

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
REND LAKE COLLEGE  
AND  
CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
FOR  
ASSOCIATE LEVEL DEGREES**

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by Central Methodist University, hereinafter referred to as CMU, and Rend Lake College, hereinafter referred to as RLC. By entering into this agreement, RLC and CMU express our mutual commitment to serve students in the south central Illinois area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement provides information for transfer of the general transfer degree program.

**PURPOSE:**

These two institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the associate of arts/science degree as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree prior to transfer. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

Any RLC student who has earned an Associate in Arts/Science is guaranteed that CMU will accept the associate level degree hours, in compliance with the Higher Learning Commission. There may be additional courses required for the major that would add to the lower divisional requirements, however. And, out of state students are required to take a 1 hour Missouri Constitution class as required by state statute. CMU will apply such to the baccalaureate degree in a manner consistent with the treatment of native students.

For RLC students entering focused programs, CMU will credit designated RLC courses as defined in an addendum to this agreement.

Any RLC student who has earned an Associate in Applied Science degree may be covered by a program addendum or have courses evaluated by CMU on a course-by course basis.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

RLC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as CMU native students enrolled under a specific catalog. Criteria for acceptance into CMU will be the same for transfer as for native students.

Upon request of students, RLC will provide verification of completed courses to CMU through its (Admissions/Registration) Office.

RLC students who have completed the AA/AS degree or the general education competency-based curriculum will transfer and have full acceptance into their designated CMU program.

This acceptance is contingent upon students following the guidelines of the program and conditions of this articulation agreement.

Transfer students from RLC will have access to financial aid, advising and other student services on the same basis as native students.

When the AA/AS degree is presented intact, CMU will conduct no additional review of individual course grades, unless required for programmatic admission.

CMU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to students who transferred from RLC as those applied to native students.

RLC and CMU will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and transfer to CMU with maximum ease.

RLC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the opportunities available to them by participating.

RLC will publicize the existence of the articulation agreement.

## **Section II: Transfer of Credit**

There is no maximum of credit hours that will be accepted by CMU from RLC to be applied to the baccalaureate degree.

Central Methodist University will accept the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees and their respective courses in transfer, based on course equivalency and articulation agreements. Developmental education will not be accepted in transfer. If a student has taken a course that is articulated to an upper divisional course, they will meet the course content requirement, but not the upper divisional requirement. Students will need 30 of their last 36 hours taken from CMU and will need 36 hours of upper divisional (3xx and above) coursework for graduation. In addition, students need a minimum 2.0 GPA to graduate, unless so specified by a particular program as higher, such as education.

Representatives of the advisement staffs of RLC and CMU will develop and annually review Transfer Guides that will provide information on programs and requirements. The Transfer Guides are a part of this agreement and provide degree opportunities covered by this agreement.

## **Section III: Program Plan**

Focused program agreements will be incorporated as addenda to this agreement. Each will specify student degree course plan and credit transfer requirements. Such addenda will be effective when signed by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution.

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2014-15 and remains in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both institutions. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above and the honoring of the course, program and other requirements outlined in the Transfer Guides attached as appendices to this agreement. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and is subject to review every five years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either institution desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

**SIGNATURES:**

Rend Lake College (RLC) and Central Methodist University (CMU) hereby enter into this articulation agreement leading from the associate level degree to the bachelor level degree by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

  
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President  
Rend Lake College or representative

6/9/15  
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President  
Central Methodist University or representative

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