Guaranteed Admission Agreement
Between Argosy University and Northern Virginia Community College

I. PURPOSE

This articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between Argosy University (AU) and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. Argosy University (AU) accepts applications from students who wish to transfer from NOVA to pursue any baccalaureate degree program at AU. Transferring NOVA applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to AU. The application fee will be waived.

2. Students transferring from NOVA to specific AU programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria, as other native or transfer students applying to AU programs.

3. NOVA students who graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree and have a NOVA curriculum GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to Argosy University.

4. For the purposes of admission and credit recognition the transfer GPA is determined by a calculation that includes all NOVA courses and all attempts.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. General Education - students completing an AA or AS at NOVA will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at AU, with the exception of COM180 (unless the student has completed NOVA’s CST 126 Interpersonal Communication course.)

2. Where course equivalencies exist for required courses and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply to AU graduation requirements in the student’s stated major field of study. If the courses are taught at the 300 or 400 level at AU, students will be required to take courses to earn upper division credit.

3. Courses/Credits in which grades of D (1.0) were earned usually will not be transferred.

4. AU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. AU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions.

5. AU will evaluate Prior Learning Activity for Credit Evaluation and other life experiences for possible credit.
6. AU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to NOVA.

7. Students may transfer a maximum of 72 lower division credits or 90 total credit hours to AU.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

(AU) and NOVA agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. NOVA will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. (AU) agrees to provide NOVA reports of enrolled NOVA transfer students, their majors and academic performance when 10 or more are enrolled in any given year.

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at NOVA will be honored by (AU) if the student completes an AA or AS degree and successfully transfers to (AU) within 4 years of that first enrollment at NOVA.

2. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.

3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.

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