Guaranteed Admission Agreement  
Between The University of New Mexico 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 The University of New Mexico (UNM) and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

II. A. Admissions Practices

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

2. Students transferring from NOVA to specific UNM programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria, as other native or transfer students applying to UNM 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 UNM but not necessarily to a particular program.

4. For the purposes of admission and credit recognition the transfer GPA is determined by the same method for all transfer applicants.

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 UNM.

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

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

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

5. UNM will evaluate Prior Learning Activity for Credit Evaluation and other life experiences for possible credit according to current policies.

6. UNM will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to NOVA through the College Source Transfer Evaluation System (TES).

7. UNM colleges and schools determine the maximum amount of transferrable credit. Students transferring from NOVA will be required to complete residence, major and/or minor requirements as outlined in the Catalog to be eligible for UNM's degree. Generally, students must complete at least 30 hours in residence, 15 of which have to be completed after a student accumulates 92 of earned credit hours. At least ½ of the hours required for the degree and ⅔ of the hours required for the minor have to be completed in residence. A senior transfer student may satisfy this requirement with approval of the department with ⅔ of the hours required for the major.
C. **Update/Report/Relationship**

UNM 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. UNM 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 UNM if the student completes an AA or AS degree and successfully transfers to UNM 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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