ACADEMIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN TUSCULUM COLLEGE
AND ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tusculum College and Roane State Community College recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Therefore, Tusculum College (TC) and Roane State Community College (RSCC) enter into this agreement for the purpose of articulating policies and procedures governing the matriculation of Roane State Community College graduates at Tusculum College.

1. Holders of the Associate of Science in Teaching (AST)
   1.1. Students who have earned the Associate of Science in Teaching degree (which includes a minimum 2.75 degree completion grade point average, the successful completion of the Praxis I series and satisfactory ratings on suitability for the teaching profession) from Roane State Community College based upon a baccalaureate-oriented sequence of courses are guaranteed admission to Tusculum College.
   1.2. These students will be classified as juniors.
   1.3. Prior to completing their AST degrees, students should have access to the requirements of their individual chosen concentration leading to the Tusculum College Bachelor of Arts degree leading to K-6 licensure.
   1.4. Students should also have access to counsel from Roane State Community College staff and/or Tusculum College staff on the program of study leading to the Associate of Science in Teaching degree that most closely matches the general modified core requirements for education majors at Tusculum College.
   1.5. Students must meet all other graduation requirements of Tusculum College, both in the TC general education requirements and those particular to a specific major. This includes minimum semester credit hours and grade point average requirements, upper division credit requirements and grade point average requirements, passing scores on all Praxis II exams and the residency requirement, as stipulated in the Tusculum College catalog.

2. Holders of the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees:
   2.1. These students will be classified as juniors.
   2.2. Students should have access to counsel from Roane State Community College staff and/or Tusculum College staff on the program of study leading to the Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science that most closely matches the general modified core requirements for the chosen major at Tusculum College.
   2.3. Students must meet all other graduation requirements of Tusculum College, both in the TC general education requirements and those particular to a specific major. This includes minimum semester credit hours and grade point average requirements, upper division credit requirements and grade point average requirements, passing scores on all Praxis II exams and the residency requirement, as stipulated in the Tusculum College catalog.
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3. Transfer of Credit

3.1. Any Roane State Community College student who has earned an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree from that college and who meets the minimum Tusculum College requirements for admission will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at Roane State Community College which correspond to or can be considered equivalent to courses offered at Tusculum College.

3.2. Transfer students who have earned the Associate of Science or the Associate of Arts degree are deemed to have met the TC lower division general education core with the exception of the TC general education requirements for Hebrew and Christian Traditions (CMNS330) and Political Traditions of the West (CMNS380). Students may choose to take courses that are transferable to meet these requirements at Roane State Community College while they are completing their associate's degree requirements.

3.3. Students not completing an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree at Roane State Community College will have their transcripts evaluated on a course by course basis using the current edition of the Roane State Community College—Tusculum College Equivalence Guide. Students with an Associate of Applied Science will have their transcripts evaluated in this manner. Credit transfer checklists exist for select Associate of Applied Science degrees.

4. Admission to Tusculum College's Teacher Education Program

4.1. Admission to Tusculum College does not necessarily guarantee admission to the Teacher Education Program. The requirements for admission to the Tusculum College Teacher Education Program include passing scores on the Praxis I exam, a minimum satisfactory TBI background check and a satisfactory interview with the Teacher Education screening committee.

5. Financial Aid

5.1. Students admitted to Tusculum College from Roane State Community College may be eligible for merit scholarships based upon academic performance, as well as other forms of financial aid.

5.2. All Roane State Community College graduates who transfer as full-time students to Tusculum College are eligible for financial aid on the same basis as any Tusculum College student.

6. Responsibility of Tusculum College-During the period of this agreement, Tusculum College agrees to:

6.1. Publish annually a transfer guide for Roane State Community College students to use in planning their program of study, and

6.2. Provide annually to Roane State Community College data about the academic performance of students from Roane State Community College.

7. Responsibility of Roane State Community College-During the period of this agreement, Roane State Community College agrees to:

7.1. Publicize this agreement to its students, faculty and administration:
7.2. Provide Roane State Community College students and prospective students with a
description of the Tusculum College Bachelor of Arts Degree leading to K-6 licensure option,
that most closely matches the degree requirements leading to the Associate of Science in
Teaching:
7.3. Provide Roane State Community College students and prospective students with Tusculum
College baccalaureate degree descriptions that most closely match the degree requirements
leading to the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees; and
7.4. Review the performance of Roane State Community College graduates who matriculate at
Tusculum College, assessing the students’ academic preparation and the success of the
general education courses.

8. Institutional Cooperation-During the period of this agreement, both institutions agree to:
8.1. Monitor academic performance of students enrolling under this agreement, identifying
problems, and working cooperatively to adjust details of course sequence and content so
that students can transfer without academic interruptions;
8.2. Arrange articulation meetings to consider appropriate major course equivalencies between
Tusculum College and Roane State Community College, and
8.3. Notify each other concerning any contemplated curricular changes that would affect the
status of this agreement.

9. Dissolution of Agreement
9.1. The above provisions are agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate
institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action of
either institution.
9.2. Should either or both institutions decide to withdraw from this agreement, it is agreed that
any and all students enrolled in this program will be given the opportunity to complete the
program of study described in this articulation agreement.

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