May 11, 2007

Dr. Glen Cope, Provost
University of Missouri – St. Louis
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St. Louis, MO 63121

Dear Dr. Cope,

On behalf of the CBHE Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA) it is my privilege to request that your institution become a signatory to the enclosed statewide articulation agreement for the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree that was approved by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education for all of Missouri’s public community colleges in December 2006.

This statewide degree was developed by a collaborative process involving public and private, two-year and four-year teacher educators. This statewide degree was unanimously endorsed by the CBHE Committee on Transfer and Articulation and also received the written endorsement of the Council of Public Higher Education (COPHE) in a November 16, 2006 letter signed on behalf of all public four-year universities in Missouri by Barbara Dixon, president of COPHE.

We are extremely appreciative of the many contributors and the spirit of collaboration that has prevailed in order to produce the attached agreement and the AAT degree. By this agreement, Missouri colleges and universities express a shared commitment to increase student access to and success in higher education, and specifically to increase the number and quality of certified teachers prepared by Missouri’s colleges and universities. As a signatory to this agreement, you express your support of the principles supporting the statewide Associate of Arts in Teaching degree and agree to support the conditions of transfer as detailed in the agreement.

This request is being made of all four-year colleges and universities, both public and private that offer a bachelor’s degree leading to teacher certification in Missouri. Please indicate your institution’s support for this agreement by attaching your signature as indicated and forwarding it to the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The list of signatories to this agreement will be reported to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education at its June 14, 2007 meeting.

Sincerely,

Evelyn E. Jorgenson, Ph.D.
Chair,
CBHE Committee on Transfer and Articulation

Stephen Lehmkuhle, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of Missouri System
Signatories

The Missouri public community colleges and four-year colleges and universities hereby enter into this program articulation agreement leading from the Associate in Arts in Teaching degree to the Bachelor’s of Arts or Science in teacher preparation by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of the institutions.

Community College Chief Executive Officers

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Crowder College

Edward Jackson, President
East Central College

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Jefferson College

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St. Louis Community College

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Three Rivers Community College
STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MISSOURI FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND
MISSOURI PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES
FOR THE
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (AAT)

Overview
This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by the Missouri four-year colleges and universities which are signatories to this agreement, hereafter referred to as four-year transfer institutions or transfer institution, and the public community colleges of Missouri, hereafter referred to as community colleges. By this agreement, Missouri’s four-year transfer institutions and community colleges express a shared commitment to increase student access to and success in higher education, and specifically to increase the number and quality of certified teachers prepared by and graduating from Missouri’s colleges and universities. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which ensure articulation between programs, Missouri’s colleges and universities commit to assisting students in making a seamless transfer from the associate’s to the baccalaureate degree.

Purpose
This agreement provides students who have earned an Associate in Arts Teaching degree (AAT) at a Missouri community college the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Education at four-year transfer institution in the state. By this agreement, any Missouri community college student who has earned an AAT degree from any Missouri community college is guaranteed consistent treatment by the four-year transfer institution in accordance with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education’s (CBHE) Credit Transfer Policy, Principles of Best Practice and related addenda and clarifying comments. The AAT degree to which this agreement refers is attached.

Conditions of Transfer

Section I: Admissions and Matriculation
Community college students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as native college or university students enrolled under a specific catalog.

Criteria for acceptance into the four-year transfer institution will be the same for community college AAT completers as for native college or university students or transfers from other colleges or universities. Criteria for acceptance into the four-year universities’ Colleges of Education or teacher education programs, including grade point average and C-BASE score minimums, will be the same as for native college or university students at the transfer institution. These minimums may be higher than the minimums established for completion of the AAT degree.

Missouri’s community colleges, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to four-year transfer institution through its office of admissions and records. The transcripts of students transferring from community colleges will be evaluated by the registrar’s office at the four-year transfer institution in a manner consistent with this agreement.

Four-year transfer institutions will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to community college AAT degree completers students as those applicable to native college or university students.
Section II: Transfer of Credit
Students completing an AAT degree from a Missouri community college, upon acceptance into teacher preparation program at four-year transfer institution, will have junior standing.

The four-year transfer institution will accept in transfer all 62 credit hours required for completion of the AAT degree as meeting requirements of its baccalaureate degree in teacher education. Electives may be selected from education electives, content area or any other courses. Each Missouri community college will offer Education of Exceptional Learners (3 Credits) using the common syllabus and outline attached as an elective. Students are strongly encouraged to review the receiving institution’s program plan with the help of an advisor to determine which electives will transfer and meet the receiving institutions’ degree requirements, prerequisites, and prepare the student for C-BASE, and planned level and area of teacher preparation.

The four-year transfer institution may accept additional credit hours from the community college on a course-by-course basis for those courses that meet additional program or degree requirements at the transfer institution.

To ensure that all of the 62 credit hours of the AAT degree at the community meet program and degree requirements at the four-year transfer institution, a program plan will be developed that specifies the courses that students should take at both the community college and four-year transfer institution. These program plans, which may be specific to each community college and four-year transfer institution, will in all cases include acceptance of the 62 credit hours of the AAT degree earned at any Missouri community college.

Section III: Program Plans
Each institution which is signatory to this articulation agreement commits to developing, publishing and maintaining a program plan that details the specific courses that students must take at each institution in order to complete both the AAT degree and baccalaureate degree. Program plans will describe in detail how an AAT completer from any Missouri community college will be accepted in transfer at each signatory four-year transfer institution.

Each program plan will detail a course of study that will ensure 1) that AAT completers will not be required to repeat coursework or any significant material or experiences at the four-year transfer institution that they had already completed as part of the AAT degree at the community college, and 2) that AAT degree completers will not be required to complete a greater number of credit hours than native college or university students in order to earn the baccalaureate degree in teacher preparation.

AAT degree completers who follow the program plans of any Missouri four-year transfer institution will be assured of seamless transfer from any Missouri community college to that institution.

Term of Agreement
This agreement is made and entered into effective with the beginning of the academic year 2007-08 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of the affected institutions. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of all parties and is subject to regular review to ensure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should any party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

Dispute Resolution
Signatories to this agreement agree to adhere to the dispute resolution processes contained in the CBHE Credit Transfer Policy. In addition, signatories agree to submit disputes regarding the implementation of
this agreement to the CBHE Committee on Transfer and Articulation for review and recommendation to the Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education, whose decision will be binding, subject only to appeal to the full Coordinating Board for Higher Education.
The Missouri public community colleges and University of Missouri – St. Louis hereby enter into the preceding outlined program articulation agreement leading from the Associate in Arts in Teaching degree to the Bachelor of Arts or Science in teacher preparation by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officer and chief academic officer of the institution.

Dr. Glen Cope, Provost
University of Missouri – St. Louis

Date 5-14-07
ATTACHMENT A
MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Statewide Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree
Approved by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education, December 14, 2006

General Education:

Statewide general education core 42 credit hours

General education credits should be carefully selected with the help of an advisor whenever possible to meet degree requirements and prerequisites, to prepare for the C-BASE, and to address level and area of teacher preparation.

Required Teacher Education Core Courses (All courses will be identified as education courses and numbered at the 200 level):

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Electives:

Electives or other institutional requirements 8 credit hours

Electives may be selected from education electives, content areas or any other courses. Electives should be carefully selected with the help of an advisor to meet degree requirements, prerequisites, preparation for the C-BASE, and planned level and area of teacher preparation.

Each Missouri community college will offer Education of Exceptional Learners (3 credits) using the common syllabus and outlined attached to this proposal as an elective.

Other Requirements:

Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5.
Students must achieve a minimum score of 235 on each section of the C-BASE.

Total Credit Hours Required for AAT Degree 62 credit hours

Four-year transfer institutions may have additional requirements including higher GPA or C-BASE scores. Students are encouraged to work closely with an advisor at the receiving institution so that they may understand and prepare to meet all entrance requirements.