

Articulation Agreement

Between

Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University

For the

Associate of Applied Science - Cyber Security

To

Bachelor of Applied Science Concentration - Cyber Security

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”), dated this 15th day of March, 2016 (the “Effective Date”), is made by and between Northern Virginia Community College (“NOVA”), an educational institution and agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, located at the Brault Building, Annandale VA 22003-3723, and George Mason University, an educational institution and agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, located at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444. Mason and NOVA are referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

By this agreement, NOVA and Mason express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students by creating clear pathways to baccalaureate degree completion.

- 1. Purpose:** This program-to-program agreement provides NOVA students the opportunity for the most efficient credit transfer to complete the Mason Bachelor of Applied Science Concentration in Cyber Security.
- 2. Conditions of Transfer: Admission and Enrollment.** NOVA students who meet the following requirements will be admitted to the BAS program:
 - a. Apply online for fall admission by March 1 or spring admission by October 1 and meet the minimum age requirement of 25 by the application deadline.
 - b. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher in all college or university course work attempted.
 - c. Have conferred or have pending conferral the NOVA AAS-Cyber Security degree.

- d. Send official transcripts from all previous colleges or universities, including any relevant credit by exam transcripts, i.e., CLEP, AP or IB.
- e. Non-native speakers of English are required to meet the University TOEFL requirement or present ENG 111 and ENG 112 or 125 with grades of A, B or C in each course at NOVA.
- f. Submit the University enrollment deposit by June 15 for fall enrollment or December 1 for spring enrollment.

3. Conditions of Transfer: Transfer of Credit

- a. In accordance with Mason transfer policy, a maximum of 90 total credits may transfer toward the completion of a bachelor's degree, with no more than 75 credits transferring from a community college.
- b. Mason guarantees the transfer of all 66 credits required for the AAS-Cyber Security degree, contingent upon a satisfactory grade. Grades of A, B or C must be earned in each course to be transferable.
- c. NOVA students enrolled in the AAS-Cyber Security degree program who have successfully completed the United States Marine Corps' *Military Occupational Specialty 0651 Cyber Security Network Supervisor* will be awarded the following 15 lower-level transfer credits:
 - IT 103 Introduction to Computing (3)
 - IT 105 IT Architecture Fundamentals (3)
 - IT 223 Information Security Fundamentals (3)
 - IT Lower-level elective (3)
 - IT Lower-level elective (3)
- d. Additional transfer student enrollment information is available at: oasis.gmu.edu. All other Mason admission and enrollment policies apply to AAS-BAS students.

4. General.

- a. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement shall continue for five years, at which time the Parties may negotiate a written renewal. Either Party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon providing written notice to the other Party no later than three (3) months prior to the date of termination.

- b. **Approval.** This Agreement is contingent upon the approval, if appropriate, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and/or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).
- c. **Applicable Law; Venue.** This Agreement shall be construed, governed and interpreted by and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any litigation with respect to this Agreement shall be brought before a court of competent jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- d. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements. This Agreement can be modified or amended only by a writing signed by all of the Parties.
- e. **Publicity.** Except as specifically provided for herein, neither Party shall use, in its external advertising, marketing programs, or promotional efforts, any data, name, insignia, trademarks, pictures or other representation of the other Party or its employees except on the specific written authorization in advance by the Party. All requests for authorization must be received in writing by no later than ten (10) days in advance of the use date.
- f. **Independent Contractors.** The relationship of the Parties to each other is solely that of independent contractors. No Party shall be considered an employee, agent, partner or fiduciary of the other except for such purposes as may be specifically enumerated herein, nor shall anything contained in this Agreement be construed to create any partnership or joint venture between the Parties. Mason does not sponsor, endorse, or make any express or implied warranties for NOVA.
- g. **Nondiscrimination.** Both Parties agree not to discriminate on any basis prohibited under state or federal law or Mason policy.
- h. **Authorized Signatures.** The signatory for each Party certifies that he or she is an authorized agent to sign on behalf such Party.
- i. **Conflicts of Interest.** No Mason employee may receive compensation from NOVA unless authorized by Mason in writing.
- j. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- k. **Notice.** Any notice required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when sent, postage prepaid, through the United States Postal Service by certified mail, return receipt, or when sent by internationally

recognized overnight delivery service, or personally served upon the appropriate Party.

To: Dr. Claudia Rector
Assistant Provost, Academic Affairs
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MSN 3A2
Fairfax, VA 22030

To: Dr. Sharon Robertson
Associate Vice President, Academic Services
Northern Virginia Community College
3926 Pender Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0974

SIGNED:



Dr. Mel Schiavelli
Executive Vice President
Northern Virginia Community College



Dr. S. David Wu
Provost and Executive Vice President
George Mason University

3/11/2016

Date

3/17/16

Date