU general education requirements approved by Mount's Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policies (CCEP) that are common to both CS and the University.
- k. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, MSJU cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from university within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at MSJU.
- l. All collegiate-level credit transferred from CS shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific MSJU courses when possible.

- m. CS and MSJU will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by MSJU. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of the University.
- n. All collegiate level courses completed at CS with a "C" or better grade, by students who choose to transfer before completing an associate degree, will be accepted toward towards the student's class standing at MSJU. It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of "C" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Mount students pursuing the same academic program. These credits will also be considered for application to the student's degree requirements using the same criteria used for native MSJU students.
7. MSJU will designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement at MSJU.

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CS will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at CS.

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8. CS will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

MSJU will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training when necessary, to staff and faculty to support transfer students.

9. CS is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the MSJU name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and MSJU programs in accordance with this Agreement.

MSJU is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use CS's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of marketing to the CS student and potential student population about this Agreement and MSJU's programs in accordance with this Agreement.

MSJU and CS shall confer and coordinate their respective marketing efforts to maximize impact of such efforts and to ensure appropriate use of each party's brand standards.

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

10. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the either institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of MSJU or CS with any other company.

- 11. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through June 30, 2019. A list of specific programs covered by the agreement will be updated annually and signed by both responsible designees for each institution. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every two years, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to insure that agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.
- 12. MSJU and CS each reserve the right to terminate this agreement. At least one year's notice of a termination date must be given.
- 31. Approved programs covered by this agreement as of June 1, 2017 are attached in Addendum 1.

This agreement is effective as of:

Mount St. Joseph University

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College

H. James Williams
President

5/31/17
Date

Monica Posey
President

5/24/17
Date

Diana Davis
Acting Provost

5/31/17
Date

Robbin Hoopes
Provost

5/19/17
Date

Maggie Davis
Associate Provost Academic Support

5-30-17
Date