ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Associate of Applied Science – Information Technology

Frostburg State University
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Entered into this _____ day of _____, 2018.

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RECITALS

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (hereafter referred to as "BRCTC"), a community college in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Frostburg State University ("FSU"), a comprehensive regional institution in Western Maryland and a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Information Technology. The parties further agree that students from BRCTC, through this articulation agreement, will be permitted to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College to FSU, leading to the award of the B.S. degree in Information Technology at FSU.

I. Purpose

    a. It is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from completion of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology to the B.S. in Information Technology program at FSU. As a result of this articulation agreement, BRCTC graduates will understand how FSU transfers the credits earned at BRCTC. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to receive both the A.A.S. degree from BRCTC and the B.S. degree in Information Technology from FSU.

    b. This agreement sets forth a clear set of responsibilities and expectations for both institutions. The parties agree to work collaboratively to meet the needs of BRCTC graduates in facilitating transfer to FSU.

    c. BRCTC encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway in Information Technology for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in the Information Technology profession. This articulation agreement for completion of the B.S. in Information Technology facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

II. Requirements of the Program

    a. The program is designed for graduates of the A.A.S. in Information Technology at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Students must complete the A.A.S. degree at BRCTC in order to participate in the transfer program. A maximum of seventy (70) credit hours from BRCTC will be allowed toward fulfillment of the one hundred twenty (120) credit hours required for completion of the B.S. degree. Students are limited to a maximum of ninety (90) credits when transferring courses from other four-year colleges and universities.

    b. Information Technology students from BRCTC will have their coursework evaluated by FSU to determine which FSU general education requirements and discipline requirements have been met. BRCTC courses shall be evaluated by FSU for transferability, and FSU shall accept courses for transfer at its sole discretion. By taking full advantage of the BRCTC-FSU course agreements described below, the transfer student will matriculate at FSU with junior standing.

    c. In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), all courses meeting general education requirements at BRCTC will transfer to FSU as general education courses (up to a maximum of 36 credits).

d. Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer to the FSU Information Technology Program.

e. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by FSU toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, IB and FSU Special Departmental examination scores) is thirty (30) credits. Tech Prep credits will transfer where appropriate, as will credit awarded for experiential learning ("life experience") if recorded on BRCTC's transcript.

f. BRCTC students who have completed the A.A.S. in Information Technology degree will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at FSU.

g. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. BRCTC and FSU agree to publicize this program. The parties further agree to monitor the performance of the program and to make revisions as may be mutually agreed upon as necessary. Curricula for Information Technology programs undergo frequent change and this agreement will be amended to reflect such changes as they occur. Amendments will be made in writing and appended to this agreement. Amendments need only be approved by the deans and chairs from both institutions.

h. This agreement may be terminated by either party with ninety (90) days written notice to the other. The parties agree that termination shall include an agreement that students currently enrolled in the program at the time of termination shall be permitted to complete the program as described herein.

III. A.A.S in Information Technology -B.S. in Information Technology Transfer Courses

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and FSU:

a. <u>General Education Requirements to be Completed at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (9 credits)</u>

	Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Equivalent	**Explanation/Notes**
ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3 credits)	ENGL 101	Students must take ENGL 101 and <u>not</u> ENGL 110. ENGL 110 transfers to FSU as an elective only.
MATHEMATICS (3 credits)	MATH 105	Required under the major – Transfers as MATH 119
FSU Colloquium (3 credits)	COMM 202 Fundamentals of Speech	

b. <u>Degree Program Requirements to be Completed at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (21 credits)</u>

The B.S. degree with a major in Information Technology at FSU requires students to successfully complete the following course work. Some of these courses also may meet general education requirements, as indicated above.

Frostburg State University			BRCTC Program Equivalent
Course Number	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**	
COSC 100	Intro. to Computer Science	3.0	IT 111
COSC 130	Intro. to Programming	3.0	IT 193 (should select as one of the restricted electives at BRCTC)
COSC 305	Computer Ethics	3.0	IT 105
ITEC 345	Database Systems I	3.0	SDE 204 (should select as one of the restricted electives at BRCTC)
ITEC 360	Operating Systems	3.0*	IT 270 and 285 (should select these two courses as restricted electives at BRCTC)
COMM 202	Fundamentals of Speech		Already included in GEP above
Business IT Track elective - MGMT 405	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility	3.0	BUSN 205 (restricted elective)
Computer Security IT Track elective – SCIA 120	Intro. to Secure Computing and Information Assurance	3.0	CYBR 160 (restricted elective)
TOTAL Program Credits=21			

*The combination of these two courses at BRCTC meet the outcomes of FSU's ITEC 360. Transfers as 3 credits.

c. Additional A.A.S. Requirements to be Completed at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (19 credits)

The B.S. degree with a major in Computer Science at FSU requires students to successfully complete the following course work. Some of these courses also may meet general education requirements, as indicated above.

Frostburg State University			BRCTC Program Equivalent
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
Elective credit toward the 120 credits required for graduation		19.0	CNET 121 IT 180 IT 181 SDE 188 IT 191 IT 269 IT 292
TOTAL Program Credits=19			

d. Additional General Education Requirements to be Completed at FSU (30-31 credits)

	FSU Course	Explanation/Notes
ADVANCED COMPOSITION (3 credits)	ENGL 338	
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS (3 credits)	See approved list	
HUMANITIES (6 credits)	See approved list	
NATURAL SCIENCES (7-8 credits)	See approved list	
SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 credits)	See approved list	
FSU Colloquium (3 credits)	IDIS 150	COMM 202 from BRCTC fulfills the other 3 credits required.
Identity and Difference (3 credits)	See approved list	

e. Degree Requirements to be Completed at FSU (43-47 credits)

All FSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete a minimum of 39 upper-division (300-400) credit hours.

Frostburg State University			Notes
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
COSC 102	Foundations of Computer Science	3.0	
ITEC 315	Programming	3.0	
COSC 300	Structured Systems Analysis and Design	3.0	
ITEC 312	Human-Computer Interaction	3.0	
ITEC 355	Network Implementation	3.0	
ITEC 470	Security and Risk Management	3.0	
ITEC 480	Project Management	3.0	
ITEC 489	Capstone Course	1.0	
	Major electives (see approved list)	6.0	
ENGL 338	Technical Writing		Also fulfills FSU general education requirement – credits included above
MATH 109 or 380	Statistics	3.0	
MATH 220 or 236	Calculus	3.0-4.0	
Track/Application Area		9.0-12.0**	BUSN 205 approved elective for Business IT track. SCIA 120 approved elective for Computer Security track.
Total = 43-47 credits			

**For Business Information Technology or Computer Security, students will only need to take 9 credits at FSU.

e.   Course Sequencing

Information Technology students transferring to the B.S. in Information Technology Program at FSU shall be notified by BRCTC and FSU that the curriculum is built upon a series of established course sequences. For students to progress through the program, they must have the appropriate pre-requisites, co-requisites, and must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Students wishing to participate in the program should develop an education plan at BRCTC by contacting:

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304-260-4380 (x3334)
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BRCTC will direct students interested in participating in the B.S. in Computer Science program to apply for admission to FSU, indicating Computer Science as the intended major. Applications can be submitted online at: www.frostburg.edu.

Contact person at FSU for the program is:

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