

## Articulation Agreement

**Louisiana Community & Technical College System**



**Louisiana Community &  
Technical College System**

*Changing Lives, Creating Futures*

**and**

**Aspen University**



**ASPEN**  
UNIVERSITY

## **Articulation Agreement**

Aspen University (hereinafter AU), a proprietary University with offices located at 720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1150N, Denver CO, 80246 and Louisiana Community & Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (hereinafter LCTCS) agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of :

**Bachelor of General Studies**  
**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**  
**Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education**  
**Bachelor of Science in Medical Management**  
**Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**  
**RN-to-MSN Bridge Program**

AU and LCTCS are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "party" and collectively as the "parties."

### **Purpose of the Agreement**

The Agreement is entered into in the interest of LCTCS students, faculty and staff advancement. The purpose of the Agreement is to allow for the efficient transfer of LCTCS students from the following institutional programs (hereinafter Source Programs) into the General Studies, Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Medical Management, Criminal Justice and Nursing programs at AU.

#### **Community Colleges**

##### **Baton Rouge Community College**

- Accounting Technology (AAS)
- Business (AS)
- Business Technology (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AS)
- Liberal Arts (AA)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

##### **Bossier Parish Community College**

- Business Administration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Health Care Management – Professional Practice Concentration (AS)
- Health Care Management – Health Studies Concentration (AS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Delgado Community College**

- Accounting (AAS)
- Business Administration (AS)
- Business and Management (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AA)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Elaine P. Nunez Community College**

- Business Technology – Accounting Concentration(AAS)
- Business Technology – Managerial Concentration (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AS)

**L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College**

- Criminal Justice (AS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)

**Louisiana Delta Community College**

- Business and Technology (AAS)
- Business Office Administration (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Nursing (AS)
- Teaching (AST)

**Northshore Technical Community College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)

**River Parishes Community College**

- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AST)

**South Louisiana Community College**

- Business Technology (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AS)
- General Studies (AGS)
- Teaching (AST)

**SOWELA Technical Community College**

- Accounting (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)
- General Studies (AGS)

## **Technical Colleges**

### **Acadiana Technical College**

- Business Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Capital Area Technical College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Central Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)
- Criminal Justice (AAS)

### **Northeast Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **Northwest Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Office Technology – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

### **South Central Louisiana Technical College**

- Business Administration – Accounting Concentration (AAS)

The Agreement fosters a collaborative relationship between the parties by establishing a systematic plan for students to continue their education beyond the degree achieved and complete a BA/BS degree program from AU, or a MS in Nursing through the RN-to-MSN Bridge Program at AU.

Faculty and staff that apply for admissions to Aspen University will have previously earned credits assessed by Aspen University personnel at the time of application. In addition to the above mentioned AU programs, the following degree programs would be available for faculty and staff.

Bachelor of Science in Foodservice Operations and Restaurant Management  
Bachelor of Science in Alternative Energy  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling  
Masters of Science in Physical Education and Sports Management  
Master of Business Administration  
MBA Specialization in Entrepreneurship  
MBA Specialization in Finance  
MBA Specialization in Information Management  
MBA Specialization in Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management  
MBA Specialization in Project Management  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice  
Master of Education  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Master of Arts in Psychology and Additional Counseling  
Master of Science in Information Management  
Master of Science in Information Systems  
Master of Science in Information Technology

Master of Science in Technology & Innovation  
Doctorate in Education – Leadership and Learning  
Doctorate of Science in Computer Science

### **Administrative Principles**

The following general principles guide the operations of this Agreement.

#### **A. Admission and Graduation Requirements**

- i. All AU admission requirements apply to all students who transfer from LCTCS to AU under this agreement in addition to LCTCS faculty and staff.
- ii. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for transfer credits at the undergraduate level.
- iii. Applicants successfully completing the articulated program who meet all applicable AU admissions requirements and who have not matriculated at any other institution of higher education will be guaranteed transfer admission to AU.
- iv. Students must fulfill all program completion and graduation requirements at both institutions to receive the AU degree.

#### **B. Transfer of Credits**

- i. A maximum of 90 LCTCS credits successfully completed by the student will be allowed towards fulfillment of the 120 credits required for baccalaureate completion at AU.
- ii. AU will make every effort to provide students the maximum credit they are due in adherence with the standards and best practices of all AU relevant accreditation bodies.
- iii. Courses credits will transfer as described in the Program Articulation Table Addenda.
- iv. Courses meeting general education requirements at LCTCS will be transferred to AU as general education courses according to the Program Articulation Table. Other general education requirements will be met using required or elective courses at AU as appropriate.
- v. It is possible that not all transferable credit accepted by AU will be applicable to the degree program.

#### **C. Implementation and Review**

- i. The Chief Academic Officers of the parties to this Agreement will implement the terms of this Agreement including identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, assuring compliance with AU policy, procedure and guidelines.
- ii. The performance of this agreement will be continually monitored and annually reviewed by AU and LCTCS.
- iii. AU and LCTCS agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption to student process toward degree completion.
- iv. AU and LCTCS shall work to resolve any necessary transfer of course credits and should changes to AU programs, LCTCS programs or both occur while the agreement is in effect, work to amend or supplement this Agreement accordingly.
- v. AU and LCTCS will jointly promote the provisions of the partnership between AU and LCTCS on each organization's respective website.

#### **D. Tuition & Fees**

- i. Associate's degree graduates of LCTCS accredited schools accepted into a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree program at Aspen University will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit.
- ii. Associate's degree graduates of LCTCS accredited schools accepted into the RN-to-MSN Bridge program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing at Aspen University will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit.
- iii. Faculty and Staff that are graduates of Associate's degree programs at accredited schools, accepted into Bachelors of Arts or Bachelors of Science degree programs will pay a per-credit cost discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per-credit. Faculty and Staff that are graduates of degree programs at accredited schools, accepted into Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, or Doctoral degree programs (including the RN-to-MSN Bridge Program) will pay a per-credit tuition rate discounted 10% off the standard tuition cost per credit.

#### **E. Term and Termination**

- i. This Agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document.
- ii. Either party may terminate this agreement after adequate notice, defined as 90 days, to the other party.
- iii. Termination of the Agreement must be accompanied by a plan to allow all currently enrolled students to complete their program of study under the terms of the agreement.

#### **F. Confidentiality**

- i The Parties agree that all proprietary information, including student information, is "Confidential" and shall remain so during the term of this Agreement and thereafter.


#### **G. General Provisions**

- i This Agreement is made, entered into, and executed by the parties pursuant to the policies of the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council ("DETC").
  - ii This document shall be the entire understanding and agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter set forth herein, and all prior agreements, understandings, covenants, promises, warranties, and representations, oral or written, not incorporated herein and superseded hereby.
- H. LCTCS institutions must be accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or an accepted foreign equivalent that is listed in the International Handbook of Universities.
- i This Agreement is not exclusive and either party may enter into similar agreements with other institutions.
  - ii This Agreement and any amendments and supplements shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of New York.

This agreement is entered into on this 18th day of May, 2012 (Effective Date) by and between Aspen University and Louisiana Community & Technical College System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**Aspen University**

By: 

Name: Gerald B. Williams

Title: President & Chief Academic Officer

Date: May 18, 2012

**LCTCS**

By: 

Name: Joe D. May

Title: LCTCS System President

Date: 5/21/12

**Requirements to be completed at Baton Rouge Community College  
Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology**

<b>BRCC Course</b>			<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Prefix</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Cr</b>		
			<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>	
ENGL	101	3	English Composition	LA 3
MATH	101	3	College Algebra (5-Hour Format)	LA 3
ECON	201	3	Principles of Macroeconomics	LA 3
ECON	OR 202	3	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON	OR 203	3	Economic Principles	
			<b>CHOICE OF ONE COURSE (3 CREDITS) IN THE FOLLOWING</b>	LA 3
ENGL			English	
FILM			Film	
FREN			French	
GERM			German	
HIST			History	
HUMN			Humanities	
ITAL			Italian	
PHIL			Philosophy	
SPAN			Spanish	
SPCH			Speech	
			<b>CHOICE OF ONE COURSE (3 CREDITS) IN THE FOLLOWING</b>	LA 3
ASTR			Astronomy	
BIOL			Biological Sciences	
CHEM			Chemistry	
ENVS			Environmental Sciences	
GEOG			Geography	
GEOL			Geology	
PHSC			Physical Science	
PHYS			Physics	
			<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>	
ACCT	200	3	Financial Accounting I	LA 3
ACCT	201	3	Financial Accounting II	LA 3
BUSN	110	3	Introduction to Business	REQ 3
BUSN	121	3	Business Math	LA 3
BUSN	201	3	Principles of Marketing	LA 3
BUSN	220	3	Business Law	LA 3
BUSN	240	3	Business Communication	LA 3
FINA	110	3	Personal Finance	LA 3
MANG	201	3	Principles of Management	REQ 3
CIS	190	3	Microcomputer Applications in Business	LA 3
ENGL	102	3	English Composition II	LA 3
SPCH	120	3	Techniques of Speech	LA 3
SPCH	OR	3	Communications for Business Professionals	LA 3



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			<b>CHOICE OF ONE COURSE (3 CREDITS) FROM EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING</b>	<b>ELEC 3</b>
ACCT		3	Accounting	
BUSN		3	Business	
ECON		3	Economics	
FINA		3	Finance	
MANNG		3	Management	
REAL		3	Real Estate	
			<b>CHOICE OF THREE COURSES (9 CREDITS) FROM THE FOLLOWING</b>	<b>ELEC 9</b>
ACCT		3	Accounting	
BUSN		3	Business	
FINA		3	Finance	
MANG		3	Management	
REAL		3	Real Estate	
CIST	130	3	Introduction to Word Processing	-----
CIST	140	3	Database Management	-----
CIST	150	3	Spreadsheets I	-----
CIST	160	3	Introduction to Desktop Publishing	-----
CIST	235	3	Advanced Word Processing	-----
CIST	240	3	Database Management II	-----
CIST	250	3	Spreadsheets II	-----
CIST	260	3	Advanced Desktop Publishing	-----
CIST	270	3	Multimedia and Web Design	-----
CIST	280	3	SQL for Business	-----
ECON	204	3	Sports and Entertainment Economics	
ECON	205	3	Economics of Money and Banking	
ENGL	201	3	Workforces Writing and Vocabulary Development	-----
MATH	202	3	Basic Statistics I	
MATH	203	3	Basic Statistics II	
			<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS ACCEPTED BY ASPEN =39</b>	
			<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CREDITS ACCEPTED BY ASPEN = 54</b>	

**Requirements, To Be Completed at Aspen University  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
For Graduates of Baton Rouge Community College  
Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology**

AU Course			Course Title	Notes
Prefix	#	Cr		
			<b>REQUIRED HUMANITES COURSES</b>	
			<b>Humanities - One Course (3 Credits)</b>	
HUM	100	3	World of Art	
HUM	110	3	Introduction of Spanish I	
HUM	111	3	Introduction of Spanish II	
HUM	135	3	Literary Studies	
HUM	140	3	Introduction to Ethics	
HUM	155	3	American History I	
HUM	156	3	American History II	
HUM	157	3	World History	
			<b>Social and Behavioral Science - One Course (3 Credits)</b>	
SBS	105	3	Introduction to Psychology	
SBS	10	3	Introduction to Sociology	
SBS	120	3	Diversity and Culture	
SBS	150	3	Cultural Anthropology	
SBS	200	3	Human Development	
SBS	210	3	Principles of Macroeconomics	
SBS	211	3	Principles of Microeconomics	
SBS	230	3	Religious Studies	
			<b>REQUIRED SPECIFIED LIBERAL ARTS COURSES - FOUR COURSES (12 CREDITS)</b>	
SBS	210	3	Principles of Microeconomics	
SBS	211	3	Principles of Macroeconomics	
COM	220	3	Management Communication	
COM	230	3	Human Resource Management	
			<b>REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES - 48 CREDITS</b>	
BUS	225	3	Legal Environment in Business	
BUS	3053	3	Business Research and Communications	
CIS	315	3	Business Information Systems	
MAT	350	3	Quantitative Methods	
MGT	215	3	Customer Relationship Management	
MGT	240	3	Operations Management	
BUS	454	3	Ethical Decision Making for Business	
BUS	484	3	Entrepreneurship	
BUS	495	3	International Business	
CIS	434	3	Internet Marketing	
CIS	490	3	Introduction to e-Business	
MAT	444	3	Finance for Managers	
MGT	424	3	Leadership in Organizations	
MGT	464	3	Organizational Behavior	
MGT	474	3	Fundamentals of Project Management	

MGT	494	3	Strategic Management	
			<b>REQUIRED CAPSTONE COURSE - 3 CREDITS</b>	
			<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE =63</b>	
			<b>TOTAL LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS REMAINING FOR COMPLETION = 6</b>	
			<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION =69</b>	