

MANATEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

2 + 2 Program

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This agreement is entered into by and between the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as “**University**”), on behalf of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee Regional Campus (hereinafter referred to as “**Regional Campus**”), located in the City of Sarasota, and Manatee County, Florida, and the District Board of Trustees of Manatee Community College (hereinafter referred to as “**Community College**.”) The parties hereto agree as follows:

**PHILOSOPHICAL INTENT**

Sections 1007.22 and 1007.235 of the Florida Statutes express the intent of the legislature that Florida public education institutions shall collaborate to provide a variety of acceleration mechanisms by which students can shorten the time necessary to complete the requirements for a degree. The primary objective of this agreement is to enhance the interdependent relationship between the Community College and the Regional Campus thus providing area residents with greater access to higher education. This will be accomplished by creating a seamless transfer process between the Community College and the University by strengthening the advisement and preparation of students, enriching the transfer process, enhancing opportunities for student interaction, participation in joint activities at both institutions and the implementation of a “Joint Admissions Program.” Students participating in the program will complete their Associate in Arts or selected Associate in Science degrees at the Community College and subsequently take advantage of the statewide articulation agreement for Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) graduates by attending the University.

The Community College and the Regional Campus believe that by strengthening the 2+2 partnership between the two institutions, they will provide the education and training needed to create the highly skilled workforce required for the economic growth of the region.

## AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

- A. The Community College and Regional Campus support the Florida 2+2 model as an educational opportunity to pursue Associate, Baccalaureate, and Graduate degrees. The Community College will not seek authority to offer baccalaureate degrees, nor invite any other baccalaureate provider to its campuses. Likewise, the University will not offer any lower division (one thousand or two thousand level) courses as identified by the Florida Department of Education common course numbering system for AA, AS or AAS degrees, as provided by the Community College. The Community College and the Regional Campus will work collaboratively to create new academic programs identified by the community and Florida Board of Education as areas of need.
- B. The Community College and the Regional Campus will actively pursue the development of expansion of joint-use facilities at the Community College Venice campus to provide greater access to post-secondary education.
- C. Both the Community College and the Regional Campus will collaborate to increase financial aid resources to promote and strengthen the 2+2 Program and to research joint staffing opportunities.
- D. All Community College students will be able to access Regional Campus representatives via telephone, email, the Regional Campus 2+2 Program website, and the Regional Campus Advisement Centers located on the Community College's Bradenton and Venice campuses.
- E. An invitation to participate in the 2+2 Program will be sent from the Regional Campus to all first time in college (FTIC) applicants receiving a letter of denial from the University who live in the Community College service area.
- F. To encourage future enrollment at the Regional Campus, and initiate a collaborative advising program for the Community College students, the Community College will provide directory information on all new students entering the Community College each Fall and Spring term to the Regional Campus. The Regional Campus will manage the student databases provided so that correspondence from the Regional Campus with the Community College students can be initiated at the outset of this pursuit of an associate degree; encouraging them to participate in the 2+2 Program. Correspondence will include, but not be limited to, how to best prepare for transfer, current financial aid/scholarship information, special events scheduled on the Regional Campus, and University-wide activities. Both Community College and Regional Campus academic advisors will promote students to enroll in the "Joint Admissions Program".
- G. A "Joint Admission Program" will be available for all Community College students who have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours toward an appropriate associate degree, and are in good academic standing. Enrollment in the "Joint Admissions Program" will constitute provisional admission to the University; however, neither the University nor the student is bound by this application for enrollment.

- H. Community College students granted provisional admission to the University at the time they enroll in the "Joint Admission Program" will be granted full admission status to the University provided the student matriculates to the University within one academic year from the date of receiving the provisional acceptance and completes the AA degree and AS to BS articulated degrees between the Community College and the University. However, acceptance to the University does not mean automatic acceptance into any restricted or limited access programs.
- I. Students who have not completed two years of sequential foreign language or American Sign Language in high school should consider completing a minimum of eight hours of college-level foreign language or demonstrated proficiency at the Community College. Any student admitted to the University without proper foreign language admission requirement must satisfy this requirement prior to graduation from the University.
- J. Students who matriculate at the University are required to provide proof of immunization against Rubeola (Measles) and Rubella (German Measles) prior to enrollment at the University. Community College students will be encouraged to fulfill this proof of immunization at the time they enroll in the "Joint Admission Program."
- K. Resources for implementation of the 2+2 Program may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability. No party hereto is obligated hereby to expend any resources whatsoever in connection with this Agreement. No implementation of any portion of the Agreement, nor commencement of any specific projects, may be initiated prior to the written assurance of any such budgetary availability to the other parties hereto. To the extent any external funding is required by a party in order to implement this Agreement and funding for such purposes is not appropriated to such party by the Legislature of the State of Florida or is not otherwise available to such party, such party shall thenceforth have no further financial obligations hereunder. In the event a party does not have sufficient legislative appropriations to carry out any obligations under this Agreement, it shall immediately notify the other parties of such fact and of such portions of this Agreement that may be deemed terminated as a result of such failure of appropriations.

#### AGREEMENT TERMS

This Agreement update shall be effective on 4/20/06. It will be automatically renewed annually unless a party provides the other parties notice no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the preceding term that it wishes to terminate or update this Agreement. Should a party terminate this Agreement, the terms will be honored for all participants prior to termination date. If a party fails to follow the terms and conditions of the Agreement as set forth herein, the other parties have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice of the others.

This Agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Department of Education, the Florida Board of Governors, the State Board of Community Colleges, University of South Florida, Manatee Community College, or external accrediting agencies. This agreement will be reviewed by the parties on a yearly basis to ensure the currency of this document.

Notices with respect to the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be provided as follows:

University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee Regional Campus

Dr. Laurey T. Stryker, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, USF at Sarasota-Manatee  
Dr. Peter French, Associate Vice President and Dean, Academic Affairs  
Ms. Pamela Doerr, Associate Vice President, Student Services

Manatee Community College:

Dr. Sarah H. Pappas, President, Manatee Community College  
Dr. John F. Rosen, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Dr. Donald R. Bowman, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services  
MariLynn Paro, Registrar

Modifications, additions, or deletions from this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties. The designated representatives for the University, the Regional Campus and the Community College are listed under "Approvals."

**APPROVALS**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
Sarasota, Florida

**MANATEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Bradenton, Florida

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Judy Genshaft, Ph.D. President

Sarah H. Pappas, Ed.D. President

3/23/06

4-19-06

Date

Date

[Redacted Signature]

Laurey T. Stryker, Ed.D. CEO Sarasota-Manatee Campus

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM AND LEGALITY

HENRY W. LANANDESS  
ATTORNEY USF