

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

Union Institute & University (UI&U)

and

Southern State Community College

Consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the Southern State Community College to provide quality educational programs for students, Southern State Community College enters into this Articulation Agreement with Union Institute & University in order to provide Bachelor's level degree completion opportunities for their graduates.

Union Institute & University (Cincinnati, OH) is an accredited, private, international university that has, since 1964, redefined higher education by placing learners at the center of their own education. UI&U's main campus is located in Cincinnati, OH, with Academic Centers in Vermont, Florida, and California. UI&U currently enrolls 2,500 learners from all 50 states and 10 countries, with over 15,500 alumni worldwide. Union Institute & University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., #2400, Chicago, IL 60602) and is recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Southern State Community College (Hillsboro, OH) is a state-assisted college that offers two-year degree programs for baccalaureate transfer and for technical and occupational preparation. Founded in 1975, SSCC serves some 2,500 students in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties with campuses in Sardinia, Washington Court House, Wilmington, and Hillsboro. Southern State is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 North LaSalle St., #2400, Chicago, IL 60602).

This agreement applies to Southern State Community College's four campuses:

- Central Campus - Hillsboro
- North Campus- Wilmington
- Fayette Campus-Washington Court House
- South Campus-Sardinia

Union Institute & University and Southern State Community College seek to demonstrate leadership within the regional and national higher education distance learning communities by removing barriers to transferability for students and their credits, and in the management of resources to enhance educational opportunities.

Union Institute & University and the Southern State Community College agree to the following:

Qualifying Academic Conditions

1. Application & Review Procedures - Southern State Community College graduates who hold an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Technical Science,

Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Applied Business from the Southern State Community College will be considered for admission to Union Institute & University's undergraduate degree program upon completion of:

- the Application for Admissions form with essay
- the receipt of all official transcripts from Southern State Community College as well as any other college/university attended

Note: Acceptance into the Bachelors program of Union Institute & University is not guaranteed to holders of the associate's degree from Southern State Community College but is contingent on successful completion of the application process and acceptance of the application by the admissions committee at UI&U.

Specific Bachelor of Arts concentrations in Liberal Studies include:

- Arts
- Historical, Social and Cultural Studies
- Education Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Women's Studies/Gender Studies
- Psychology and Human Development
- Religion, Spirituality and Holistic Studies
- Thematic Studies
- Literature and Writing

Specific Bachelor of Science majors include:

- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Early Childhood Studies
- Emergency Services Management
- Leadership
- Maternal Child Health: Lactation Consulting
- Psychology
- Social Work

2. Credit Review - All Southern State Community College graduates from selected programs may transfer appropriate course work taken at Southern State Community College with a grade of "D" or better and including "life experience" assessment credits or "prior learning" assessment as long as these credits are achieved through the institution's own academic policies and procedures. Courses to be transferred will be evaluated on a course by course basis for application towards degree requirements at Union Institute & University. For the purpose of this condition, the assessment of prior learning process is recognized as a policy and procedure of the Southern State Community College.

3. Union Institute & University's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs reserve the right to assign credits to its own degree graduation criteria, major or concentration requirements, or electives where it sees fit. Once approved, specific courses will be summarized on a table showing credit awards by UI&U.

Scholarship – Southern State Community College graduates who transfer into the Union Institute & University undergraduate program will receive a scholarship equal to 10% of each term's tuition.

In addition, Southern State Community College graduates will receive a tuition scholarship for the last four credits required for graduation on the condition that they maintain continuous enrollment in good standing with UI&U.

UI&U offers all Title IV federal financial aid, State of Ohio grants for private university students as well as several university scholarships.

4. Additional Services - Union Institute & University offers itself as a second academic home to Southern State Community College students. Southern State Community College students planning to transfer will have the opportunity to schedule a transcript review with an admissions counselor. Every effort will be made to see that Southern State Community College transfer students receive favorable consideration in the transfer of the coursework and that the courses they need to complete their studies will be made accessible to them.
5. Southern State Community College students transferring to Union Institute & University will be governed by Union Institute & University catalog policies in effect once they apply for admission at UI&U.
6. Tracking - At the end of each academic year, the Registrar at Union Institute & University will provide appropriate tracking information about Southern State Community College students to the Director of Education at Southern State Community College.

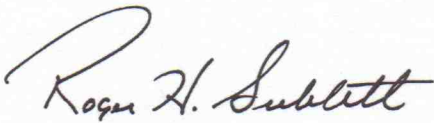
As its role in this agreement, Southern State Community College agrees to the following:

1. Southern State Community College, as appropriate and at its discretion, will support the marketing effort by promoting the above-mentioned programs and "bridge" courses through a variety of marketing efforts, including learner and alumni publications, local community publications/media, transfer fairs, information sessions and through the Southern State Community College advisement staff/faculty, in conjunction with Union Institute & University.
2. Southern State Community College will provide the necessary student services, administrative, academic, and marketing services. Southern State will designate

personnel as appropriate to act as liaisons to designated Union Institute & University personnel.

This agreement will remain in effect until modification or termination is sought by Union Institute & University. Written notice will be required one year prior to an intended termination. Annual reviews will be conducted in June of each year to assess ongoing continuation of this agreement. Both institutions will monitor the continual development of curriculum and work cooperatively to adjust curriculum content and course sequencing as needed.

This agreement will become effective on July 1, 2010 as authorized by the signatures below.



Date: June 8, 2010

Roger Sublett, Ph.D.
Union Institute & University
President



Date: 7/6/10

Dr. Kevin S. Boys
Southern State Community College
President