
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Frostburg State University (FSU)

And

Allegany County Public Schools (ACPS)

PROGRAM

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an articulation agreement between Frostburg State University (FSU) and Allegany County Public Schools (ACPS) for the PTECH program. The agreement pertains explicitly to students completing the IT Networking Academy (CISCO) offered exclusively at the ACPS Center for Career and Technical Education (CCTE).

ELIGIBLE CREDIT THROUGH ARTICULATION

Students will be eligible to receive up to sixteen (16) articulated college credits for the courses listed below. The articulated credits may be applied toward graduation requirements for relevant degree programs at FSU, such as Computer Science, Information Technology, or Cybersecurity.

Articulation Table

IT Networking Academy (CISCO) Level I

High School Courses/Programs	FSU Courses	Articulated Credits
930A IT Essentials (A+ Certification)	ITEC 195 (Introduction to Information Technologies)	3 credits
A+ Certification Exam Completion	ITEC 195 (Additional Credit)	1 credit
930B Cybersecurity Essentials	SCIA 120 (Introduction to Cybersecurity)	3 credits

IT Networking Academy (CISCO) Level II

High School Courses/Programs	FSU Courses	Articulated Credits
931A Honors CCNA 1 Intro to Networks	ITEC 355 (Networking)	3 credits
931B Honors CCNA 2 Routing & Switching Essentials	ITEC 195 (Additional Credit)	3 credits
COMP-239 (Cisco Networking 2)	ITEC 195 (Additional Credit)	3 credits

Total: 16 credits

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must complete the entire IT Networking Academy program at CCTE.
- Students must maintain a minimum **program grade of 'B.'**
- All individual classes must be passed with a 'C' or better grade.
- Successful completion of specific certification exams (e.g., A+, CCNA) is required.

2. Application Process:

- Students must ensure their **ACPS transcripts** are submitted to FSU for evaluation to claim articulated credits.

- o Articulated credits will be posted to the official FSU transcript once all required documentation has been received and processed.
- o If articulated credits appear on the **Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) transcript**, they can also be carried over to FSU through articulated credit, supporting the **2+2+2 program** and ensuring proper validation.

3. Credit Transfer Details:

- o **GPA from articulated credits will not carry over** to FSU.
- o Each class will be labeled as **"articulated credit"** on the FSU transcript.
- o Other institutions may not recognize articulated credits if a student decides to transfer from FSU.

4. Amendment or Discontinuation:

- o This agreement can be **amended or discontinued at any time** by either party with adequate notice to avoid hindering students' educational plans.

BENEFITS

- Credits will be posted as **"articulated credit"** on the official FSU transcript.
- Students will receive credit but **no grade** for the articulated courses.
- There will be **no effect on the student's GPA** at FSU.
- There will be **no tuition or other charges** associated with obtaining credit in this manner.
- Students may realize considerable **savings on the cost of college tuition**.
- This agreement supports a seamless transition for students in the **PTECH 2+2+2 program (ACPS to ACM to FSU)**, facilitating their academic progression.

CONCLUSION

This MOU represents a collaborative effort between **Frostburg State University** and **Allegany County Public Schools** to provide enhanced educational opportunities for students in the PTECH program. We aim to support students' educational goals by outlining clear pathways for articulated credit and contributing to their future success.

SIGNATURES

For Frostburg State University:

- Name: *At. Sullivan*
- Title: *Chief of Staff*
- Date: *1/21/25*

For Allegany County Public Schools:

- Name: *Mr. J. Black*
- Title: *Superintendent*
- Date: *1/23/25*