

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education,

Kentucky Department of Education,

and

Kentucky Public Universities

This Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) is made between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University ("Public Universities").

WHEREAS, the parties enter into this Agreement for the purpose of (1) developing and implementing a statewide standardized articulated credit agreement between participating public four year universities and the Kentucky Department of Education for each approved high school career pathway that leads to a postsecondary credential, certification, license, or degree; (2) shortening the time necessary for a student to complete the requirements for obtaining a degree; (3) broadening the scope of curricular options available to students, and (4) increasing the depth of study available for a particular subject.

WHEREAS articulated credit refers to postsecondary credit that is awarded to a student for the successful completion of a high school career and technical education pathway, end of program (EOP) assessment, and/or valid industry certification once they enroll at the postsecondary institution.

WHEREAS, KDE, CPE and the Public Universities will maintain relationships that will permit continued development, refinement and implementation of all components of the program, including evaluation, marketing, counseling, recruitment and retention plans.

WHEREAS SB 101 (2020) amended KRS 164.2951 to require CPE to facilitate the implementation of a standardized articulation agreement for each approved high school career pathway to be honored at the participating public four year universities. See KRS 164.2951(2)(o).

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do enter into this Agreement for the purpose and period specified below.

SECTION ONE: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that articulated credit shall be awarded, and shall appear on the student's college transcript, provided a participating student completes the criteria established by the institution that is aligned with the state approved career pathways outlined in the most current version of the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education's Career and Technical Education Program of Studies.

The minimum criteria to receive articulated credit shall include

- Students must achieve concentrator status in a secondary career pathway as defined by the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education
- Students must have achieved a 3.0 minimum grade point average in the state approved career pathway at the secondary level.
- Submission for articulated credit must be no more than 5 years after high school graduation
- Students must be enrolled at the postsecondary institution in which they are seeking articulated credit.

The public university must award a minimum of 3 credit hours for articulated credit.

There shall be no charge to students for any articulated credit awarded as part of this Agreement, either as a secondary student or when the student enrolls at a public four year university in Kentucky. Further, there shall be no fees charged for the transcription of these credits.

SECTION TWO: RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities for each party in furtherance of this Agreement and the requirements of KRS 164.2951(2)(o) are as follows:

KDE shall:

- Validate the pathway standards and competencies to ensure articulated credit can be awarded based on outcomes.
- Collaborate regularly with the relevant curriculum committees to ensure alignment to the secondary career pathways.
- Ensure the Career and Technical Education Programs of Study will encourage the integration of technical and academic content in a meaningful, applied way.
- Communicate changes recommended to pathways impacted by articulation agreements in accordance with the timelines established by the parties involved.
- Communicate to relevant public secondary school contacts the required actions for a student to qualify for articulated credit based on their program of study.
- Provide public universities with information on concentrator status in a secondary career pathway.
- Provide a specific point of contact and how to update the contacts when applicable.

CPE shall

- Provide oversight of this Agreement to ensure compliance by all parties and that the intent of KRS 164.2951(2)(o) is upheld.
- Promote consistency of articulation agreements.
- Communicate the existence of the articulation agreements through the CPE website and other media to promote opportunities for students.
- Provide a specific point of contact and how to update the contact when applicable.

The Public University shall

- Collaborate with KDE to review secondary career pathway standards, competencies and assessments to determine opportunities for articulated postsecondary credit.
- Ensure that institutional policy supports articulated credit from public secondary career and technical education programs.
- Ensure articulated credit is properly documented on the postsecondary transcript in accordance with this Agreement.
- Provide KDE with current primary points of contact to be published for general inquiries related to this Agreement and for notifying KDE when updates are required.
- Communicate opportunities for high school articulation through internal and external channels (such as website, guidance documents, etc.).
- Notify the KDE and CPE of any necessary modification or termination of an articulation agreement and establish timelines for such actions.
- Regularly review current articulation agreements and explore new opportunities for articulated credit.
- Publish additional guidance on articulation for specific programs.
- Provide a copy of their articulated credit policy that complies with this agreement to CPE and KDE for initial review, and subsequently when amendments are made.

SECTION 3: REVIEW PROCESS AND AMENDMENTS


This Agreement may be amended at any time through mutual consent of all parties, providing the amendment is in writing and signed by all parties to the agreement prior to the effective date of the amendment. The Agreement shall be reviewed for revisions and amendments no less than every three years.

SECTION 4: TERM

This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by all parties and remain in effect until such time as it is canceled by any party in writing upon ninety (90) days written notice.

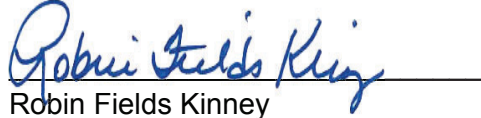
SECTION 5: CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM

The laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall govern all questions as to the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, and performance of this agreement or any of its terms. Any suit, action or other proceeding regarding the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, or performance of this agreement shall be filed in the Franklin Circuit Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.




Dr. Aaron Thompson, Ph.D.
President
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

4/23/2024
Date



Robin Fields Kinney
Interim Commissioner of Education
Kentucky Department of Education

04/19/2024
Date



Eastern Kentucky University

4/26/2024
Date



Kentucky State University

4/26/2024
Date



Morehead State University

4/25/2024
Date



Murray State University

5/9/2024
Date



Northern Kentucky University

4/28/2024
Date



University of Kentucky

5/6/2024
Date

Thomas Beatty

4/23/2024

University of Louisville

Date

Robert Freiden

4/25/2024

Western Kentucky University

Date